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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains the records of the Virginia Social Science Association, including correspondence, minutes, programs, committee reports, working files for annual meetings, financial and membership records.

Creator

Virginia Social Science Association

Extent

4.5 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

Physical Location

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Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Social Science Association Records were donated to Special Collections in several accruals, dated 1964, 1965, 1966, 1978, 1987, 1989, and 1992.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

The Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA) was founded at the University of Virginia on May 8, 1926, in a meeting arranged by W. E. Garnett of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Established "to provide a common meeting ground for men and women of the academic, professional and pragmatic realms who are working or interested in the social sciences--in those sciences which deal with man's everyday human relationships with his fellow-man--economics, sociology, history, political science and law," the association had 59 charter members and within three years had grown to nearly 200. The group held its initial annual conference at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1927, with the location changing with each successive year. Since 1966, the VSSA has published the *Virginia Social Science Journal*.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the records of the Virginia Social Science Association, including correspondence, committee minutes and reports, annual meeting programs and working files, presentation papers, committee reports, and financial and membership records.

The correspondence contains letters to and from various organizational officials, as well as committee reports, financial statements, membership lists, and other materials. Included is correspondence of the association's various secretary-treasurers from 1936 to 1960. From 1961 to 1967, the correspondence is comprised of the files of George T. Blume, who served in turn as VSSA secretary-treasurer, vice-president, president, and publications committee chair during those years. Also included is the correspondence of VSSA presidents R. Wayne McCubbins (1972-1973), John Wood (1973-1974), Charles Lane (1975-1976), and Arthur B. Gunlicks (1976-1977). The collection also includes the correspondence of James F. Herndon, who served as VSSA president and on the executive, development awards, and ad hoc self-study committees during the years 1980-1990, and as the local arrangements chair for the VSSA's 1989 annual meeting, held at Virginia Tech. Also included is correspondence of Catherine Seaman, VSSA president from 1987 to 1988.

Though the collection includes a small selection of files from committees, much of the material relating to committee work is filed with the correspondence and the annual meeting papers. The files devoted to the annual meetings also include business meeting minutes, programs, registration lists, and correspondence on planning and presentations, as well as presentation texts.

The collection also includes copies of the association's newsletter, *VSSA News*; financial records, including receipts, account statements, and audit reports; and files on membership and subscriptions, including

mailing lists.

Related Materials

Virginia Tech University Libraries also has volumes of the *Virginia Social Science Journal* (call number H1.V5) and the VSSA's published annual proceedings (call number H11.V8 and LD5655.A761 C57 no.1-10 Spec VT), available via the library catalog.

Keywords

University History

Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute (1896-1944)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by file type, including correspondence, committees, annual meetings, newsletters, financial records and membership lists.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

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Committees

Awards

Unit Date 1972-1983

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Curriculum

Unit Date [1930]-1940

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Policy

Unit Date 1949

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Public opinion

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Resolutions

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Social Science Instruction

Unit Date 1948-1949, n. d.

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Unit Date 1938-1940

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Annual Meeting Proceedings and Working Files**Constitution**

Unit Date 1928-1988, n. d.

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Business Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1927-1949

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Programs

Unit Date 1927-1985

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Registration Lists

Unit Date 1934-1953, n. d.

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Yearbook

Unit Date 1929

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Annual Meeting

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Unit Date 1939

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Annual Meeting

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Annual Meeting

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Container 23 (folder)

Annual Meeting

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Annual Meeting

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Unit Date 1947

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Annual Meetings

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VSSA News**Newsletters**

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Newsletters

Unit Date 1972-1975

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Newsletters

Unit Date 1983-1990

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Financial records**Ledgers**

Unit Date 1936-1955

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Invoices and Account Statements

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Membership and Mailing Lists**Mailing Lists**

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Mailing Lists

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Mailing Lists

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Memberships

Unit Date 1975-1980

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Memberships

Unit Date 1981-1989

box 3

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Membership Lists

Unit Date n. d.

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Institutional Memberships/Subscriptions

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Institutional Memberships/Subscriptions

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Past Presidents Project

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Membership Cards

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Membership Cards

Unit Date 1961-1962, n. d.

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