

# A Guide to the James Leary Papers, 1984-2018 SC 0397

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**Unit Date**

1984-2018

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English .

**Abstract**

The collection, comprising memoranda, news articles and clippings, correspondence, and reports, documents events during the late 1980s and 1990s at James Madison University, a period marked by significant strife and dissension between university administration and faculty.

**Creator**

Leary, James J.

**source**

Leary, James J.

**Extent**

1.16 cubic feet 4 boxes

**Extent**

3 sound cassettes

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

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**Acquisition Information**

Donated by Jim Leary in February 2018.

**Processing Information**

Entire copies of local and university newspapers documenting academic restructuring and related incidents in the 1990s were not retained due to duplication in the collection or elsewhere in library holdings.

Folder titles supplied by the donor were retained.

**Preferred Citation**

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## Biographical / Historical

James "J. J." Leary, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, joined the James Madison University faculty in 1973 and taught until his retirement in 2010. He is a former president of the JMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). Leary earned the 1985 Advisor of the Year and the 1994-1995 Carl L. Harter Distinguished Teaching Award. Starting in the mid-1980s, Leary became an outspoken critic of the university administration and, along with other faculty, voiced his concern over the declining academic integrity at the university, among other issues.

## Scope and Contents

The collection documents events during the late 1980s and 1990s at James Madison University, a period marked by significant strife and dissension between administration and faculty. Specifically, the collection documents an approximately two-year period of conflict between university administration and the JMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) over priorities at JMU. Additional

incidents covered in the collection include the controversial decision by JMU administration to restructure academic colleges and dissolve the Physics Department, the creation of CISAT, a 1996 Honor Code "fiasco" during which administration quietly overturned an Honor Council decision, academic integrity, opposition by faculty and students to proposed general education curriculum, nepotism within JMU administration, and the murder of local businessman and alleged procurer Ernest James, who also had ties to JMU.

The collection primarily includes memoranda and internal communications; reports; news articles and clippings; and correspondence with reporters, journalists, and elected officials.

## Related Materials

William Ingham Papers, 1945-2013, SC 0002, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Andrew Kohen Papers, 1977-2006, SC 0398, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

## Keywords

Letters (correspondence)

Memorandums

Newspaper clippings

Reports

Leary, James J.

American Association of University Professors

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Walter Green (Ernest James murder case)**

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### **AAUP - Department Head**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/31020

**Unit Date** 1985-1992

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### **AAUP - Select presentations**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/31021

**Unit Date** 1989-1994

**Mixed Materials [1000897463]** 1 (box)

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### **1990 Madison Conference**

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**Unit Date** 1990-1992

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**Unit Date** 1992-1995

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**Unit Date** 1995-2009, undated

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**Unit Date** 1998

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**Audiocassettes**

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**J. J. Leary on the G. Gordon Liddy Show**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/31016

**Unit Date** 1995

**Audio** SC0397-CS-001 (Audiocassette)

**Norm Garrison's attack on J. J. Leary**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/31017

**Unit Date** circa 1996-1998

**Audio** SC0397-CS-002 (Audiocassette)

**Scope and Contents**

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**Unlabeled audiocassette**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/31018

**Unit Date** undated

**Audio** SC0397-CS-003 (Audiocassette)