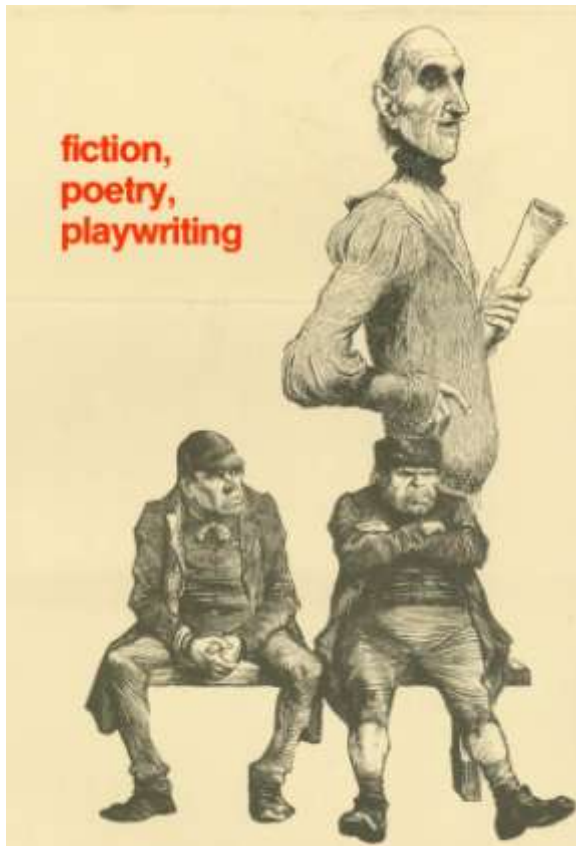


CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
(Division of the Humanities)



Main Entry:

City University of New York. City College.
Department of English.

Title:

Records, 1934-[ongoing]

Physical Description:

5 boxes
2 linear feet
Posters

Restrictions:

Any personnel files or minutes of personnel meetings are restricted to authorized users.

Scope and Contents:

Annual reports, minutes of departmental meetings, departmental publications, curriculum proposals and miscellaneous materials which document the academic and social activities of the Department. Material on the Lewis Freeman Mott dinners includes a burlesque by Donald Alfred Roberts and others, as well as correspondence between Roberts and Mott. Departmental publications include Taking English: A Student's Guide to the City College Writing Program (1986) by Saul Brody and Allan Danzig.

Preferred Citation:

City University of New York. City College, Department of English Records, City University of New York, City College, Archives, Library.

Historical Note:

The first professorship of English Language and Literature at the Free Academy of New York (later City College) was inaugurated in 1852. As part of a prescribed and fairly rigid curriculum, the study of the English language and of literature was taught from a group of titles set for the entire student body. Work in English composition for sophomores, juniors and seniors was under the charge of the Department of History and Belles Lettres as was the teaching of rhetoric. In 1897, Lewis Freeman Mott (Class of 1883) became Chair of the Department and by 1901 it had taken over the teaching of composition and rhetoric. The early years of Mott's chairmanship coincided (1903-1912) with the forward looking presidency of John Huston Finley and by the time of Mott's retirement in 1934 the Department's course offerings numbered about sixty and included both composition and all the major periods and genres. Mott's "benevolent autocracy" was succeeded by the chairmanship of Henry Cates Krowl (Class of 1895) who died suddenly in 1935. He proved a major benefactor to the Department and to the Library by the terms of his will which established the Krowl Fund for the purpose of library materials, particularly in the Humanities. Charles Francis Horne (Class of 1889) followed Professor Krowl. After the new

bylaws of the Board of Higher Education allowed for the election of department chairs by members of a department's faculty, Alfred Donaldson Compton (Class of 1897) was elected – the last City College graduate to hold the post until 1994.

The growth and development of the program in English Language and Literature from 1847 to 1934 is detailed in the thesis by Norman Feinstein listed in the “General and About” section of the inventory.

By 1968 the Department was offering over eighty courses, including Departmental Honors and journalism. Course offerings were still organized around genres and periods but Advanced Electives offered a theme approach. 1969 saw college-wide curriculum revision and 1970 saw the first year of “Open Admissions”. The latter occasioned a greatly increased number of sections in writing. The Departmental Newsletter issued during the Chairmanship of Professor Theodore Gross addressed some of these issues. More theme courses and more courses in American literature were added as well as courses in comparative literature and film. In the 1980's film studies became part of the Department of Communications, film and Video, as did those in journalism. African literature in English and literary perspectives on women have formed the basis for new courses developed over the past twenty years.

Since 1972 the Department has offered an M.A. Program in Creative Writing which has occasioned the appointment of a number of distinguished authors as Writers-in-Residence. The M.A. degree in literature has been offered since 1962.

This very brief sketch may be supplemented by the following:

Personal and historical notes on the development of the Department in the memorabilia collections of Professors Donald Alfred Roberts, Henry Leffert and Edgar Johnson; the inventories for the records of the Deans of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Division of Humanities.

Finding Aids Note:

Inventory available in reading room or by mail; folder level control.

Subject Headings:

Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967.

Mott, Lewis Freeman, 1863-1941.

City University of New York. City College. Department of English.
Curriculum.

Posters.

Added Entries:

Brody Saul Nathaniel. Taking English: a student's guide to the City College writing program.

Danzig, Allan, 1931 – Taking English: a student's guide to the City College writing program.

Mott, Lewis Freeman, 1863-1941.

Roberts, Donald Alfred, 1897-

Professor of History and Belles Lettres

Theodore Irving 1848-1852

Professors of English Language and Literature

John Graeff Barton 1852-1877

David Burnett Scott 1877-1894

George Edward Hardy 1894-1897

Chairs of the Department of English

Lewis Freeman Mott (Class of 1883) 1897-1934*

Henry Kates Krowl (Class of 1895) 1933-1935*

Charles Francis Horne (Class of 1889) 1936-1938*

Alfred Donaldson Compton (Class of 1897) 1938-1944

William G. Crane 1944-1949*

Edgar Johnson 1949-1964

Edmond Volpe 1964-1970

Theodore L. Gross 1970-1972*

David Buckley 1972-1973

Edward Quinn 1973-1976

James J. Greene 1976-1979

Saul N. Brody 1979-1985

Jerome Brooks 1985-1988

Karl Malkoff 1988-1991

Joshua Wilner 1991-1994

Steven Urkowitz (Class of 1964) 1994-1997

Leon Guilhamet 1997-

*Retirement, resignation, etc. before full term was served.

General and about:	<u>Stack & Shelf</u>
To 1960	Box 1
1961—	
History of the Growth and Development of English in the College of the City of New York. I. Norman Feinstein. n.d. [Outline of what became his master's thesis for the degree of Master of Science in Education, June 1934, under the title Growth and Development of the Study of the English Language and Literature in the College of the City of New York, 1947—1934. 324 leaves. Shelved with School of Education materials.	Box 1 13.1.3
Annual report of the Chair:	Box 1
1965/66—1973/74; 1978/79	Box 1
Curriculum:	
English 3—4. n.d. [c. 1955?]	Box 3
Comprehensive and exemption examinations. 1961—1967. [incomplete]	
Curriculum revision. May 1968.	Box 3
English proficiency Exam. Fall 1969.	Box 3
M.A. Program in creative Writing.	Box 3
Honors Program. n.d.	Box 3
Writing requirements: Proposal for Seminars. n.d.	Box 3
Goals, Initiative, Aspirations [re: Department and English as a Second Language and Humanities Core Curriculum. n.d. [c. 1980—1982]	
Faculty:	
Promotion Meeting. March 8, 1968.	Box 3
Regular and Special meetings. Minutes. 1964—1979	
Resolution. May 6, 1943. [re: compensation and teaching load during wartime]	Box 3
Programs and Exhibitions:	
Jane Austen Bicentenary Celebration. December 13, 1975.	Box 3
The World of William Butler Yeats. [BBC Video Production sponsored by Department and the Library] n.d.	Box 3
Langston Hughes Festival. 1988—	Box 5
Miscellaneous:	
Poster: Fifth Annual Spring Poetry Festival. 1977.	1A X

Broadsides. C. 1989—

Publications (in which Department was involved):

Course Offerings. 1988; 1990; 1993 (Graduate).

Box 4

FICTION Magazine. V.1, n. 1-/1972—

9.4.2

(See Serials File in Archives)

Newsletter. Vol. I, n. 1-/vol.II, n. 1

(March 1971—January 1992).

Journey of Words: Evening Session: City

College and Federal Plaza [1983]

Annual Spring Poetry Festival: Poetry in Performance.

III: May 9, 1975.

V. April 22, 1977

Our Mutual Estate: Humanistic Education in the Schools

Of New York City. May 23, 1975.

Taking English: A Student's Guide to the

City College Writing Program. [by]

Saul Brody and Allan P. Danzig. 1986.

Family Narrative Ethnography Collection. 1988—

[Descriptive material and guidelines

only by Professor Patricia Laurence.

Student Essays are in Closed

Stacks GN/325/F45]

Box 4

Dinners/Receptions, etc.:

Box 3

Dinners:

Lewis Freeman Mott Dinners:

January 27, 1934 [retirement]

Includes original playlet

in manuscript and typescript]

The Department then began the custom

of annual dinners which were held

in honor of Professor Mott through

1939. His health did not permit him to

attend the dinner in 1940; he died November

21, 1941.

January 26, 1935 [second annual Mott Dinner]

January 25, 1936 [third annual Mott Dinner]

January 22, 1937 [fourth annual Mott Dinner]

January 28, 1938 [fifth annual Mott Dinner]

January 28, 1939 [sixth annual Mott Dinner]

January 16, 1940

Alfred C. Compton. June 7, 1946

Bird Stair. June 1, 1950.

William Bradley Otis. May 28, 1948.

Tea invitations. C. 1946—1949.

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Farewell Luncheon for Henry Leffert and

William L. Payne. May 16, 1968.

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Roll Books, Grades, and Dossiers

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Fall	1950	Uptown Day	
Fall	1951	“	“
Spr.	1951	“	“
Spr.	1952	“	“
Fall	1952	23 rd St. Day	
Spr.	1953	“	“ Dossier of Students
Fall	1953	“	“ “
Fall	1953	Uptown Day	Office T. H. 113
Fall	1954		Dossier
Fall	1954	“	“ Office T. H. 113
Spr.	1954	“	“
Sum.	1954	“	“ Dossier
Fall	1955	Baruch Day	Personal Information
Sum.	1955		Comp. L. 88w
Sum.	1955	Uptown Day	Attendance
Sum.	1955	“	“ Grades
Sum.	1955	“	“ Dossier
Sum.	1956	“	“
Fall	1956	“	“ Conference, Grades & Attendance
Fall	1956	“	“ Dossier
Spr.	1957	“	“
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Spr.	1965	-	“
Spr.	1966	“	-

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Spr.	1968	“	“	
Sum.	1968	-	“	School of Education
Fall	1968	-	-	Evening
Fall	1968			Assignment, Syllabi, Reading List
Spr.	1969	-	“	
Sum.	1970	-	-	
Fall	1970		“	
Fall	1970	-	-	
Spr.	1971	-	“	Dupl.
Spr.	1971	-	“	
Sum.	1971	-	-	Engl. 190
Fall	1971	-	-	
Spr.	1972	-	“	
Sum.	1972	-	-	Eng. 130 a Mott 212
Fall	1972	-	“	
Spr.	1973	-	“	
Sum.	1973	-	-	
Spr.	1974	-	“	Mott 922
Fall	1974	-	“	“ 312
Fall	1974	-	-	Engl. 13.2 e
Spr.	1975	-	-	“ 182.1 E
				“ 13.2 D
Spr.	1975			“ 3
Fall	1975	-	“	
Spr.	1976	-	-	“ III F3 M 105
Spr.	1976			“ III C3 M 313
Spr.	1976			“ 13.2 Q M 113 Conference Schedules
Fall	1976			3C3
Fall	1976			182.1 a
Fall	1976	Uptown Day	Engl.	3 Q2
Spr.	1977		“	“ 3 A2 Basic Writing III
Spr.	1977		“	182.2 Q New Testament
Spr.	1977		“	“ 3 Z Basic Writing III
Sum.	1977		“	13.26
Fall	1977		“	3 Q Basic Writing III
Fall	1977		“	3Z 3 Basic Writing III
Fall	1977			Student Dossier
Fall	1977		“	182.1 Old Testament

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Fall	1979	“	English 1102
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