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IUP Kathleen Jones White Writing Center Collection**

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Historical Note

The Kathleen Jones White Writing Center at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) recognizes the critical importance of writing and literacy skills to IUP students' academic, professional, social, and personal lives. Since it was established in 1971 by Professor Lorrie J. Bright, known then as the Composition Clinic, the Kathleen Jones White Writing Center's mission has been to help students become better and more self-sufficient writers.

In 1969, graduate students in the IUP English Department (Record Group 121) began a program to help undergraduate students improve their writing skills. The Composition Clinic was founded in 1971 by a \$30,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The clinic was housed in a former classroom in the second Leonard Hall, which was razed in 2016. In 1981, the IUP Composition Clinic was renamed the IUP Writing Center, and it moved in 1985 to Eicher Hall and was co-directed by Dr. Michael M. Williamson and Dr. Lea Masiello. In 1987, the IUP Writing Center acquired 28 computers. Dr. Ben Rafoth became co-director in 1988. Dr. Rafoth and Dr. Dennis Ausel received a State System grant to pilot an online writing center in 1995. The first website for the IUP Writing Center was created by Jennifer Ritter in 2000. Dr. Rafoth coordinates the first joint conference for the International Writing Centers Association and the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing that was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania in 2003. In 2012, the IUP Writing Center Satellite location opens in the Stapleton Library. On October 16, 2015 – the Kathleen Jones White Writing Center is dedicated in Eicher Hall. After 51 years, the IUP Writing Center is now located in 203 Stabley Library at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).

For more information, visit: [Kathleen Jones White Writing Center - IUP](#)

Scope and Content

The IUP Kathleen Jones White Writing Center Collection contains paper and electronic documents, memorabilia, and publications since it was created in 1971. For more information, see the IUP English Department (Record Group 121). The majority of documentation of the writing center is from the 1980s when it was located in the second Leonard Hall, which was razed in 2016 (see Record Group 4).

Provenance

This collection was created after the donation by Dana Driscoll and the IUP Kathleen Jones White Writing Center Writing Center in 2022.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on September 21, 2022.

Series List

Series 1: Paper Records (1 Box)

Series 2: Electronic Records

Container List**Series 1 Paper Records****Box 1 (25 folders)**

1. Advertising, Brochures, and Promotional Materials, no dates
2. Blueprints: (old) Leonard Hall (second floor), 1987
3. Conferences: Conference Coordinator – Ben Rafoth
4. Conference, 1992
5. Correspondence and Reports, no dates (1980s)
6. Correspondence and Reports, 1981-1986
7. Correspondence and Reports, 1987-1989
8. Correspondence and Reports, 1990s
9. Correspondence and Reports, 2000s
10. Dedication Program: IUP Kathleen Jones White Writing Center – October 16, 2015
11. Evaluations about the Writing Center
12. Histories written about the IUP Writing Center
13. *The Writing Center Journal*
 - a. Volume I Number 1 (Fall/Winter 1980)
 - b. Volume I Number 2 (Spring/Summer 1981)
 - c. Volume II Number 1 (Fall/Winter 1982)
 - d. Volume IV Number 2 (Spring/Summer 1984)
 - e. Volume V Number 1 (Fall/Winter 1984)
 - f. Volume V Number 2 (Spring/Summer 1985) and Volume VI Number 1 (Fall/Winter 1985)
 - g. Volume VIII Number 1 (Fall/Winter 1987)
 - h. Volume VIII Number 2 (Spring/Summer 1988)
 - i. Volume IX Number 1 (Fall/Winter 1988)
14. Memorabilia
 - a. Ben Rafoth's Keys to Eicher Hall
15. Muse Newsletter (drafts), no dates
16. Muse Newsletter, 1986
17. Muse Newsletter, 1987-1988
18. Newspapers and Public Relations
19. Staff Directories and Job Descriptions
20. Staff Meeting Minutes and Agendas
21. Student and Guest Sign-up Sheets
22. Tutorial Guides
23. Tutor Training Handbook
24. Virtual Writing Center: Correspondence and Documentation

25. Website Information, 2022

Series 2: Electronic Records (2019-present)

1. 1971-2022 History of the IUP Kathleen Jones White Writing Center
2. 2019-2020 Annual Report
3. 2020 Digital Brochure
4. 2020-2021 Annual Report
5. 2021-10-21 Research Party Brochure
6. 2021-2022 Annual Report
7. 2022 Writing Center Services
8. 2022 Kathleen Jones White Writing Center Impact
9. 2022-1-11 IUP Writing Center
10. 2022-4-18 Flyer
11. 2022-5-3 Eicher Hall Farewell Party