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Finding Aid for

**Christine Gudorf Papers, 1983-2001**



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**Summary Information**

Creator: Christine Gudorf, 1949-  
Title: Christine Gudorf Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1983-2001  
Abstract: Professor of Religious Ethics, Modern Christianity, Feminism, and Development at Florida International University and Xavier University. Collection contains books, journals, articles written and edited by Gudorf, concerning sexuality, feminism, and liberation theology.  
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Storage: Onsite storage  
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## Administrative Information

- Provenance: Christine Gudorf donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in 2001 with further additions in 2013.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@libraries.cul.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@libraries.cul.columbia.edu) or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. [Burke Library staff](#) is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access restrictions: This collection is unrestricted.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, AWTG Christine Gudorf Papers Series number, box number, folder number, The Burke Library Archives, Columbia University Libraries, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

## Biography

Dr. Christine Gudorf is a teacher and researcher of ethics and religion of the western world during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. She has focused on contemporary ethical and religious questions and how they relate among Christianity, Judaism, Islam and other religions. Her writing and teaching have revolved around development issues (fertility rates, health, education, the status of women, trade, and indebtedness) of the “poor” nations of Latin America, Africa, and parts of Asia.

Gudorf was born on June 3, 1949 in Louisville, Kentucky. She received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University in 1971, majoring in Classics, Religion, and Secondary Education in Social Studies. Her graduate work brought a Master of Arts degree in 1976 and a Master of Philosophy degree in 1977, both from Columbia University in joint program with Union Theological Seminary. She received a Ph.D. in Religion in 1979, again in joint program between Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. Her dissertation titled, *Catholic Social Teaching on Liberation Themes*, was published by University Press of America in 1980. In 1999 Gudorf completed coursework for a second doctoral degree in Comparative Sociology (with a concentration in social theory and international development) at Florida International University. But after successfully completing comprehensive exams and defending a dissertation proposal, she became chair of the Religious Studies Department for six years and was unable to complete the degree.

Gudorf began her academic teaching career at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1978 to 1983, she was Assistant Professor and from 1983 to 1988, Associate Professor. She received tenure as Professor in 1988. In 1993 Gudorf moved to Florida International University. At FIU she was Associate Professor from 1993 to 1995. In 1995 she became a full Professor of Religious Ethics, Modern Christianity, Feminism and Development, a position that she held until her retirement in 2014. Gudorf has also been a visiting professor at six universities on four continents.

Gudorf is the author or editor of eight books:

*Comparative Religious Ethics* Everyday Decisions for Everyday Life. (Fortress, 2013.)

*Boundaries: Cases in Environmental Ethics*, co-authored with James Huchingson. Georgetown University Press, 2003. Japanese edition, 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> English edition, 2010.

*Ethics in World Religions: A Cross-Cultural Casebook* (Orbis, 1999), Co-edited with Regina Wolfe.

*Body, Sex and Pleasure: Reconstructing Christian Sexual Ethics* (Pilgrim Press, 1994).

*Victimization: Examining Christian Complicity* (Trinity Press International, 1992).

*Christian Ethics: A Case Method Approach* (Orbis, 1989; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 1994; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. 2005;) co-author with R. Stivers and R. and A. Evans. 4th Ed. 2011, co-author with L. Stivers and J. Martin-Schram.

*Women's Consciousness, Women's Conscience: A Reader in Feminist Ethics* (Winston Seabury, 1985; pbk, Harper and Row, 1987), co-editor with B. Andolsen and M. Pellauer.

*Catholic Social Teaching on Liberation Themes* (Washington, D.C.: University Press of America, 1980).

In addition, she has written chapters for 50 books, published 44 journal articles, many book reviews and some 34 popular magazine articles.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

The Gudorf Papers consist of books, journals, and individual articles, written or edited by Christine Gudorf. They concern such issues as sexuality, feminism and liberation theology. The collection is divided into two series:

- **Series 1: Books, 1986-1996 (1 Box, 0.5 linear ft.)**  
This series consists of books written and or edited by Gudorf. Arrangement is chronological.
- **Series 2: Articles, 1983-2000 (1 Box, 0.5 linear ft.)**  
This series consists of articles from magazines and journals written by Gudorf.

### Processing

When the Burke Library acquired Gudorf's papers, an attempt was made to maintain the original order she imposed throughout the course of her career.

Folded materials were flattened. Newspaper clippings were photocopied on acid free paper. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes.

## Contents List

### Series 1 Books, 1986-1996

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### Series 2: Articles, 1983-2000

2 2 **Copied Articles**

- Embodying Mutuality: Bodyright as Foundation for Moral Agency, Conscience, Winter, 1993/94, p. 16.
- Sexism Enshrined: Responsibility of Religions for Welfare and Status of Women", Conscience, XVI: 1-2, Spring/Summer 1995, p. 11.
- Why sex is so good for your marriage U.S Catholic, 11/92, p. 6.
- The Cairo ICPD and the Need to Monitor Its Implementation" INFIRE Ethics (International Network of Feminists in Reproductive Ethics), vol. 3 no. 3-4, Fall 1994, p. 1.
- Women and Catholic Church Politics in Eastern Europe" Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, 1995: 2, p. 101.
- To make a seamless garment, use a single piece of cloth, Crosscurrents, XXXIV: 4, 1984, p. 473.
- Liberation Theology's Use of Scripture: A Response to First World Critics, Interpretation 41:1, 1/87, p. 5.
- Dissecting Parenthood Conscience, 12/94, p. 14.
- Sexuality and the Family part 1: Sexual Ignorance in the Age of Information, Second Opinion 10, Spring, 1989
- Sexuality and Spirituality in the Christian Family part 2: Role of the Church, Second Opinion 11, Summer, 1989 p.10.

#### **Journal Articles**

- Power to Create: Sacraments and Men's Need to Birth, Horizons 14/2, 1987
- Encountering the Other: Modern Papacy on Women, Social Compass 36(3), 1989
- Sexual Morality in the new Millennium, in Francis A. Eigo, OSA, Ed., Ethics in the New Millennium, 2000.
- Increasing Prospects for Reproductive Coercion, Union Seminary Quarterly Review, Spring 2000
- Life without Anchors: Sex, Exchange, and Human Rights in a Postmodern World, Journal of Religious Ethics, vol. 26 (2) 1998, p. 295
- Presumption and Humility, Annual of Society of Christian Ethics, 1989, p.267
- Ethics of Teaching Ethics, Annual of Society of Christian Ethics, 1983 p.265

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| 2 | 2 | <p><b>Magazines</b></p> <p><b>Christianity and Crisis</b></p> <p>Sexuality, Reality and the Law: Case of Charles Curran, May 1986, p.151</p> <p>Moral options, moral risks, Feb 1988, p.32</p> <p>Peruvian agenda; Bolivian Pentecostals: Women and Poverty in the Andes, Nov 1988, p.393</p> <p>Catholic Theologians under Threat: dark days, silver linings, Aug. 1989, p231</p> <p>Catholics and Auschwitz: Guilt and Beyond, Oct. 1989, p. 327</p> <p><b>Commonweal</b></p> <p>Quiet strength of liberation theology, June 1984, p. 365</p> <p>Ratzinger, Gutierrez and the bishops of Peru, ↓ Feb 1985, p.77</p> <p>Etica Sexual feminista un reto de la cristiandad, " <u>Conciencia Latino Americana</u>, April 1994, p. 9</p> <p>Holes in the Seamless Garment," <u>Conscience</u>, Autumn 1996, p. 10</p> <p>Galatic gnosis needs more people's voices, <u>National Catholic Reporter</u> (books) Feb. 1993, (book review of Outercourse) p.37</p> <p>Sexual Pleasure as Grace and Gift, <u>The Other Side</u>, May/June 1998, p. 10.</p> <p>Population Ecology and Women, <u>Second Opinion</u>, 1995 p.59.</p> <p><b>Salt for Christians who seek social justice</b></p> <p>Sexual violence: it's sinful to remain silent, May 1993, p.6</p> <p>Teach your kids to look past the pictures, April 1994, p. 11</p> <p>The Pastoral and Your Conscience, <u>St. Anthony Messenger</u>, Oct 1983,p.18</p> <p><b>U.S. Catholic</b></p> <p>Are you giving your kids double messages about sex?, Sept. 1991, p. 20</p> <p>Sexual abuse: what to teach kids about intimate touch, Jul. 1992, p. 6.</p> <p>Why have kids? Feb 1993, p. 27</p> |

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Has the church been in the family's way? Oct. 1999, p.19

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