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Finding Aid for

**Nancy A. Hardesty Papers, 1969 - 2002**



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**Summary Information**

Creator: Nancy A. Hardesty, 1941 -  
Title: Nancy A. Hardesty Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1969 - 2002  
Bulk dates: 1974 -1975, 1987-1996  
Abstract: Professor of Religion, Clemson University; historian; author; publications, addresses, research and correspondence relating to Hardesty's career as a Biblical Feminist and Historian of Christianity.  
Size: 18 boxes, 8.5 linear feet,  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
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New York, NY 10027  
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## Administrative Information

- Provenance: Nancy A. Hardesty donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in 2001 and again
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.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: **Series 8 is restricted until 2041**. The remainder of the collection is unrestricted.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, folder title, series #, box #, folder #, Nancy A. Hardesty Papers, Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship, The Burke Library, Columbia University Libraries, at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.

## Biography

Nancy A. Hardesty was born on August 22, 1941 in Lima, Ohio. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Wheaton College in 1963 and received a Masters degree in newspaper journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in 1964. Hardesty worked for both *The Christian Century* and *Eternity* magazines before returning to graduate school, receiving her PhD in 1976. She earned her doctorate in the History of Christianity under the tutelage of Martin Marty at the University of Chicago, titling her thesis "*Your Daughters Shall Prophecy: Revivalism and Feminism in the Age of Finney*." It was later published in 1991 by Carlson Publishing.

Hardesty's first published book, *All We're Meant to Be: A Biblical Approach to Women's Liberation*, was co-authored with Letha Dawson Scanzoni in 1974 as she was simultaneously working on her doctorate. At this time her career as a speaker burgeoned while she traveled extensively to promote the book, giving addresses on the topics of women's liberation and Biblical feminism within the evangelical Christian movement. *All We're Meant to Be* has been a very significant work, named 23rd of the Top 50 books that have most shaped evangelicals in *Christianity Today* (October 2006), and the book has undergone numerous editions.

Nancy Hardesty began her teaching career at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1976 until 1980, when she took a break from teaching, working instead as an independent historian, editor and speaker for eight years. She returned to be Professor of religion at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina from 1988. Hardesty is a contributing founder of both the Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Caucus in 1975, to which an entire series of her collection is dedicated (See also the EEWC Records collection within the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship). She also helped to found *Daughters of Sarah*, a Christian feminist newsletter in publication from 1974-1995.

Hardesty is a distinguished author and her publications relate to the role of women in the Christian church. In addition to *All We're Meant to Be* (1974), and *Your Daughters Shall Prophecy* (1991), Hardesty's works include *Women Called to Witness* (1984), *Great Women of*

*Faith* (1982), *Inclusive Language in the Church* (1987), *The Memory Book* (1989), and most recently, *Faith Cure: Divine Healing in the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements* (2003).

Some of her other research interests have included adult children of fundamentalists, African-American religion, and women and religion in the South.

## Collection Scope and Content Note

The papers of Nancy A. Hardesty consist of the publications, addresses, correspondence, and other related materials of Hardesty, a church historian and professor of Religion at Clemson University. The materials in this collection span most of her professional career, although the bulk of the material is from the late 1980's and early 1990's.

The majority of the collection consists of correspondence, research, drafts and addresses related to Hardesty's publication. The papers also include personal and professional correspondence, Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Caucus support materials, published articles and clippings from newspapers and magazines.

The collection is divided into eight series:

- **Series 1: Tenure application, 1972-1999 (3 boxes, 1.5 lin.ft.)**  
Series 1 contains the support material for Hardesty's 1998 application for tenure at Clemson University.
- **Series 2: Writings and Publications, 1974-1999 (3 boxes, 1.5 lin. ft.)**  
Series 2 includes notes, clippings, drafts, articles, correspondence, book reviews, and records of royalties related to Hardesty's writings and publications. In the records of royalties, copies omitting Hardesty's social security number were substituted for the originals. The arrangement of the series is by title, with materials surrounding each work organized chronologically.
- **Series 3: Adult Children of Fundamentalists Research, 1969-1991 (4 boxes, 2 lin. ft.)**  
Series 3 includes notes, clippings, completed survey questionnaires, preliminary drafts and correspondence regarding the creation of a new book about Adult Children of Fundamentalists (ACOF). An attempt was made to maintain the original sequence of the collection.
- **Series 4: Sermons, 1987-1998 (2 boxes, 0.75 lin. ft.)**  
This series contains the manuscript outlines of sermons given by Hardesty between 1987 and 1998. Arrangement is chronological.

- **Series 5: Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Caucus Conferences, 1975-2002 (2 boxes, 1 lin. ft.)**

Series 5 contains notes, brochures, programs, and correspondence relating to the Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Caucus (EEWC) conferences between 1975 and 2002. The bulk of the material dates from 1990 – 2000.

**See also AWTS: EEWC Records**

- **Series 6: Correspondence, 1984-1995 (2 boxes, 1 lin. ft.)**

This series is a collection of personal and professional correspondence, arranged chronologically, including Christmas and birthday cards, as well as professional correspondence with academics and publishing houses. Included are a number of cover letters and resumes submitted to potential employers.

- **Series 7: Speeches 1971-1988 (1 box, 0,25 lin. ft.)**

Series 7 contains a number of Hardesty's early addresses to numerous colleges and universities, mainly student bodies, throughout the country. Early speeches relate to the topic of the single woman in the 1970's. Arrangement is according to the system used by Hardesty to arrange and title these papers.

- **Series 8: Personal Correspondence and Journals, 1973- [1993] (1 box, 0.5 lin. ft.)**  
**35 folders restricted until 2041**

This series, containing personal correspondence, notes and journals, is **RESTRICTED until January 1, 2041.**

## Processing

When the Burke Library acquired Hardesty'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. Copies have been substituted for originals in order to suppress SSNs in royalty statements.

**Contents List****Series 1: Tenure application, 1998 - support materials, 1972 - 1999**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	Resume, 1998
1	1	2	Grants Received 1996-1998
1	1	3	<i>Women Called to Witness</i> , Abingdon Press, 1984, book
1	1	4	<i>Women Called to Witness</i> , 2d ed., Univ. Tennessee Press, 1999, book
1	1	5-6	<i>All We're Meant to Be</i> , Word Books, 1974-75, book
1	1	7	<i>All We're Meant to Be</i> , Abingdon Press, 1986, book
1	1	8	<i>All We're Meant to Be</i> , Eerdman's Publishing Company, 1992, book
1	2	1	<i>Great Women of Faith</i> , Abingdon Pr., 1982; Word of Life Pr., 1987, book
1	2	2	<i>Inclusive Language in the Church</i> , John Knox Press, 1987, book
1	2	3	<i>The Memory Book</i> , Presbyterian Publishing House, 1989, book
1	2	4	<i>Your Daughters Shall Prophecy</i> , Carlson Publishing, 1991, book
1	2	5	Book Projects and Drafts
1	2	6-8	Contributions to Edited Volumes, 1972-1981, 1993, 1995-96
1	2	9-10	Contributions to Reference Works, 1988-89, 1996-98
1	2	11	Book reviews, 1982-1998
1	2	12-13	Correspondence-Theological School Fellowship, Dec 1978 – Apr 1985
1	2	14	Articles 1988-1995
1	2	15	Journal Article, 1988
1	3	1	Journal Article, 1990
1	3	2	Papers, Addresses and Short Courses, pre-1976
1	3	3	Papers, Addresses and Short Courses, Jan– May 1976
1	3	4-5	Papers, Addresses and Short Courses, 1978 – Oct 1986
1	3	6	Papers, Addresses and Short Courses, Feb 1988 – 1989
1	3	7-9	Papers, Addresses and Short Courses, Jun 1991 – Jan 1998
1	3	10	Stanley Lectureships Apr 1976 – Oct 1983
1	3	11	Stanley Lectureships Oct 1984 – Oct 1997

**Series 2: Writings and Publications, 1970 – 1999**

2	1	1-2	Grad school papers, Dec 1970 –Dec 1974
2	1	3-5	Drafts and Notes [196?--1975]
			<b>All We're Meant to Be</b>
2	1	6	Early Outlines
2	1	7-16	Publicity and Reviews Mar – Aug 1974
2	1	8	Publicity and reviews, Sep 1974 – Jan 1988
2	1	17	Feminist article - <i>Atlanta Constitution</i> , Nov 1978, 2 copies
2	1	18	Correspondence-Word Press Royalties, 1974 – 1982

**Series 2: Writings and Publications, 1970 – 1999 (Cont'd)**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
			<b>All We're Meant to Be,</b>
2	2	1	Correspondence- Word Press Royalties, 1983 – 1992
2	2	2-5	Drafts and articles-Women, [1970-1976]
2	2	6	Hardesty Portrait Black and White Photo, July 1975, 3 copies
2	2	7	Abingdon Press-Correspondence/Reviews, Jan 1986 – Jul 1997
2	2	8	Abingdon Press Royalties, Jan 1985 – Feb 1992
2	2	9-13	Revision Notes and Clippings, Feb 1977 – Jun 1990
2	2	14	Drafts and articles on Great Women of Faith [1973-1975]
2	2	15	Article Series-Great Women of Faith, in <i>Eternity</i> , 1974 – 1975
2	2	16	Great Women of Faith-Fragmented Drafts
2	3	1	Great Women of Faith-Fragmented Drafts
2	3	2	Correspondence-Baker Books, Sept 1975 – Jul 1980
2	3	3-4	Correspondence-Abingdon Press, Nov 1981–Mar 1985
2	3	5	Dictionary of Bible and Religion Contributions, Feb 1982 – Feb 1985
2	3	6	Book reviews- <i>Women Called to Witness</i> , Apr 1984 – Oct 1986
2	3	7	Correspondence-Baker Books, Mar – May 1988
2	3	8	Baker Books Royalties, Sep 1979 – Oct 1996
2	3	9	<i>Great Women of Faith</i> Book Reviews, Sept 1980 – Oct 1984
2	3	10-13	Correspondence-Carlson Publishing Inc., July 1989 –Feb 1993
2	3	14	Correspondence-Carlson Publishing Inc., May 1998
2	3	15	Article in <i>Advocate</i> , July 1990
2	3	16	Audio Cassette Interview and Transcript for <i>The Advocate</i>
2	3	17	Correspondence-UT Press, Jan – Jun 1999

**Series 3: Adult Children of Fundamentalists research, 1969 – 1991**

3	1	1	[Interviews?], 3 audio cassettes
3	1	2	Evangelical Women's Caucus, Jul 1986 – Aug 1988
3	1	3	Adult children of alcoholics, July 1986
3	1	4	Launching questionnaires, Feb 1987 – May 1987
3	1	5	Articles and clippings, Oct 1987 – May 1988
3	1	6	Fundamentalist primary sources: pamphlets
3	1	7	Fundamentalist primary sources: miscellaneous
3	1	8-10	News Clippings on Televangelism, Jan 1987– Jun 1989
3	1	11-16	Research Clippings, Notes, Correspondence, Spring 1969 –Jan 1988
3	2	1-4	Research Clippings, Notes, Correspondence, Feb 1988 – Jan 1990
3	2	5	ACOF Completed Therapist Questionnaires
3	2	6-14	ACOF Completed Questionnaires, 1--90
3	3	1-11	Completed Questionnaires, 91-190
3	3	12	[Interviews?] Two Audio Cassette Tapes
3	3	13-14	Completed Questionnaires, 191-200

**Series 3: Adult Children of Fundamentalists research, 1969 – 1991 (Cont'd)**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
3	4	1-3	Completed Questionnaires, 201-214
3	4	4-5	Completed Questionnaires-Non-Fundamentalists
3	4	6-7	Book Proposal-Notes
3	4	8-11	Book Proposal-Draft
3	4	12-14	ACOF Correspondence from Non-Responders, Apr 1985 –Jul 1991
3	4	15	ACOF Research, Testimonial Papers and Notes
3	4	16	Notes and Articles-Potential Collaborators
3	4	17	ACOF Correspondence with Mary Franzen Clark
3	4	18	ACOF Original Questionnaires

**Series 4: Sermons, 1987 - 1998****Sermon Manuscript Outlines**

4	1	1	Jul-Dec 1987
4	1	2-3	Jan-Dec 1988
4	1	4-5	Jan-Dec 1989
4	1	6-9	Jan-Dec 1990
4	1	10-11	Jan-Dec 1991
4	1	12-13	Jan-Dec 1992
4	1	14-16	Jan-Dec 1993
4	1	17-19	Mar-Dec 1994
4	2	1-4	Jan-Dec 1995
4	2	5	Jan-Apr 1996
4	2	6	Jun-Jul 1996
4	2	7	Sep-Dec 1996
4	2	8	Jan 1997- May 1998

**Series 5: Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Caucus Conferences, 1975 – 2002****EEWC Conferences**

5	1	1	1975
5	1	2-3	July 1988
5	1	4-8	July 1990
5	1	9-10	July 1992
5	1	11-14	July 1994
5	1	15	August 1996
5	1	16-17	Conference Planning, Mar -Aug 1996
5	1	18	July 1998
5	1	19	July 2002

**EEWC Council Records**

5	1	20-22	Council Feb-Oct 1995
5	1	23-24	Council Feb 1996 –Jul 1997

**Series 5: EEWC Conferences, 1975 – 2002 (Cont'd)****Series Box Folder Contents****EEWC Council Records**

5	2	1-3	Council Aug-Dec 1997
5	2	4-7	Council Jan -Nov 1998
5	2	8-12	Council Dec 1998-Dec 1999
5	2	13	Council Jan 2000
5	2	14-15	Council Correspondence-M.t Arighi, Jul 1998-Jul 1999, Jan-Sept 2000
5	2	16-22	Council Records, Feb-Dec 2000

**Series 6: Correspondence, 1984 - 1995****Personal**

6	1	1	Dec 1984-Mar 1987--American Society of Church History, Harper and Row
6	1	2	May 1987 - Dec 1987
6	1	3	R. Peterson, Christian History Magazine, May-December 1987
6	1	4	Jan 1988 – July 1988
6	1	5	Aug 1988 – Dec 1988-R. Peterson, Christian History Magazine
6	1	6	Jan 1989 – Oct 1989-P.Westfall-Rosen--Public Interest Video Network
6	1	7-8	Dec 1989
6	1	9	Jan-Oct 1990--D. Reid, InterVarsity Press
6	1	10	Dec 1990--P. Walker, D.Perkins, Noble Press

**Personal and Professional**

6	1	11	Professional, Feb 1988-Feb 1990
6	1	12	Professional, Mar-Jul 1990
6	1	13	Professional, Oct-Nov 1990
6	1	14-15	Personal and Professional, Jan-May 1991
6	1	16	Professional, Jun -Nov 1991
6	1	17	Personal Dec 1991--Kendall Rogers, Manchester College
6	1	18-19	Personal and Professional Jan - July 1992
6	1	20	Personal, Aug-Sep 1992-J. Orost, Samaritan College
6	1	21-24	Personal and Professional Oct-Dec 1992--Chuck, P. Miller, D. Linge, L. Coleman
6	1	25	Personal and Professional, Jan 1993 – Feb 1993
6	1	26-27	Professional, Mar-April 1993
6	1	28-29	Personal and Professional, May-Aug 1993
6	1	30-32	Professional, Sept -Nov 1993
6	2	1-2	Professional, Dec 1993
6	2	3-4	Personal, Dec 1993
6	2	5	Professional, Jan 1994 incl. copies of NAH resumes
6	2	6-9	Personal and Professional, Feb 1994- May 1994
6	2	10	Professional, Jun-Jul 1994
6	2	11	Personal, Aug 1994
6	2	12-13	Personal and Professional, Sept -Oct 1994
6	2	14-16	Professional, Nov-Dec 1994



**Series 6: Correspondence, 1984 – 1995 (Cont'd)**

<b>Series</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
6	2	17-18	Personal, Dec 1994
6	2	19	Professional, Jan-Feb 1995
6	2	20-24	Personal and Professional, Mar-Oct 1995
6	2	24	Personal Correspondence, Dec 1995
6	2	25-28	Cards
6	2	29-30	Correspondence-Elizabeth Reid

**Series 7: Speeches, 1971 - 1988**

7	1	1-3	Singles Speeches, 1975-1980
7	1	4-10	Speeches, Mar 1971-Mar 1988

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