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**Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students Records,
1925 - 1949**



Anton Theophilus Boisen, UTS 1911
Indiana University Yearbook, 1897

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Summary Information

Creator: Council for the Clinical Training of Theology students, 1930 - 1967
Title: Council for the Clinical Training of Theology students, 1925 - 1948
Inclusive dates: 1925 - 1949
Bulk dates: 1927 - 1941
Abstract: CCTTS was founded to give theological students clinical experience, by Anton T Boisen, UTS alumnus of 1911 and “presbygational” pastor, hospital chaplain and occasional mental patient: proposals, reports, “Hospital pictorials” with photos, conference materials, research and writings by Boisen and H. P Van Dusen correspondence.
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Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** This collection has no records of provenance, but it may be surmised that both Anton Boisen and Helen Flanders Dunbar, as UTS Alumni, separately gave documents to the Burke Library. The Van Dusen correspondence on this topic was transferred to this collection from Union Seminary's administrative files in 2007.
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Organizational History

CCTTS was founded in 1925 under the direction of Anton T Boisen, a former instructor in Romance languages, forester, graduate of Union Theological Seminary in 1911 and ordained Presbyterian Congregationalist minister. Boisen became director of the chaplain's department at Worcester State Hospital, Massachusetts, and a faculty member of Chicago Theological Seminary. He devised and operated a program for theological students to spend a month at the Worcester State Hospital, Massachusetts, in order to obtain clinical experience in dealing with 'maladies of the personality' as a preparation for parish work.

CCTTS became an incorporated organization in 1930 and Dr. Helen Flanders Dunbar, also a Union graduate, with a Columbia University Medical degree was participant in the first summer session of CCTTS and became Medical Director of the organization. Boisen moved in 1932 to Elgin Hospital in Illinois and spent the rest of his long life there, constantly nurturing the program and the Council which he had devised.

The initial program continued to develop to include a range of hospitals and theological seminaries by 1940. In 1932 Henry Pitney Van Dusen, at that time associate professor at UTS, became a member of the CCTTS board of governors and his involvement lasted for more than 15 years.

Later known as the Council for Clinical Training, Inc. this organization is one of the four antecedent bodies which merged to form the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education in 1967.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The records reflect the development of the concept for CCTTS from Anton Boisen’s initial proposal through the project’s early activities in lively “Hospital Pictorials,” to more formal administrative documents of the incorporated organization and the spread of the program to other hospitals and areas. Clearly a keen amateur photographer, Boisen illustrated a number of his reports with small black and white photographs. The collection also contains some typescript writings by Anton Boisen and CCTTS board correspondence from Henry Pitney Van Dusen.

The collection consists of two series:

- **Series 1: Administrative papers, 1925 – 1948, 3 boxes, 1.25 linear ft.**
 The series arrangement reflects the original order of the papers, which is mainly chronological, with groupings for the project in Massachusetts, the expansion to Elgin, Illinois and other areas. It includes conferences and some administrative records of the Council. The series contains a number of the shorter written items by Boisen in typescript from the 1930s and his first course notes for the use of CCTTS training centers, 1946.
- **Series 2: H.P. Van Dusen’s CCTTS records, 1929 – 1949, 1 box, 0.25 linear ft.**

These folders contain the correspondence and supporting documents of Henry Pitney Van Dusen as secretary, theological consultant and later Board Chairman of CCTTS. The correspondence consists of letters received and carbon copies of replies from Van Dusen. These letters cover issues relating to CCTTS planning and development including the Phil Guiles’ schism.

Correspondents include:

H. P. Van Dusen	R.A.Felton	E.H. Roberts
H. Flanders Dunbar	A.P. Guiles	R. Searl
R.E. Brinkman	T.L. Harris	L.J. Sherrill
F.L. Babbott	S. Hiltner	C.J Symington
R.H.P Brown	Mrs. J S Hoyt,	A Weigle
S. G. Cole	F.C. Kuether	C.T. White
A. A. Dicks	N. Nash	C.A. Wise
A. Dun	J.A. Purdie	
E. G. Dyett	O. Rice	

Occasional Board documents are also included with related Correspondence.

Processing

Any deteriorating metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Original brass split pins have been retained. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed.

Contents list**Series 1: Administrative papers, 1925 – 1948****Series Box Folder Contents**

1	1	1	Project for Study of Certain Types of Mental Disorder from Religious Standpoint-Proposal A.T. Boisen to Galen Fisher Transcribed Letters of Support, [1923?]
1	1	2	Project for Study of Certain Types of Mental Disorder from Religious Standpoint, A.T. Boisen, [192?]
1	1	3	Project for Study of Mental Disorders as a Basis for Program of Moral and Religious Re-Education, [Worcester Hospital Proposal, 1925?]
1	1	4	Clinical Experience for Theological Students, Worcester State Hospital, 1928 Photos Dedicated to Helen Flanders Dunbar, Christmas 1928
1	1	5	Hospital Pictorial-Worcester State Hospital-Text and Photos, 1928
1	1	6	Medicine-Collection of Papers by A. T Boisen Clinical Year for Theological Students with Photos, 1927 Worcester State Hospital Pictorial with Photos, 1928 Worcester State Hospital Pictorial with Photos, 1926 Some Suggestions as to Future General Policy of Chicago Theological Seminary, [1926?]
1	1	7	Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students-Incorporation Document, January 21, 1930
1	1	8	Advertisement Poster, 1930
1	1	9	Selected Records File-Minutes, By-Laws, Annual Reports, Photos and List of Students, Conference Reports, Jan 1930-May 1933
1	1	10	Facts About CCTTS-Leaflet, 1931
1	1	11	First Annual Report-Text and Photos, Sept 29, 1930
1	1	12	Annual Reports, 1931-34, 1937
1	1	13	Project for Clinical Training of Theological Students, Revised Apr 25, 1932
1	1	14	New Opportunity in Theological Education by H. Flanders Dunbar: Description of Policy and Program of CCTTS, Revised, 1933
1	1	15	Student Application Forms
1	1	16	Council for Clinical Training Inc. for Students of Theology in US and Canada [Promotional Document], [194?]
1	1	17	3rd Annual Conference (8th Year), Worcester State Hospital: Program; Annual Reports-Text and Photos, Sept 2-3, 1932 Student's Report on Work at Norfolk Prison Colony, by Leon R. Robison Jun- Aug 1932
1	1	18	4th Annual Conference Reports of Conference and Activities, Summer 1933 List of Students to Mar 14, 1933
1	1	19-20	5th Annual Conference, Sept 1934 Program, Annual Reports, New Opportunity in Theological Education, by H. Flanders Dunbar: Description of Policy and Program of CCTTS, Revised 1934 Papers

Series 1: Administrative Papers, 1925 – 1948 (Cont'd)**Series Box Folder Contents**

1	1	21	6th Annual Conference, Sept. 1935 Program; Summarized Report of Conference By Rev Seward Hiltner Paper by Robert H Beaven
1	2	1	Council Chatter, vol. 4 (1, 2), July -Aug 1936
1	2	2	Mental Hygiene and Christianity Conference, Happy Valley, 1936 Invitation and Report of 1935 Conference
1	2	3	Memoranda and Reports re Growth and Development, 1935 – 36 Paper from 6 th Conference by S Harbach
1	2	4	7th Annual Conference, Sept 1936-Program, Invitation
1	2	5	Theological Supervisors' Conference, Sept 1936-Agenda, Minutes
1	2	6	8th Annual Conference, Sept 30 – Oct 1, 1937 Invitation, Program Correspondence-S. Hiltner to Council Alumni, Sept 13, 1936
1	2	7	9th Annual Conference, Nov 1938-Annual Report
1	2	8	Articles on CCTTS Reprinted from <i>Social Welfare</i> , 1939
1	2	9	Tables and Statistics from Annual Reports, 1933 - 1940
1	2	10	Students in Training, Summer 1945-Text and Photos
1	2	11	State Hospital, Howard, RI-Report for Summer 1932, by Alexander D. Dodd Massachusetts General Hospital-Report of Summer's Experience with Theological Students, 1933 Schedule of Exercises for Students, 1933
1	2	12	Clinical Training-Pennsylvania Hospital/Philadelphia Div. School, 1936 – 1938 Proposal, Reports, Proposed Clinical Training Program, Promotional Information
1	2	13	City Home and Hospital, Mayview PA-Report of Theological Supervisor, 1933
1	2	14-15	Hospital Pictorials-Elgin State Hospital, Ill, Text and Photos, 1932-1933
1	2	16	1st Annual Report-Chicago Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students, 1933
1	2	17	Experiment in Theological Education, by AT Boisen Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago area-Text and Photos, Revised 1934
1	2	18	Students' Manual, Elgin State Hospital, 1925
1	2	19	Experiment in Theological Education, by A T Boisen Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago Area, Revised 1936 Elgin State Hospital Pictorial, Text and Photos, 1936
1	2	20	Adventure in Theological Education and Pastoral Service-Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago area, Text and Photos, 1937
1	2	21	John Bunyan Among the Doctors, by A T Boisen, [192?]
1	2	22	Social Case Histories, by A T Boisen, 1925 – 1928: Rainbow's End, Village Reformer, Modern Jonah
1	2	23	Schizophrenia and Religious Experience, by A T Boisen, Elgin Hospital, [193?]

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1	2	24	Social and Theological Factors in Salvation-Summary of Findings, [193?]; Emotional Factors in Mental Disorder-Some Propositions, [193?]
1	2	25	Experiment in Jonesville, A T Boisen-Survey Report with Photos, [193?]
1	2	26	Address-Fidelity and Vision, by A T Boisen, 100th anniversary of United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Ind, Sept 22, 1933
1	2	27	Religious Factors in Dementia Praecox, A T Boisen, [1932?]
1	3	1	What Did Jesus Think of Himself? by A. T. Boisen, [193?]
1	3	2	Religion and Mental Health: Collected Papers by A. T. Boisen, Chicago Theological Seminary [Course Texts], 1938
1	3	3	Problems in Religion and Life-Manual for Pastors, A. T. Boisen, Feb 6, 1939
1	3	4	Types of Mental Illness-Beginning Course for Use of CCTTS Training Centers, by A. T. Boisen-- part 1: Outlines and Records, 1946
1	3	5	Types of Mental Illness- part 2: Sequels and Comments, 1946
1	3	6	Five Year Training Program in Group and Personal Counselling in Church, Columbus OH, 1948

Series 2: H.P. Van Dusen's CCTTS records, 1929 – 1949

2	1	1	Advertisement Poster, 1929 CCTTS Promotional, [1936?]
2	1	2	Correspondence Dec 1932-May 1933- H.P. Van Dusen, H. Flanders Dunbar, L.A Weigle, T.L. Harris,
2	1	3	CCTTS Council Minute Book No. 2, May-Sept 1933
2	1	4	Board Lists, Meeting Announcement, Conference Program, 1934 Correspondence, Mar-Dec 1934
2	1	5	Correspondence, Feb-Dec, 1935
2	1	6	Correspondence, Feb-Jul 1936 CCTTS Promotional, [1936?] 7 th Conference Program, 1936
2	1	7	Correspondence, Mar 1938-Jul 1939
2	1	8	Promotional Materials, [1936/36] New Opportunity in Theological Education, Revised 1935 Offprint Articles, CCTTS Promotional, [1936?]
2	1	9	Correspondence, Jan 1940- Feb 1941
2	1	10	Minutes and Financial Records, Jun 1941
2	1	11	Correspondence, Dec 1941, Feb 1947-Feb 1949
