

# English Department Records

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

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ABSTRACT

The English Department offers a comprehensive curriculum in English and American literature, including broad survey courses, courses that focus on specific literary periods or genres, courses that focus on creative or professional writing and communication. The collection is composed of departmental records generated by the English Department such as newsletters, pamphlets, and promotional material for events and conferences and the Pioneer Women Papers.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

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From the opening of the College, English has been an established course of study. In the early years, there were three courses in English listed: Course I, agriculture; Course II, the general college course

leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science; and Course III, civil engineering. In each of these courses, the emphasis was on grammar, composition, speech, rhetoric, theory and practice, literature and history of English drama. Through the years, similar courses have been taught, and continue to be taught today.

According to the 1998-2000 bulletin, courses in the English Department are divided into two areas: English and linguistics. The department offers instruction in clear thinking and expression, in the history and use of language, in literature, in literary criticism; and in technical communications. An English major prepares students for teaching careers; for writing and editorial work; for professional schools of law, business, theology, library science, and social work; and for any endeavor in which facility in the use of language is essential.

## CONTENT AND ARRANGEMENT

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### CONTENTS NOTE

This collection is composed of departmental records generated by the English Department such as newsletters, pamphlets, and promotional material for events and conferences. Also included are the Pioneer Women Papers which consist of original investigations of women writers in the region completed by students for the course "Women Writers of the Great Plains," taught during 1978-1979 school year. Material is composed of publications produced by the English Department. Material includes newsletters, pamphlets, and posters.

The pioneer women files were completed as original investigations of women writers in the region for the course: "Women Writers of the Great Plains," taught in 1978-1979 under a special grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education of the Modern Language Association for a project: "Teaching Women's Literature from a Regional Perspective." The course was taught by Dr. Ruth Alexander, Professor of English and supervised by Dr. Leonore Hoffman of the Modern Language Association office. The series consists of papers written by students of this course, a press release, and news clippings. The papers include notes by the instructor and a final grade. Also included in the papers are some pamphlets and photographs.

## SUBJECT HEADINGS

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- Frontier and pioneer life -- South Dakota
- Indian women -- North America
- Pioneers -- South Dakota -- History
- South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Department of English and Speech.
- South Dakota State University. Department of English.
- Women -- South Dakota -- History
- Women novelists, American -- 20th Century -- South Dakota
- Women pioneers -- South Dakota

## RELATED MATERIALS

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### RELATED ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Oakwood, South Dakota State University  
Brookings, S.D.: South Dakota State University, 1975-  
Call number: PS571.S9 O2

### ONLINE CONTENT

*Oakwood* is an annual literature and arts magazine published at South Dakota State University since 1975. SDSU students edit the journal, led by faculty advisors. Accepting diverse forms of literature and art, *Oakwood* is published during the spring of each year. It distributes printed hard copies to contributors, the campus community, and other interested parties, and shortly thereafter make this digital version available worldwide via SDSU's Open PRAIRIE Repository.

<https://openprairie.sdstate.edu/oakwood/>

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## CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Pioneer Women : Bess Streeeter Aldrich by Eggebratten, Mary	undated
1	2	Pioneer Women : Marietta Bones by Gereau, Rick	1978
1	3	Pioneer Women : Clippings	1978-1979
1	4	Pioneer Women : Borghild Dahl by Hawthorne, Joan	undated
1	5	Pioneer Women : Description of course by Ruth Alexander	undated
1	6	Pioneer Women : Abbie Gardner by Chesnik, Carrie	undated
1	7	Pioneer Women : Indian Women by Keltgen, Jaciel	undated
1	8	Pioneer Women : Edith Eudora Kohl by Saylor, Kathy	undated
1	9	Pioneer Women : Faye C. Lewis by Martin, Dixie	undated
1	10	Pioneer Women : Martha Ostenso by Bosch, Laura	1979
1	11	Pioneer Women : Press release	1978
1	12	Pioneer Women : Alvida Sorenson by Moss, Dennis	undated
1	13	Pioneer Women : Women and Dakota Dress by Larson, Joyce	undated
1	14	Pioneer Women : Women and Their Pioneer Childhoods on the West River Range by Braband, Rachel	undated
1	15	Creative Writing [pamphlet]	2013
1	16	Department of English (newsletter)	1982-1992
1	17	English at State (newsletter)	1990-1999
1	18	English Dept. (newsletter)	1975-1989
1	19	Great Plains Writers' Conference (promotional material)	1988-2008
1	20	Jerome Norgren Poetry Contest [poster]	2013
1	21	Oakwood (publication)	2000, 2002-2003
1	22	Pamphlets (Department information)	2004, undated
1	23	Posters (events)	1999-2003, 2007
1	24	Proceedings of the 14th Northern Plains Conference on Earlier British Literature	2006
1	25	Sacerdotal Function (newsletter)	1974
1	26	Standing Rules for the Department of English and Speech	1951
1	27	Great Plains Writers' Conference	2015
1	28	Photographs 0001-0003 [3 black and white photos]	undated
2	1	Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Panel Discussion	1990 April 2-3
2	2	Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Wounded Knee; 1890-1990 - The Survivors Story	1990 April 2-3
2	3	Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Word of Wounded Knee	1990 April 3
2	4	Eighteenth Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Elizabeth Cook-Lynn	1993 March 29-30
2	5	Eighteenth Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Elizabeth Cook-Lynn	1993 March 29-30

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2	6	Eighteenth Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Laure Tohe	1993 March 29-30
2	7	Eighteenth Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Laure Tohe	1990 April 2-3
2	8	Eighteenth Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Diane Glancy [2 copies]	1990 April 2-3
2	9	Eighteenth Annual Great Plains Writers' Conference: Diane Glancy	1990 April 3