Mission
To document the development and growth of DePauw University and the United Methodist Church in Indiana by:

- Collecting primary and secondary resources pertaining to DePauw University and the United Methodist Church
- Preserving information about both institutions and their historic relationship to each other
- Encouraging the use of the Archives and Special Collections resources by the DePauw and United Methodist communities and other interested researchers

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Summary
The most remarkable accomplishment of the Archives in 2018 was the completion of the editing of the transcript of the Civil War diary of James Riley Weaver, a professor at DePauw University from 1885-1917 and a life-long Methodist. A 2011 addition to the Archives, his diary is the story of a college student (Allegheny) entering the Union cavalry at the prompting of friends during the Civil War and is an unbroken 666 day account of his service as a cavalry officer and later a POW. His observations never veer into romanticized descriptions; instead, he describes life in the cavalry and the "little world" inside each prison and outdoor camp, describing men drawn from "every class of society, high and low, rich and poor, from every country and clime." The diary has been published by Kent State University Press, March 2019.

Collection Development

Acquisitions Summary
Jenney Taylor reports the following: The Archives received 146 collections (102 DePauw and 44 United Methodist) totaling 64 cubic feet from July 2017 – June 2018 and 61 cubic feet of records were processed. The following are examples of records and manuscripts received.

- Professor John T, Schlotterbeck papers. Teaching files and professional files while a member of the History Department, 1978-2016. [D018.028]
- Professor Cleveland T. Johnson papers. Teaching and research files including class material, research on organ use in south Asia, and items relating to DePauw's Century Singers while a member of the School of Music faculty, 1985-2012. [D018.029]
- Merle Royce "Ole" Walker, class of 1912, photographs. Several small to medium size photographs of Merle Royse "Ole" Walker and his friends made while Merle Walker was a student at DePauw University, 1908-1912. [D018.030]
- Walter B. Bullock, class of 1928, papers. Moon Over Her Shoulder (Detour to Love) movie script/screenplay and associated materials such as a poster and sheet music, 1936-1941. [D018.048, 049, 052, 054, 055, 056]
- George Washington hair. Six hairs of President George Washington, which belonged to Professor Charles G. Downey. [D018.087]
- Philosophy and Religion records. Files including the Welch report, a survey of faculty, affirmative action and merit pay, 1986-2000. [D018.101]
- East District, Indiana Conference, United Methodist local church records including Aldersgate (Indianapolis), Ashboro, Barbour Avenue (Terre Haute), Beech Church (Coal City and Greencastle), 1897-2011. [M018.009]
- Rev. Alfred H. Backus papers. Manuscripts of the 1902 Taylor University alumnus, DePauw University trustee (1940-1942) and Indiana Methodist Episcopal Church minister, 1891-1955. [M018.017]
- Castleton UMC records including Sunday school, ladies aid society and official board records, 1902-2016. [M018.018]
- Faith-Trinity and Main Street UM churches (Muncie) records including scrapbooks, photographs, history and membership, 1903-2018. [M018.041]

Other Collection Development including Indexing and Cataloging
All 1600+ volumes of DePauw records have been combined with appropriate existing collection inventories or new inventories where none existed. This has improved access to these primary source materials and associated them with like records housed in document cases. Archives student assistant, Sheraya Smith, was responsible for most of this work as she was for the similar project involving the United Methodist record volumes.

Met with Professor Mona Bhan, beginning September 22, 2017, regarding the digitization of diaries of her grandfather that relate to the efforts for independence of Kashmir. Students completed digitization in the spring and have begun transcription.

Using Archivists’ Toolkit, Jenney Taylor and I processed and created or revised inventories to 357 collections in 2017-2018. Sudha Yegyanarayanan of the Libraries staff has identified a vendor to host our finding aids using the newer program, Archives Space. The vendor, Library Host LLC, has migrated the existing finding aids, so that we can concentrate on creating new ones. Archivists’ Toolkit is obsolete and will become unusable when DePauw’s computers are updated with new operating systems in the future.

Again, there has been significant progress on the James Riley Weaver Civil War diary project from last year. As noted above, Weaver, a professor at DePauw from 1885 to 1917, kept a diary during his Civil War Union army service. Over the past year, all four editors - John Schlotterbeck, Midori Kawaue, Tony Klingensmith and I – completed editing the transcripts and the text. Kent State University Press published James Riley Weaver’s Civil War: The Diary of a Union Cavalry Officer and Prisoner of War, 1863-1865 in March 2019. We held two events, March 8 and 9, 2019, with assistance from Academic Affairs and the History Department, to celebrate its publication.

The Library applied for a grant to digitize videotapes in the Archives media collections. This would have allowed us to make accessible versions of these recordings before the equipment to play them is obsolete or the tapes become unplayable. The digitization would have been done by
Memnon (a Sony subsidiary) at Indiana University and IU’s own digitization operation depending on format. Our application was not approved.

One collection that Jenney Taylor supervised this past year was the digitization of photographic examples from Winter Term in Mission and Winter Term in Service projects from the 1970s to the ‘90s. The 35mm slides chosen give users a sample of each project through the years and the resulting images in the DePauw Digital Library include a description that refers to the collection from which it was scanned.

Information Technology Associates Program (ITAP) student, Ian Epkey ’19, has begun digitizing our audio cassette tape collection. He is picking up where Taylor left off and is uploading the resulting digital audio files to the DePauw Digital Library. Metadata records already exist in the Digital Library, so he is able to attach the digital file to that existing record. In addition, Ian has created a podcast of selected recordings of well-known speakers visiting DePauw in the past.

I traveled to Winamac United Methodist Church, June 28, 2017, for a local church historians’ consultation. The consultations involve visiting with church members and pastors to discuss their record preservation needs and local situation. I then make recommendations tailored to their church’s needs.

The following are examples of meetings to discuss donations and transfers of records to the Archives.

- Caroline Smith regarding the Stanley Irwin papers, June 30, 2017.
- Central District UMC, Indianapolis, for records pick up, August 1, 2017.
- Royal Center UMC, for records pick up, September 14, 2017.
- Cleveland Johnson to receive his papers, September 25, 2017.
- Dan Bowell, Taylor University, to deliver Alfred Backus papers, December 15, 2017 and pick up some more at Taylor, April 24, 2018.
- Rev. Donna Ward, Lighthouse UMC, Elizabeth, Ind., for records pick up, April 20, 2018.
- East District UMC, Muncie, Ind. for records pick up, May 18, 2018.
- Lisa and Robin, Metro Ministries, Indianapolis, for records pick up, June 6, 2018.

Use of the Archives

Use of the collection is reflected in the following examples from last year, July 2017-June 2018.

- Assisted 383 researchers in reading room.
- Assisted 501 researchers by phone, mail and email.

Classes visiting the Archives in 2017-2018:

- Jennifer Everett’s class, September 28 and December 14, 2017.
- Andrea Sununnu, ENG 120, November 6, 2017.
- Craig Hadley Winter Term class on museums, January 12, 2018.
- Several First Year Seminars had a brief introduction to the Archives in autumn 2017 and 2018.

**Reference Service Examples ...**
- An alumna, regarding her father, Ed Lindsay ’39 who was a DePauw tennis star, October 6, 2017.
- A student to see old campus maps, December 1, 2017.
- A local church historian, Danville United Methodist Church (UMC) for local church history, April 10, 2018.

**Tours of the Archives ...**
- DePauw administrative assistants, December 19, 2017.
- Danville UMC visit and tour, May 15, 2018.
- The great grandson of Roy O. West, May 16, 2018.
- The sons of Grover Hartman (Hartman Center), May 17, 2018.

**Outreach**

Facebook posts last year boosted views and “Likes” to 735. Some items we described last year include: The formation of the United Methodist Church 50 years ago, a manuscript documenting a student picnic at Cataract Falls in 1915, historic buildings in Greencastle and a Hollywood movie script written by a DePauw alumnus with associated movie publicity. This year, Taylor Zartman created an Instagram account and linked it to our Facebook account to take advantage of crossover use.

Attended an event at Alpha Chi Omega to dedicate the grave marker for founder, Anna Allen Smith, at the house and at Forest Hill Cemetery, September 17, 2017.

Assisted AAAS students with installing the Archives’ exhibit, "DePauw’s African American Heritage: The Pioneers," in the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, April 11 – May 11, 2018.

The judges chose to award this year’s Clifton J. Phillips Archives Research Award to the senior thesis by Rachel Higson ’18 titled, "Manning Up at DePauw: Performing Fraternal Masculinity on a Liberal Arts Campus." She will be recognized at the Academic Awards Convocation in the spring of 2019 and will be awarded $250.

This year, the Archives created an exhibit titled, "Scholar, Professor, Soldier, Diplomat: James Riley Weaver." Installed in the library in September, the exhibit describes the life of modern languages, political science and sociology professor, James Riley Weaver including his Civil War service, 17 months of which he was a prisoner in Confederate prisons and camps. It gives a sample of what editors, John Schlotterbeck, Midori Kawaue ’17 and Harold Klingensmith and I discovered as we edited the transcribed 707-page diary. The exhibit will run through June 2019.
Goals for 2018-2019

- Refine metadata for reel-to-reel videotapes to include information on the speakers, location, subject, date and exact format if it can be determined.
- Complete scrapbook descriptions in existing finding aids.
- Digitize at-risk movie films exhibiting "vinegar syndrome."
- Remove selected duplicate publications without signatures or association inscriptions from the book collection.
- Organize collections housed in lower level Roy O. West Library archives storage.
- Move some collections to Olin third floor to open some space in the lower level Roy O. West Library archives storage.
- Continue digitization of audiotape cassette collection and begin a podcast to highlight selected recordings.
- Digitize selected open reel videotapes as the budget allows.

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