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# Guide to the J. Leslie Dunstan Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 284

**CREATOR:** Dunstan, J. Leslie (John Leslie), 1901-

**TITLE:** J. Leslie Dunstan papers

**DATES:** 1936–1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.75 linear feet (10 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Dunstan Papers document his professional life, primarily as a faculty member at Andover Newton Theological School. The correspondence (1936-1954) is that of Dunstan and Paul S. Minear, and provides detailed accounts of the life and work of both men during that period. Minear was a professor of Biblical Theology at Yale Divinity School.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.284>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.284>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Andover Newton Theological School Collection, 2017. A portion of the collection was donated to Andover Newton by Paul S. Minear in 1983.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

J. Leslie Dunstan Papers (RG 284), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

### Chronology

Date	Event
1901 November 21	○ Born in London, England
1923	○ Graduated from Colby College, Maine
1923-1925	○ Graduate work at Boston University, School of Religious Education
1928-1933	○ Graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, NY ○ Ordained in Presbyterian Church, 1932 April 25 ○ Director of Religious Education, Union Church, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY
1933-1938	○ Associate Pastor, Central Union Church, Honolulu, Hawaii ○ Lecturer in Psychology and and. Philosophy of Religion, School of Religion, University of Hawaii
1935-1936	○ Graduate work at Westminster College, Cambridge, England
1938	○ Received Ph.D., Columbia University
1938-1954	○ Director, School of Religion, University of Hawaii
1944-1954	○ General Secretary of Hawaiian Evangelical Association
1954-1956	○ Associate Professor of Missions and Comparative Religion, Andover Theological Seminary
1956-1961	○ Professor of Missions and Comparative Religion, Andover
1961-1962	○ Montgomery Professor of Missions and Comparative Religion, Andover
1962-1969	○ Judson Professor of Missions and Comparative Religion, Andover Newton Theological School
1969 July 20	○ Died, Newton Centre, Massachusetts

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## Scope and Contents

The John Leslie Dunstan Papers, 1936-1969, document the professional work of Dunstan. The collection is arranged according to the following categories: journal, correspondence, sermons, lectures and essays, unpublished manuscripts, office files.

The correspondence (1936-1954) is that of Dunstan and Paul S. Minear, and provides detailed accounts of the life and work of both men. The sermons comprise the bulk of the collection, and are arranged as follows: undated, no Biblical text--alphabetically by title; undated--by Biblical text; dated items. The lectures and essays are arranged as follows: undated--alphabetically by title; dated items. There is a small number of items identified as unpublished manuscripts; refer to ANTS faculty-publications register for a record of Dunstan publications.

The office files are not part of the Minear gift. The files were transferred to the Andover Newton Theological School Library after Dunstan's sudden death in 1969. The material represents his current working files at that time, and documents his academic and professional responsibilities in the 1960s.

## **Arrangement**

Series I. Journal, 1960-1961

Series II. Correspondence, 1936-1954

Series III. Sermons, 1937-1966

Series IV. Lectures and Essays, 1944-1967

Series V. Unpublished Manuscripts

Series VI. Office Files, 1957-1969

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Journal

b.1	Account of sabbatical experience	1960 September 10 - 1961 July
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## Series II: Correspondence

The correspondence (1936-1954), is that of Dunstan and Paul S. Minear, and provides detailed accounts of the life and work of both men. See the first folder in this collection for a detailed listing of letters.

b.1	Dunstan to/from Paul and Gladys Minear (fragments and undated)	No date
b.1	Dunstan to the Minears, from England, Maine, and Honolulu, Hawaii	1936
b.1	Dunstan to Paul Minear, from Honolulu, Hawaii	1937-1941
b.1	Dunstan to/from Minear, primarily from Honolulu and Newton Centre Includes a few manuscript enclosures	1942-1953

**Series III: Sermons**

See listing in first folder this collection for complete list of sermon titles and texts.

## Undated sermons with no text arranged by title

b. 1	57 sermons, from "The boy who built an altar" to "The Lord's supper"	No date
b. 2	48 sermons, from "A man set under authority" to "Your faith abroad"	No date

## Sermons arranged by text

b. 2	Undated sermons: Genesis - Luke	No date
b. 3	Undated sermons: Luke - Acts	No date
b. 4	Undated sermons: Acts - Galatians	No date
b. 5	Undated sermons: Ephesians - Revelation	No date
b. 5	Dated sermons	1937-1951
b. 6	Dated sermons	1952-1966



**Series IV: Lectures and Essays**

See the first folder of this collection for a complete list of titles.

## Undated lectures and essays arranged by title

b. 6	"Andover and the Missions" through "Conversion"	No date
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b. 7	"The devil" through "The youth of Hawaii looks to the past"	No date
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## Dated lectures and essays

b. 7	From "Y.M.C.A. annual meeting" to "Christian education"	1944-1966
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**Series V: Unpublished Manuscripts**

b. 8	Untitled (5 parts)	No date
b. 8	Bible Study - drafts, introduction, fragments	No date
b. 8	Promptings (7 versions)	No date
b. 8	St. Paul	No date

**Series VI: Office Files**

American Baptist Churches USA		
b. 9	Commission on the Ministry - Continuing Education Committee, minutes and proposals	1967-1968
Andover Newton Theological School		
b. 9	Church and Ministry Department: primarily proposals, some related to field education	1967-1968
b. 9	Committee on Black Seminary Education: correspondence and proposals	1968-1969
b. 9	Committee on Curriculum and Academic Affairs: correspondence and interoffice memos	1965-1969
b. 9	International Students Program: proposals	1968-1969
b. 9	Self-study Committee: proposals	1967, no date
b. 9	Seminar in Ecumenical Theology: documentation of course content Course offered 1965/66 (first semester) by ANTS, Boston University School of Theology, Episcopal Divinity School, and Harvard Divinity School	1965-1966
b. 10	Seminar in Ecumenical Theology: documentation of course content Course offered 1968/69 (first semester) by BTI schools	1968-1969
b. 10	Students Concerned About Andover Newton (SCAAN): student statements and faculty responses	1969
b. 10	Syllabi CH207, CWR301, CWR304 (1965-66/2nd semester), CWR311, CWR323 (1961-62/1st semester), RE314 (1965-66/2nd semester), RE348 (1963-64/1st semester)	1961-1966
Boston Theological Institute		
b. 10	CABAL: Program Committee; primarily minutes	1966-1968
b. 10	Continuing Education Task Force/Committee: some proposals and reports; primarily minutes	1969
Massachusetts Council of Churches		
b. 10	Committee on Christian Unity: minutes	1967-1968
b. 10	Massachusetts Commission on Christian Unity: proposals, minutes	1967-1969
New England Ecumenical Study Conference		
b. 10	Minutes	1966-1968
Professors of Missions		
b. 10	Fellowship of Professors of Missions and Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions: minutes and correspondence	1957-1966
UCC/Massachusetts Conference		

UCC/Massachusetts Conference (continued)

b. 10

Committee on Christian Unity: minutes

1965-1968

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Dunstan, J. Leslie (John Leslie), 1901-

### **Corporate Body**

Andover Newton Theological School