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Christine Gudorf Papers, 1983-2001



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Summary Information

Creator: Christine Gudorf, 1949-
Title: Christine Gudorf Papers
Inclusive dates: 1983-2001
Abstract: Professor of Religious Ethics, Modern Christianity, Feminism, and Development at Florida International University and Xavier University. Collection contains books, journals, articles written and edited by Gudorf, concerning sexuality, feminism, and liberation theology.
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Administrative Information

Provenance: Christine Gudorf donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in 2001.

Access restrictions: This collection is unrestricted.

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Biography

Dr. Christine Gudorf is a teacher and researcher of ethics and religion of the western world during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. She has focused on contemporary ethical and religious questions and how they relate among Christianity, Judaism, Islam and other religions. Her writing and teaching have revolved around development issues (fertility rates, health, education, the status of women, trade, and indebtedness) of the “poor” nations of Latin America, Africa, and parts of Asia.

Gudorf was born on June 13, 1949 in Louisville, Kentucky. She received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University in 1968, majoring in Classics, Religion, and Secondary Education in Social Studies. Her graduate work brought a Master of Arts degree in 1976 and a Master of Philosophy degree in 1977, both from Union Theological Seminary. She received a Ph.D. in Religion in 1979, in joint programs between Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. Her dissertation titled, *Catholic Social Teaching on Liberation Themes*, was published by University Press of America in 1980. In 1999 Gudorf completed coursework for a second doctoral degree in Comparative Sociology (with a concentration in social theory and international development) at Florida International University.

Gudorf began her academic teaching career at Xavier University, in Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1978 to 1983, she was Assistant Professor, 1983 to 1988, Associate Professor. She received tenure as Professor in 1988. In 1993 Gudorf moved to Florida International University. At FIU she was Associate Professor from 1993 to 1995. In 1995 she became a full Professor of Religious Ethics, Modern Christianity, Feminism and Development, a position that she continues to hold. Gudorf has also been a visiting professor at six universities, including Seminario San Jose in Peru.

Gudorf is the author or editor of six books: *Catholic Social Teaching on Liberation Themes* (1980); *Women’s Consciousness: A Reader in Feminist Ethics* (1985); *Christian Ethics: A Case Method Approach* (1992); *Victimization: Examining Christian Complicity* (1992); *Body, Sex and Pleasure: Reconstructing Christian Sexual Ethics* (1994); and *Ethics in World Religions: A Cross-Cultural Casebook* (1999). In addition, she has written chapters for twenty-eight books, and authored sixty-two articles for magazines and journals.

Topics of articles range from religion and ethics, including medical ethics, feminism, theological dissent and Christian spirituality.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Gudorf Papers consist of books, journals, and individual articles, written or edited by Christine Gudorf. They concern such issues as sexuality, feminism and liberation theology.

The collection is divided into two series:

- Series I: Books, 1986-1996 (0.5 linear ft.)
This series consists of books written and or edited by Gudorf. Arrangement is chronological.
- Series II: Articles, 1983-2000 (0.5 linear ft.)
This series consists of articles from magazines and journals written by Gudorf.

Processing

When the Burke Library acquired Gudorf'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.

Contents List

Series I: Books

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Philosophy Theology [1986]
Christian Ethics: a case method approach [1989]
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Locum [1998]
Ethics and World Religions, Cross-Cultural Case Studies [1999]

Series II: Articles

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Copied Articles

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 Gudorf, Christine E. "Sexism Enshrined: The Responsibility of Religions for the Welfare and Status of Women", Conscience, XVI: 1-2, Spring/Summer 1995, p. 11.
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 Gudorf, Christine E. "The Cairo ICPD and the Need to Monitor Its Implementation" INFIRE Ethics (International Network of Feminists in Reproductive Ethics), vol. 3 no. 3-4, Fall 1994, p. 1.
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Women and Catholic Church Politics in Eastern Europe" Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, 1995: 2, p. 101.
 Gudorf, Christine E. "To make a seamless garment, use a single piece of cloth" Crosscurrents, XXXIV: 4, (1984), p. 473.
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Liberation Theology's Use of Scripture: A Response to First World Critics", Interpretation 41:1, 1/87, p. 5.
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Dissecting Parenthood" Conscience, 12/94, p. 14.
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Sexuality and the Family part 1: Sexual Ignorance in the Age of Information", Second Opinion 10, Spring, 1989.
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Sexuality and Spirituality in the Christian Family part 2: The Role of the Church" Second Opinion 11, Summer, 1989 p.10.

Journal Articles

Gudorf, Christine E. "The Power to Create: Sacraments and Men's Need to Birth" Horizons 14/2, (1987).
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Encountering the Other: the Modern Papacy on Women" Social Compass 36(3), (1989).
 Gudorf, Christine E. "Sexual Morality in the new Millennium" in Francis A. Eigo, OSA, Ed., Ethics in the New Millennium, 2000.

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- Gudorf, Christine E. "Life without Anchors: Sex, Exchange, and Human Rights in a Postmodern World" Journal of Religious Ethics, vol. 26, (1998) no.2, p. 295.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Presumption and Humility" The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics, 1989, p. 267.
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- Gudorf, Christine E. Book Review of "Sex, Gender, and Christian Ethics" by Lisa Sowle Cahill. In Theological Studies, June 1997, p. 327
- Gudorf, Christine E. Book Review of "Erotic Justice: A Liberating Ethic of Sexuality" by Marvin M. Ellison, in Theological Studies, March 1998, p. 142.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "The Magisterium and the Bible: North American Experience" Concilium, 1:1991, p.79.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Renewal or Repatriarchalization? Responses of the Roman Catholic Church to Feminization of Religion" Horizons, 10/2, (1983).
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Issues of Race in Feminist Ethics: A Review Essay" Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, 9:1-2, Spring/Fall, 1993, p.239.
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- Gudorf, Christine E. "Historical Change and Conceptions of Justice: Papal Social Teaching 1922-1977", Union Seminary Quarterly Review, 33:2, Winter 1978, p. 91.

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- Gudorf, Christine E. "Moral options, moral risks" Christianity and Crisis, 2/15/88, p.32.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Peruvian agenda; Bolivian Pentecostals: Women and Poverty in the Andes" Christianity and Crisis, 11/7/88, p.393.
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- Gudorf, Christine E. "Galatic gnosis needs more people's voices" National Catholic Reporter (books) 2/5/93, (book review of Outercourse) p.37.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Sexual Pleasure as Grace and Gift" The Other Side, May/June 1998, p. 10.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Population Ecology and Women" Second Opinion (health, faith, ethics), 1995 p.59.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Sexual violence: it's sinful to remain silent" Salt for Christians who seek social justice—5/93, p.6.
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- Gudorf, Christine E. "The Pastoral and Your Conscience" St. Anthony Messenger, 10/83, "p.18.
- Gudorf, Christine E. "Are you giving your kids double messages about sex?" U.S. Catholic, 9/91, p. 20.
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- Gudorf, Christine E. "Why have kids?" U.S. Catholic, 2/93, p. 27.
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