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Finding Aid for

**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 & writings by Boisen and H. P Van Dusen correspondence.  
Size: 4 boxes, 1.5 linear feet  
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**Administrative Information**

- Provenance:** This collection has no clear 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 was transferred to this collection from UTS administrative files in 2007.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by phone, fax or email [archives@uts.columbia.edu](mailto:archives@uts.columbia.edu), as far in advance as possible.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MISC: CCTTS, 1925 - 1949, series #, box #, folder #, The Burke Library Archives (Columbia University Libraries) at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

**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 and these letters cover issues relating to CCTTS planning and development including the Phil Guiles' schism. Occasional Board documents are 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 the study of certain types of mental disorder from the religious standpoint: proposal A.T. Boisen to Galen Fisher, incl. transcribed letters of support, tps., [1923?]
1	1	2	Project for the study of certain types of mental disorder from the religious standpoint, by A.T. Boisen, [192?]
1	1	3	Project for the study of mental disorders as a basis for a program of moral and religious re-education, tps, [Worcester Hospital proposal, 1925?]
1	1	4	Clinical experience for theological students, Worcester State Hospital, 1928, tps. incl. b & w photos, dedicated to Helen Flanders Dunbar, Christmas, 1928
1	1	5	Hospital Pictorial: Worcester State Hospital, tps, b&w photos, 1928
1	1	6	'Medicine' Collection of papers by A. T Boisen: A Clinical Year for theological students, tps, b&w photos, 1927; Worcester State Hospital Pictorial, tps, b&w photos, 1928; Hospital Pictorial, Worcester State Hospital, tps & photos, 1926; Some suggestions as to the future general policy of Chicago Theological Seminary, [1926?]
1	1	7	Council for the Clinical Training of Theological Students: incorporation document, Jan 21, 1930
1	1	8	Advertisement Poster, 1930
1	1	9	Selected Records file: Minutes, By-Laws, Annual Reports, incl. Photos & List of Students, Conference Reports, Jan 1930 - May 1933
1	1	10	Facts about CCTTS, published leaflet, 1931
1	1	11	First annual report, tps & photos, Sept 29, 1930
1	1	12	Annual reports, tps, 1931 – 1934, 1937
1	1	13	Project for the Clinical Training of Theological Students, rev'd Apr 25, 1932
1	1	14	New opportunity in theological education by H. Flanders Dunbar: description of policy and program of CCTTS, rev'd, 1933
1	1	15	Student application forms [blank]
1	1	16	Council for Clinical Training, inc. for students of theology in the US and Canada [Promotional document], [194?]
1	1	17	3rd Annual Conference (8th year), Worcester State Hospital: Program; Annual Reports, tps and photos, Sept 2 - 3, 1932; Student's Report on Work at Norfolk Prison Colony, Jun – Aug 1932, by Leon R. Robison
1	1	18	4th Annual Conference: Reports of Conference and Activities, summer 1933; list of students to Mar 14, 1933
1	1	19	5th Annual Conference, Sept 1934: Program; Annual Reports; New Opportunity in Theological Education, by H. Flanders Dunbar: Description of the Policy and Program of CCTTS, rev, 1934
1	1	20	5th Annual Conference, Sept 1934: Annual Reports; Papers
1	1	21	6th Annual Conference, Sept 1935: Program; Summarized Report of conference by Rev Seward Hiltner; paper by Robert H Beaven

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

1	2	1	<i>Council Chatter</i> , v4 (nos 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 & Development, 1935 – 36, incl. paper from 6 <sup>th</sup> 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; Letter S. Hiltner to Council Alumni, Sept 13, 1936
1	2	7	9th Annual Conference, Nov 1938: Annual Report
1	2	8	Articles re 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, typescript & 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	Hospital pictorial: Elgin State Hospital, Elgin, Ill, tps. & photos, 1932
1	2	15	Hospital pictorial: Elgin State Hospital, Elgin, Ill, tps. & photos, 1933
1	2	16	1st Annual Report of the 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 the CCTTS in Chicago area, tps. & photos, rev. 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; Hospital pictorial Elgin State Hospital , tps & photos, 1936
1	2	20	Adventure in Theological Education and Pastoral Service: Statement of Aims and Accomplishments of CCTTS in Chicago area, tps & 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, A T Boisen, Elgin Hospital, [193?]
1	2	24	Social and Theological Factors in Salvation: Summary of Findings, [193?]; Emotional Factors in Mental Disorder: Some Propositions, [193?]
1	2	25	The Experiment in Jonesville, A T Boisen, Survey Report with photos, [193?]
1	2	26	Address: <i>Fidelity and Vision</i> , 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?]

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

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 the Church, Columbus OH, 1948

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

2	1	1	Advertisement Poster, 1929; CCTTS Promotional tps., [1936?]
2	1	2	Correspondence: H.P. Van Dusen, H. Flanders Dunbar, L.A Weigle, T.L. Harris, Dec 1932 - May 1933
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: H.P.V. D., H.F.D., Mrs. J S Hoyt, S. G. Cole, E. G. Dyett
2	1	5	Correspondence, Feb – Dec, 1935: H.P.V. D., C.J Symington, S. Hiltner, R. Searle, L.J. Sherrill, C.T. White, A.A.Brown, L.A. Weigle
2	1	6	Correspondence, Feb – Jul 1936: H.P.V. D., H. F. D., C.J. Symington, R. Dicks, A. Dun, N. Nash, A.P. Guiles; CCTTS Promotional tps., [1936?]; 7 <sup>th</sup> Conference Program, 1936
2	1	7	Correspondence, Mar 1938 – Jul 1939: H.P.V. D., C.A. Wise, J.A. Purdie, R.E. Brinkman
2	1	8	Promotional materials, [1936/36]: <i>A New Opportunity in Theological Education</i> , rev. 1935; offprint articles; CCTTS Promotional tps., [1936?]
2	1	9	Correspondence, Jan 1940 – Feb 1941: H.P.V. D., S. Hiltner, F.L. Babbott, E.H. Roberts, R.A.Felton
2	1	10	Minutes and Financial Records, Jun 1941
2	1	11	Correspondence, Dec 1941, Feb 1947 – Feb 1949: H.P.V. D., S. Hiltner, O. Rice, F.C. Kuether,

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