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Biographical Sketch

Keller, Albert H. was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Davidson College in North Carolina, a Master’s Degree in Sacred Theology at Yale University, specializing in the study of ethics, and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Prior to arriving in Charleston, SC Dr. Keller spent three years at the University of Zaire in Kisangani as a professor. In 1969 he moved to Charleston and was a Presbyterian Campus Minister for various Charleston colleges. In 1974 he joined MUSC as an Associate Professor of Family Medicine (Ethics) while simultaneously holding a position as Pastor of Circular Congregational Church, Charleston.

Dr. Keller’s primary interests are in personal and professional ethics and bioethics, death and caring for the terminally ill, and the link between religious faith and medical practice. Dr. Keller helped incorporate these interests into an Interdisciplinary Humanities program with MUSC. Additionally, in 1980, Dr. Keller initiated the organization of the first hospice in the Charleston area and helped train hospice volunteers.

Scope and Content

The Albert H. Keller Papers, dated from approximately 1975-2004, document Dr. Keller’s professional activities. The bulk of the materials are documents that concern Dr. Keller’s involvement with the University Humanities Committee and MUSC’s Ethics Committee.

Series Descriptions
The **Committees Series**, 1985-1992, 1 cubic feet, consists of Dr. Keller’s notes on the various committees he acted as a participant. Most of the documentation on his committees is from the Ethics Committee and University Humanities Committee and consist of the minutes and participants of each meeting that was held. There are documents included here from his subcommittee work on the development of a Center for Humanities and a Patient Care committee. Other record types include correspondence, handwritten notes, reprints, and writings and papers. This series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Curriculum Series**, 1983-2000, 2.5 cubic feet, consist of the materials that Dr. Keller used to teach his various ethics courses. Although he taught several university classes, he also developed programs for faculty as well, such as his AIDS Policy course, to raise awareness in faculty of the growing AIDS epidemic during the 1980s. Dr. Keller was the premiere instructor on the humanities at the university. In addition to his regular instructor hours Dr. Keller was involved in giving guest lectures, as well. Other record types include correspondence, reprints, writings and papers, overhead slides, handwritten notes, and miscellaneous lecture supplies. This series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Conferences Series**, 1985- , .25 cubic feet, is a small series consisting of a few conferences that Dr. Keller attended, such as the Primary Care Residency and Human Values Conference and the Consultation on the Humanities in Medical Education Conference. There is an assortment of conferences that all focus on the need for ethics in the medical workplace. Other record types include correspondence, reprints, memoranda, articles, and handwritten notes.

The **Miscellaneous Series**, dates unknown, .25 cubic feet, consists of only a few files. There are a few personal files, including correspondence and Dr. Keller’s application for tenure. Other record types include proposals, correspondence, reprints, memoranda, and handwritten notes.

ALBERT H. KELLER

**BOX 1**

**COMMITTEES**

1) Ethics Committee Business/Minutes. 1987.
2) Ethics Committee Consultations. Folder 1 of 3.
3) Ethics Committee Consultations. Folder 2 of 3.
4) Ethics Committee Consultations. Folder 3 of 3.
5) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1985. Folder 1 of 3.
7) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1985. Folder 3 of 3.
13) Info Packets for Dean’s Council from UHC
14) Letters to publicize the Medical Center Ethics Committee (Dept. Chairmen and Dean)
15) Medical Center Ethics Committee Protocol
16) MUH: Patient Care Committee
17) Subcommittee: Center for Humanities. Folder 1 of 3.
18) Subcommittee: Center for Humanities. Folder 2 of 3.
19) Subcommittee: Center for Humanities. Folder 3 of 3.
22) UHC Roster and Addresses
23) University Humanities Committee. Folder 1 of 4.
24) University Humanities Committee. Folder 2 of 4.
25) University Humanities Committee. Folder 3 of 4.
26) University Humanities Committee. Folder 4 of 4.
27) University Humanities Committee: Charter and Membership. Folder 1 of 3.
28) University Humanities Committee: Charter and Membership. Folder 2 of 3.
29) University Humanities Committee: Charter and Membership. Folder 3 of 3.
30) University Humanities Committee: “Conversations” letters.
31) University Humanities Committee: Humanitas.
32) University Humanities Committee: Records and Memos. Folder 1 of 3.
33) University Humanities Committee: Records and Memos. Folder 2 of 3.
34) University Humanities Committee: Records and Memos. Folder 3 of 3.

BOX 2

CURRICULUM

1) Advanced Biomedical Ethics Proposal
2) AIDS Course Folder 1 of 2
3) AIDS Course Folder 2 of 2
6) Bioethics in Medical Practice
7) Biomedical Ethics in Primary Care and Managed Care
9) Death in Human Experience
10) “Death in Human Experience” Elective
12) Global Bioethics 1996-97
13) Global Bioethics 1998
14) Global Bioethics 2000
16) Guest Lecture on the Aspen Seminar
19) “Healing and the Healer” review by Curriculum Committee
24) Health Care Ethics Opening Seminar at Navy Consolidated Brig.
26) Health System’s Agency Game: Leader’s Packets. Folder 1 of 2.
27) Health System’s Agency Game: Leader’s Packets. Folder 2 of 2.
28) ICM
29) ICM I 1983
30) ICM I 1985
31) ICM I Course Evaluations, summary
32) ICM I Evaluation
33) ICM I Group Perceptors List
34) ICM I Group Perceptors “Medicine and Social Responsibility.”
35) ICM I Notes
36) ICM I Session I: “Professional Ethics.”
37) ICM I Session 2: “Doctors…The Law.”
38) ICM I Session 2: “Trends in Health Policy.” Folder 1 of 2.

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2) ICM I Session 4: “Doctor/Nurse Game.”
3) ICM I Session 5: “Clinical Ethics.”
4) ICM I Session 7: “Religion and Medicine.”
5) ICM I Session 8: “Scientific Research in Medical Centers.”
6) ICM I Syllabus, course materials
7) Improving Care Near End of Life Program
8) Intro to Clinical Medicine I Syllabus. Folder 1 of 2.
9) Intro to Clinical Medicine I Syllabus. Folder 2 of 2.
11) Macy Grant Application for “A Core Curriculum in Ethics and the Medical Humanities.”
12) Master’s Program in Ethics/Humanities. Folder 1 of 2.
13) Master’s Program in Ethics/Humanities. Folder 2 of 2.
14) Medical Ethics Grand Rounds
15) Medical Humanities Courses.
16) Medical Humanities Scholars Program. Folder 1 of 3.
17) Medical Humanities Scholars Program. Folder 2 of 3.
18) Medical Humanities Scholars Program. Folder 3 of 3.
23) Primary Care Curriculum Project. Folder 1 of 3.
24) Primary Care Curriculum Project. Folder 2 of 3.
25) Primary Care Curriculum Project. Folder 3 of 3.
30) Topics in the History of the Health Science

BOX 4

1) Summary of Student Evaluations, Health Care Ethics. Fall 1993.
3) Unit 1: The Dr. West Case
4) Unit 3: The Baby Joe Case
7) Value Conflicts in Medicine and Society.
9) Workshop on Church and Family Medicine

CONFERENCES

11) “A Community Responds to AIDS.”
13) Consultation on the Humanities in Medical Education
15) Primary Care Residency Conference and Human Values. Folder 1 of 2.
16) Primary Care Residency Conference and Human Values. Folder 2 of 2.
17) Professional Role Model Project. Folder 1 of 2.
18) Professional Role Model Project. Folder 2 of 2.

MISCELLANEOUS

19) Center for Medical Ethics Proposal
20) Ethicist: Letter and Contract
21) File on Bing Hinton [Restricted]
22) File For Tenure
23) MUSC’s Hippocratic Oath and Ceremony
24) NEH Grant Application: “Religious Orientation, Health, and Health Care.”