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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.
- 6) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1985. Folder 2 of 3.
- 7) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1985. Folder 3 of 3.
- 8) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1989-1990. Folder 1 of 3.
- 9) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1989-1990. Folder 2 of 3.
- 10) Ethics Committee Meetings: 1989-1990. Folder 3 of 3.

- 11) Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes: 1995. Folder 1 of 2.
- 12) Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes: 1995. Folder 2 of 2.
- 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.
- 20) UHC Annual Report to Dean. 1989-1992. Folder 1 of 2.
- 21) UHC Annual Report to Dean. 1989-1992. Folder 2 of 2.
- 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
- 4) AIDS Policy – Grand Rounds 1987. Folder 1 of 2.
- 5) AIDS Policy – Grand Rounds 1987. Folder 2 of 2.
- 6) Bioethics in Medical Practice
- 7) Biomedical Ethics in Primary Care and Managed Care
- 8) "Computers and the Human Mind" Proposal for the 1986-87 GTE Foundation Leadership Program
- 9) Death in Human Experience
- 10) "Death in Human Experience" Elective
- 11) Ethics and Medicine. Fall 1992.
- 12) Global Bioethics 1996-97
- 13) Global Bioethics 1998
- 14) Global Bioethics 2000
- 15) Global Bioethics Syllabus/Roll/Grades. Spring 1994 and 1995.

- 16) Guest Lecture on the Aspen Seminar
- 17) "Healing and the Healer." Folder 1 of 2.
- 18) "Healing and the Healer." Folder 2 of 2.
- 19) "Healing and the Healer" review by Curriculum Committee
- 20) "Healing and the Healer" roster, schedule, exam. 1985.
- 21) Health Care Ethics. 1992.
- 22) Health Care Ethics Evaluations. Fall 1992.
- 23) Health Care Ethics Fall 1991. Syllabus and Readings, originals.
- 24) Health Care Ethics Opening Seminar at Navy Consolidated Brig.
- 25) Health Care Ethics. Sessions 1 and 2.
- 26) Health System's Agency Game: Leader's Packet. Folder 1 of 2.
- 27) Health System's Agency Game: Leader's Packet. 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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- 1) ICM I Session 2: "Trends in Health Policy." Folder 2 of 2.
- 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.
- 10) Introduction of Ethics Method. A95.
- 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.
- 19) Pediatrics Ethics. Folder 1 of 4.

- 20) Pediatrics Ethics. Folder 2 of 4.
- 21) Pediatrics Ethics. Folder 3 of 4.
- 22) Pediatrics Ethics. Folder 4 of 4.
- 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.
- 26) Proposal for Faculty Advisors Workshop. August 1992.
- 27) Proposal for MA in Bioethics. Folder 1 of 2.
- 28) Proposal for MA in Bioethics. Folder 2 of 2.
- 29) Proposal for MA in Bioethics. April 1995.
- 30) Topics in the History of the Health Science

BOX 4

- 1) Summary of Student Evaluations, Health Care Ethics. Fall 1993.
- 2) Summer Humanities Readings. 2004.
- 3) Unit 1: The Dr. West Case
- 4) Unit 3: The Baby Joe Case
- 5) Unit 4: Cathy's Case. Health Care Ethics. Fall 1992.
- 6) Unit 6: The Mercy Hospital Case. Health Care Ethics.
- 7) Value Conflicts in Medicine and Society.
- 8) Values and Value Systems. B-2 Rotation. 1975-88.
- 9) Workshop on Church and Family Medicine

CONFERENCES

- 10) Aspen Retreat Session 1. Fall 1989.
- 11) "A Community Responds to AIDS."
- 12) Conference on Critically Ill or Injured. November 22, 1985.
- 13) Consultation on the Humanities in Medical Education
- 14) Medical Ethics Bibliography. National Conference on the Teaching of Medical Ethics.
- 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."