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**Abstract**

Hope College class of 1935; Hope College professor of philosophy (1947-1980); Distinguished Alumnus Award (1970) and Hope Outstanding Professor-Educator Award (1979). Collection includes articles, book reviews, correspondence, Ph.D. dissertation, lectures, manuscripts, his professional memoirs, and photographs of Dykstra. The major part of the collection consists of the class lectures (digital) and lectures and manuscripts written during his tenure at Hope, including a tribute to A. J. Muste.

**Accession No:** H88-0048  
**Provenance:** D. Ivan Dykstra  
**Donor:** D. Ivan Dykstra  
**Photographs:** 14 images, 7 negatives (Box 2)  
**Processed by:** Jenifer Smith, October 1993, Leon Witteveen, October 1993

**Biography**

D. Ivan Dykstra, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of philosophy at Hope College, where he began his teaching career in 1947. Originally a professor of Greek, Dykstra moved to the department of philosophy in 1950. He retired from teaching in 1980. A native of South Dakota, Dykstra grew up in Iowa and graduated from Hope College in 1935. He was awarded the bachelor of theology degree from Western Theological Seminary in 1938, and received his Ph.D. in theology from Yale University in 1945. He was chairman of the department of philosophy from 1950-1977. His special interests have been focused on the history of philosophy and the philosophy of science. In 1970, he received one of Hope's first Distinguished Alumnus Awards and in 1979 was awarded the Hope Outstanding Professor-Educator Award. D. Ivan Dykstra died on Sunday, February 28, 1999, at age 83.

**Scope and Content**

The D. Ivan Dykstra papers consist primarily of lectures and manuscripts written during his tenure as professor of philosophy at Hope College from 1947 to 1980. The lecture series includes addresses and a tribute to A. J. Muste. The collection also includes some articles, book reviews, correspondence, photographs of Dr. Dykstra, and his professional memoirs. The collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material. The lectures and manuscripts are arranged alphabetically by title. The photographs include 14 images and 7 negatives. Correspondents include Irwin Lubbers, Calvin Vander Werf, Guy Vander Jagt, and colleagues on the Hope College faculty.
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