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### Abstract

Received his A.B. from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1951 and his B.D. from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, in 1954, and Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh in 1956. Licensed and ordained by the RCA Classis of Wisconsin in 1954 and served as pastor of the Fordham Manor Reformed Church, Bronx, New York, from 1957-1962, after which he joined the faculty of Western Seminary in 1962. He spent most of his professional career as James A. H. Cornell Professor of Historical Theology at Western Seminary from 1966 until his retirement in 1999. Sat on the jury for the prestigious Religious Art and Architecture Design Awards of the American Institute of Architects in 1995. Consultant for many church building projects, both in the Reformed Church in America and beyond. Books and publications include *Guilt, Grace and Gratitude: A Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism* (1963), *Christ and Architecture: Building Presbyterian/Reformed Churches* (1965), *When Faith Takes Form: Contemporary Churches of Architectural Integrity in America* (1971) and *Worship the Lord* (1987). Collection includes his papers and correspondence on church architecture, his role as an editor of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, and his lengthy career as an influential member of the Western Theological Seminary faculty and of the Reformed Church in America denomination as a whole.

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### Biography

Donald J. Bruggink was born in 1929 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Dirk and Gertrude Bruggink. He received his A.B. from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1951 and his B.D. from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, in 1954. His Ph.D. was earned at the University of Edinburgh in 1956.

He was licensed and ordained by the RCA Classis of Wisconsin in 1954 and served as pastor of the Fordham Manor Reformed Church, Bronx, New York, from 1957-1962, after which he joined the faculty of Western Seminary in 1962. He spent most of his professional career as James A. H. Cornell Professor of Historical Theology at Western Seminary from 1966 until his retirement in 1999.

Bruggink is the recipient of many honors. In 1995, he sat on the jury for the prestigious Religious Art and Architecture Design Awards of the American Institute of Architects. Because of a special interest and training in church architecture, he became a consultant for many church

building projects, both in the Reformed Church in America and beyond.

His books and publications include *Guilt, Grace and Gratitude: A Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism* (1963), *Christ and Architecture: Building Presbyterian/Reformed Churches* (1965), *When Faith Takes Form: Contemporary Churches of Architectural Integrity in America* (1971) and *Worship the Lord* (1987).

### Scope and Content

The Donald Bruggink collection is representative of his broad and influential career. Of special interest are his papers and correspondence on church architecture, his role as an editor of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, and his lengthy career as an influential member of the Western Theological Seminary faculty and of the Reformed Church in America denomination as a whole. Also of special interest are papers and correspondence relating to his planning for and leadership of a Western Christendom Seminar for seminary students and their spouses in 1967.

The collection is divided into four sections: **FACULTY:** His work as a faculty member of the Western Theological Seminary, including his work on various committees and his position as adviser to the General Synod. This section also includes minutes of many of the faculty meetings he attended during his tenure, as well as memoranda related to his work as professor; **ARCHITECTURE:** His interest in church architecture produced many items relating to this field. It also includes the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the I.F.R.A.A. and reports of the many conferences of this organization he attended. **HISTORICAL:** His role as editor of the Historical Series of the RCA., and other materials related to his historical interests. **SERMONS:** His sermonic output during his pastorate at Fordham Manor Reformed Church in the Bronx, New York, is included in Box 14.

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    Centennial, Third Reformed Church, Holland, 1967

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Course Outline, C. Kaiser, n.d.

Course Proposal, "Religion and Terrorism," 1991

Course Revision, TF411, 1986

Curriculum Revision, 1965-1969, 1976-1977 (2 folders)

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Ecumenical Consultation, RCA, 1980 (3 folders)

"The Education of American Ministers—A Historical Bibliography," Norman J.  
Kansfield

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Book Reviews, n.d., 1956, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966  
Correspondence  
Drapers, Oliver G., 1957-1961  
Edinburgh, 1955-1956  
Date Book, 1962  
Notes and Papers, WTS  
O.T. Class, WTS, 1952-1953  
English, Bible/Missions, 1952  
O.T. Theology, n.d.  
Papers  
New College, Scotland, 1954-1956  
"Offices in the Kingdom and the Church," by A. A. Van Ruler,  
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Women's ordination and the Book of Church Order, 1974-1979  
The Biblical View of the Ordination of Women, n.d.  
Sabbatical, Rome, 1970-1961  
Service of Installation, 1966  
Textbook orders, 1980-1998  
Western Christendom Travel Seminar, 1967  
Schedules, WTS, 1972-1976  
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AIA-IFRAA Transition, 1993-1994  
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Droppers, C. H., re Christian Architecture, 1960-1965  
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33rd Conference on Religious Architecture, 1972  
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Western Theological Seminary, 1966

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Historical Series

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Arabian Mission History Project, 1986-2000 (2 folders)

Beardslee, John W., "Vision from the Hill," 1983-1984

Boersma, Grace, "Grace in the Gulf," 1989-1991  
Bradsell, K. R., Minister for Education and Faith Development,  
1986-1988  
Brower, Arie, "Ecumenical Testimony," 1983-1991  
Bruins, Elton J., "The Americanization of a Congregation," 1992-  
1996  
Brumm, James L. H., "Psalms and Hymns," 1994  
Re: Commemorative Commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism,  
1962-1963  
Dalenberg, Cornelia, "Sharifa," 1982-1983  
Re: Deacons' Account Book Project, 1995-1999  
De Jong, Gerald F.  
    "The Dutch Reformed Church in the American Colonies,"  
    1973-1979  
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    "Reformed Church Mission in China," 1991-1992  
Dragt, Gordon R., "By Grace Alone," 2003  
Dykstra, D. Ivan, "B.D.," 1981-1983  
Hageman, Howard, "History of Liturgy of RCA," 1987-1990  
Harmelink, Herman, "Ecumenism and the RCA," 1968  
Heideman, Eugene, "Our Song of Hope," 1974  
Heynen, A. James, "Christian Reformed Church History," 1981  
Historical Series Fund, 1968-1993 (4 folders)  
House, Renee S., "Patterns and Portraits," 1997-1999  
Howard, Bill, "Black, Not Dutch," 1988  
Janssen, A., "Gathered at Albany: A History of a Classis," 1993-  
1998  
Luben, Barnerd M., "Episodes," 1999

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1998  
McAlpine, Jean Baum, "One Hundred Years of Evangelism in  
Japan," 1982-1985  
Meeter, Daniel J., "Meeting Each Other," 1989-1993  
Neckers, Doug, re Vander Werf Biography, 1989  
Re: New Brunswick Archival Space, 1991-1992  
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Nooter, Eric, "Between Heaven and Earth: Church and Society in  
Pre-Revolutionary Flatbush, Long Island," 1995-1997  
Schroeder, Carl, "The Enduring Place of Pietism in the Reformed  
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Scudder, Lewis, "The Arabian Mission's Story," 1998-2000  
Schuppert, Mildred, "Digest and Index of Minutes of General Synod," 1978-1982  
Staal, Harvey, re: Publication of Commentaries by Paul Harrison, 1992-1993  
Swart, Morrell F.  
Correspondence, 2003  
Draft Copy of "The Call of Africa," 1990-1999  
Swierenga, Robert, "Turning Points in the Dutch Reformed Immigrant Churches," 1998-1999  
Van Ess, Dorothy, "Pioneers in the Arab World," 1974  
Veldman, Jeanette, 1989  
Venema, J., "Deacons Account Books, Albany, NY, 1652-1974," 1997

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Illustrations for "Brothers Quarrels," Robert Swierenga, 1999  
Guide to N.B.T.S. Archives, 1979  
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National Forum on Worship Environment and the Arts, San Francisco, 1984  
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Review of Report of Liturgical Committee of CRC, 1995  
Tributes to VandenBerge, De Jong, and Shuppert, 1979

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