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Abstract

Professor of history, 1963-1982. Collection contains articles, correspondence, clippings and syllabi. Topics include Japan, science and religion, and student participation in college administration. In 1968, Clark headed up the summer study exchange program to Japan, initiated by Hope College and Meiji Gakuin University, located in Tokyo. This appointment came, in part, from his interest in East Asian studies and taking part in various programs from 1964-1966. In the fall of 1966, Clark introduced a new and long-running course in Japanese history. In 1969, he was appointed chairman of the history department for the 1969-1970 academic year to replace Dr. Paul Fried, who had held the position since 1959 and had been granted sabbatical leave. During his time at Hope College, Clark received many grants and visiting fellowships, including the Leverhulme Visiting Fellow at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England (1970-1971), the National Endowment for the Humanities (1970), and the National Humanities Institute (1976-1977). Clark returned to Japan for the 1972-1973 academic year to serve as the resident director and professor for the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) Japan Study Program at Weseda University in Tokyo. Clark passed away on February 4, 2011, in Sunapee, New Hampshire.


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Biography

David Lang Clark was born in Medford, Massachusetts, in 1932. After receiving his primary education from Belmont Public Schools and Belmont Hill Preparatory School, he attended and graduated from Yale University in 1954 with a B.A. He received graduate degrees from Episcopal Theological School in 1957 (B.D.) (ordained in the Episcopal Church) and attended Harvard Divinity School in 1967 (Th.D.). He served as a teaching fellow at Harvard Divinity School from 1961-1962 before serving as an instructor in history at Hope College in the fall of 1963. He served in the history department as an instructor from 1963-1966, assistant professor from 1966-1969, associate professor from 1969-1976, and professor from 1976-1981. In 1968, Clark headed up the summer study exchange program to Japan, initiated by Hope College and Meiji Gakuin University, located in Tokyo. This appointment came, in part, from his interest in East Asian studies and taking part in various programs from 1964-1966. In the fall of 1966, Clark introduced a new and long-running course in Japanese history. In 1969, he was appointed chairman of the history department for the 1969-1970 academic year to replace Dr. Paul Fried, who had held the position since 1959 and had been granted sabbatical leave. During his time at Hope College, Clark received many grants and visiting fellowships, including the Leverhulme Visiting Fellow at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England (1970-1971), the
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