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**H97-1321.** Weller, Hubert (1934- ).


**Abstract**

University of Michigan Class of 1956; earned a masters degree and Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1958 and 1965; professor at Ohio University from 1961-1962; Hope College professor of Spanish in Foreign Languages and Literature, 1962-1996 (chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 1970-1976); 1975 creator of SPANCOM (computerized instruction program in Spanish accepted for national distribution by Conduit, a source of quality computer-related instructional materials for higher education in 1979). Collection includes documents pertaining to the academic life of Hubert Weller, Hope College Spanish professor from 1962-1996. Includes syllabi, memos, newspaper articles, and letters about Hubert Weller.

**Accession No:** H97-1321  
**Provenance:** Hubert Weller  
**Donor:** Hubert Weller  
**Photographs:** 5 images (in scrapbook)  
**Processed by:** A. Gregoor Passchier, September 2000

**Biography**

Hubert Weller was born in Holland, Michigan, in 1934. He earned his BA degree from the University of Michigan in 1956, his masters from Indiana University in 1958, and a Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1965. His doctorate was earned through the study of the dramatic works of Chilean playwright Antonio Acevedo Hernandez and is titled “La Obra Teatral de Antonio Acevedo Hernández: dramaturgo chileno (1886-1962).” From 1956-1960, Weller had a teaching assistantship at Indiana University, and taught at Ohio University from 1961-1962. In 1962, Weller joined Hope College as Professor of Spanish in Foreign Languages and Literatures. He served as chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures from 1970 to 1976. In 1975, Weller began working on SPANCOM, a computerized instruction program in Spanish. At the 1977 Conference of the National Association of Users of the Computer in Application to Learning, Weller brought more awareness to SPANCOM by presenting the paper “SPANCOM- Computer assisted Instruction in Spanish.” By 1979, SPANCOM was accepted for national distribution by Conduit, “a source of quality computer-related instructional materials for higher education.” Outside of Hope College, Weller was secretary of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in 1971 and was elected president of the organization for the 1971-1972 academic year. In 1996, Weller retired from Hope College.

Scope and Content

The collection contains several memos from Hubert Weller, syllabi from Hope College dating from 1962 to 1996, a publication for computer use, a scrapbook of the Spanish Club, as well as biographical information, such as newspaper clippings and letters dating from 1962 to 1998. The information is limited to Weller’s academic life at Hope College and tells little about his personal life and other schools where he taught.

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