

Examples of collections and resources about The University of Montana held at Archives & Special Collections at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library

Note: In most cases links are provided from the titles of collections to the guides to those collections. The collections themselves are not digitized and therefore are not yet available online. This list is not comprehensive; many collections of university records have inventories but not online guides.

Records of Administration and Departments

Associate Dean of Students Records (1918-1973), RG 17, 2.5 linear feet

The collection contains materials from the women's student organizations overseen by the Dean of Women from before and after the position was replaced by the positions of Associate Director of Student Personnel Services in 1946 and the Associate Dean of Students in 1948. The collection contains minutes, manuals, reports, scrapbooks, photographs, and other materials from the following women student organizations: Mortar Board, Alpha Lambda Delta, Panhellenic, Junior Sponsors, and the Miss Montana State University Pageant.

Department of Women's Studies Records (1971-2003), RG 87, 9.2 linear feet

The collection contains correspondence, notes, newsletters and committee information regarding the administration and development of the Women's Studies program, correspondence and notes on committees and programs related to Women's Studies, and information and newsletters about other women's organizations both local and national. The collection includes course lists and curriculum information regarding classes offered through the program.

Office of the President, RG 1, approximately 270 linear feet

This record group contains correspondence, reports, minutes, memos and other documentation of the activities of the office of the university president and of departments and entities on campus which report to this office. A rough inventory of the many accessions which make up this body of records is available; this collection is not fully processed and does not have an online guide.

Faculty Senate Records (1895-2002), RG 21, 26 linear feet

The entity now known as the faculty senate was formed in 1895 to promote faculty involvement in the governance of The University. This records group includes minutes, correspondence, evaluations, and proposals from the Faculty Senate, including materials produced by the many committees reporting to the Senate.

School of Forestry Records (1916-1968), RG 48, 3.0 linear feet

This collection contains records from the University of Montana's School of Forestry, including subject files they maintained. These records include documentation about library purchases; articles and reports; correspondence; subject files including information about the Lubrecht Forest, the Lick Creek Timber Sale, and sawtimber cut data for Montana; faculty correspondence; scrapbooks; senior trip journals; and senior projects.

Staff Senate Records (1946-2001), RG 52, 7.0 linear feet

Staff Senate represents non-academic staff at the university and the College of Technology and serves as a liaison to the university administration and the community. This collection includes general files and special projects, meeting minutes and agendas, correspondence, committees, and financial records.

Papers of Students and Student Organizations

ASUM (Associated Students of the University of Montana) (1906-2007), RG 63, 15 linear feet

Meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records, scrapbooks and other materials generated by the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM), the student government for The University of Montana-Missoula campuses.

Delta Delta Delta, Theta Rho Chapter Collection (1920-2009), Mss 677, 14.5 linear feet

This collection contains bylaws, meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records, scrapbooks and other documents created by Theta Rho of Delta Delta Delta and by the Theta Rho Home Association, as well as artifacts acquired by or used by Theta Rho members.

Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association History (1965-2007), Mss 710, 0.1 linear feet

This collection includes photocopied clippings and email interviews dated 1965 through 2007 about the history of the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association and the Native American Studies program at The University of Montana-Missoula.

Penetralia Chapter of Mortar Board Records (1904-1949), Mss 669, 4 volumes

UMs senior women's honorary association, Penetralia, was established in 1904 and attained national recognition or charter in 1927 when it became known as the Penetralia Chapter of Mortar Board. The Mortar Board Records include minutes from 1904 to 1918 and from 1946-1949, a general scrapbook from 1935 to 1949, and a membership scrapbook from 1942 to 1944.

Phi Alpha Theta, Beta Psi Chapter Records (1945-1989), Mss 704, 1.7 linear feet

Phi Alpha Theta is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. The Beta Psi Chapter at the University of Montana-Missoula (at that time called Montana State University) was chartered in 1948.

Phi Sigma Kappa Records (1912-1953), Mss 668, 1.0 linear feet

This collection of records from Phi Sigma Kappa of the Montana State University (now the University of Montana-Missoula) includes six volumes. The first holds minutes for the fraternity from 1912 to 1915 when it was Iota Nu and continues through 1923. Other volumes include clippings with a few photos for the years from 1930 to 1942 and 1947 to 1953.

Phi Sigma Society, Lambda Chapter Records (1921-1966), Mss 594, 2.75 linear feet

The Phi Sigma Society is an honorary society in the Biological Sciences, including the studies of Zoology, Botany, Microbiology, Geology, Bacteriology, Anthropology, and many other fields. The University of Montana's Lambda Chapter was chartered in 1921 and probably became inactive in the mid-1960s.

State University of Montana Student Army Training Corps Photograph Album (1918), Mss 666, 1 volume

The War Department initiated The Student Army Training Corps as a nationwide program in the spring of 1918, a year after the U. S. had entered World War I. It began at 157 colleges and lasted until December of that year, following the Armistice. The idea was to allow students to volunteer for the army without unduly depleting enrollment at the nation's colleges and trade schools.

Will Roscoe Papers (1975-2006), Mss 796, 0.2 linear feet

This collection includes a scrapbook of Lambda activities with clippings, letters, and photographs, and a 1976 interview with founding member, Will Roscoe. The collection also includes digital copies of Will Roscoe's undergraduate papers relevant to the life and challenges of being homosexual as a student and citizen in the 1970s.

Student Scrapbooks

A number of wonderful scrapbooks created by students document their time and activities at UM. Among these are scrapbooks created by [Cora Averill](#), [Pearl Mitchell Breeden](#), [Fred E. Buck](#), [Florence Worden Dixon](#), [Stella Louise Duncan](#), [Sadie Erickson](#), [Carl McFarland](#), [Harold Theodore Rule](#), and [J. B. Speer](#).

University of Montana Student Organizations Collection (1895-1961), Mss 604, 1 linear foot

The collection contains records from some of the earliest student organizations at The University of Montana. The organizations include literary societies like Clarkia and Hawthorne, honorary fraternities like Phi Beta Kappa, debate and oratory clubs, the Silver Cornet Band, the Associated Students of The University of Montana Students' Store, and many others. The records contain, but are not limited to, constitutions and by-laws, membership information, treasurer's records, minutes, and clippings.

Papers of Faculty and Staff

Charles H. Clapp Papers (1907-1935), Mss 773, 1.2 linear feet

Clapp's papers include personal, university, community and state related correspondence, speeches, subject files, and miscellaneous that were mostly generated during Clapp's term as president of UM (then the State University at Missoula) from 1921-1935.

Morton J. Elrod Papers and Photographs (1885-1959), Mss 486, 55.5 linear feet

Elrod came to the University of Montana in 1897 as head of the science department. He later became head of the biology department and founded the university's museum of botany and zoology specimen collections. He was extremely active in both the academic and social sides of university life, helping to found both the *Montana Kaimin* and the student government association, and participating in Missoula's Cosmos Club. He founded UMs Biological Station on Flathead Lake in 1899, one of the first freshwater laboratories of its kind in the United States. Elrod became the unofficial photographer of the campus and campus activities soon after he arrived in Missoula. During the first two decades of the 20th century, he photographed almost every aspect of University life with his camera, which recorded the images on large glass plates.

Patricia Goedicke and Leonard Wallace Robinson Papers (1910-2006), Mss 739, 77.2 linear feet

Goedicke and Robinson were Missoula, Montana, residents and faculty at the University of Montana. Goedicke's career was highlighted by a Distinguished Scholar Award in 1991 and the 2003 H.G. Merriam Award for distinguished contributions to Montana literature. This collection includes drafts, notebooks, and business files documenting the creation and publication of Goedicke's and Robinson's many works. Other materials include Goedicke's juvenilia, photographs, audio and visual recordings, and computer files documenting the development of her poems. The correspondence includes exchanges with several literary figures such as Rosellen Brown and Robert S. Phillips. Also notable within the Goedicke-Robinson Papers are works by Robert Lax collected by Robinson.

H. G. Merriam Papers (1883-1980), Mss 487, 17.25 linear feet

H.G. Merriam was a University of Montana professor who played a crucial role in the development of Montana and Northwest literature, in part through his introduction of creative writing into the curriculum of the English department. This collection contains personal and professional correspondence as well as working copies from Merriam's writing and editing endeavors. Significant subject categories include Merriam's service during World War I; long involvement with the Rhodes Scholarship program; teaching and administrative activities at the University of Montana--Missoula; founding, editing, and leadership contributions to the *Frontier and Midland* journal of regional literature; and activities to help create and guide the Montana Institute of the Arts.

Joseph Harding Underwood Papers (1888-1976), Mss 492, 6.5 linear feet

Underwood was an early professor of history, sociology, politics, economics, and business at the University of Montana--Missoula. The collection is predominantly Underwood's writing projects, including essays, novels, and poetry. His writings include his non-fiction academic works, but mostly consist of fiction. Topics of his non-fiction material include analyses of American and European history and proposals for promoting and reforming social justice, property ownership, tax regulations, and education policies.

Photograph Collections

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Rollin H. McKay Photographs (1880-1965), Mss 249, 5059 images

Rollin H. McKay was a Missoula, Montana, photographer during the first half of the twentieth century. His extensive collection of images documents western Montana at this time, especially Missoula and the University of Montana.

University of Montana Photographs by Subject (1895-1983), RG 06, 5.5 linear feet

This is an artificial collection compiled around the subject of the University of Montana in Missoula. All of the images in this collection have something to do with University of Montana-related events, locations or individuals, and help to document over a century of campus history. Images come from a variety of sources.

University Relations Photographs (1984-2004)

These photographs, largely taken by UM Photographer Todd Goodrich, include events, individuals and campus buildings and locations. The majority of this collection is arranged by subject. An online guide is not yet available.

Oral Histories

University of Montana-Missoula Oral History Project (2006-2008), OH 408, 25 interviews

The twenty-five interviews document changes in the university, departments, curriculum, administration, sports, and students from the late 1940s into the 21st century.