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Abstract: Saint Louis University (SLU) is a private, Jesuit, research university located in Saint Louis, Missouri. Established in 1818, SLU is the first institute of higher education founded west of the Mississippi River and the second oldest Jesuit university in the United States. The collection contains topic files, correspondence, publications, ledgers, journals, photographs, prints, and ephemera related to the history and administration of Saint Louis University from its acquisition by the Society of Jesus in 1829 to 2013. This collection was compiled from various sources by Province Archives Staff.

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Historical note

Saint Louis University (SLU) is a private, Jesuit, research university located in Saint Louis, Missouri. Established in 1818, SLU is the first institute of higher education founded west of the Mississippi River and the second oldest Jesuit university in the United States. Originally founded as Saint Louis Academy by the Catholic bishop of Louisiana, Reverend Louis William DuBourg, the Society of Jesus assumed control of the college in 1829. The university received a formal charter from the state of Missouri in 1832, and began offering graduate classes for religious the same year. By 1843, SLU had established the first medical and law programs west of the Mississippi and promoted professional as well as religious education. A place of many firsts, SLU founded the first schools of business, geophysics, and aviation west of the Mississippi. In 1867, the university purchased a tract of land at Grand and Lindell Boulevards, moving the campus from its original downtown location to the Midtown and Central West End neighborhoods of Saint Louis in 1888. Women were first admitted to SLU's graduate programs in 1908, though they would not be allowed to attend co-education classes as undergraduates until 1949. The school was racially integrated in 1944. In 1967, Saint Louis University became the first major Catholic university to give lay and clergy people the combined legal responsibility for institutional policy on its board of trustees.

Since the Society of Jesus accepted responsibility for the original Saint Louis Academy in 1829, Jesuits and Jesuit philosophy have been an integral part of education and campus life at Saint Louis University. The Jesuits of the Missouri Province, now Central and Southern Province, have been students, both undergraduate and graduate, as well as teachers, staff, and administrators. Saint Louis University is a separate administrative entity apart from the Province; however, the continued presence of members of the Province on campus has fostered a strong historical connection between the organizations.

Source

Saint Louis University: Timeline. <http://www.slu.edu/timeline/> (accessed 3/11/2016)

Scope and content note

The Saint Louis University collection contains topic files, correspondence, publications, ledgers, journals, photographs, prints, and ephemera related to the history and administration of Saint Louis University from its acquisition by the Society of Jesus in 1829 to 2013. This collection was compiled from various sources by Province Archives Staff.

Topic files contain information on a variety of administrative topics, such as school policies, academic departments, professional schools, campus offices, centers, institutes, and associations. Files on university buildings, property and financial records, as well as attendance records, particularly those from the early twentieth century, are found in this series. Special events in SLU

history are also represented. Correspondence primarily consists of letters between various provincials of the Missouri Province and administrators at Saint Louis University sent between 1919 and 2005. Correspondence from the nineteenth century, included as “*varia*,” consists of letters regarding university financial matters and descriptions of the 1849 cholera epidemic in Saint Louis city.

Publications include lectures, course information, journals, magazines, newspapers, brochures, and guides created by and for members, and prospective members, of the Saint Louis University community. Ledgers and diaries primarily contains financial account books for Saint Louis University, Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church, and Saint Louis University High School. Diaries included in this series recount the education of Jesuit scholastics in the Theologate and contain poetry written by the theologians.

Photographs and prints include images of groups, individuals, events, and buildings. Late nineteenth and the early twentieth century glass plate negatives include subjects such as Jesuit groups, students, early campus buildings, and events. Ephemera consists of printed materials related to the history of SLU, including maps, diplomas, and playbills.

Arrangement note

The Saint Louis University collection is arranged in five series:

1. Topic files
2. Correspondence
3. Publications
4. Ledgers and diaries
5. Photographs, glass negatives, and ephemera

Series 5, photographs, glass plate negatives, and ephemera, is arranged in three subseries:

- 5.1 Photographs
- 5.2 Glass plate negatives
- 5.3 Ephemera

Collection Contents

Series 1. Topic files, 1770-2010 (bulk 1850-2005)

Scope and content note:

Topic files contain material dating from 1770, before the founding of Saint Louis University, to 2010. Files contain information on a variety of administrative topics, such as school policies, academic departments, professional schools, campus offices, centers, institutes, and associations. Files on university buildings, property and financial records, as well as attendance records, particularly those from the early twentieth century, are found in this series. Special events in SLU history are also represented. Topical files consist of reports, correspondence, memoranda, brochures and other promotional material, news clippings, meeting minutes, blueprints, and notes.

Arrangement note:

Topic files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Academic report, 1932	Box 3.0216: Folder 1
Accreditation-American Association of Theological Schools, 1970	Box 3.0216: Folder 2
Agreement between Archbishop Ritter and Saint Louis University re: Archdiocesan Archives, 1960	Box 3.0216: Folder 3
Attendance records, 1899	Box 3.0216: Folder 4
Awards, 1983	Box 3.0216: Folder 5
Board of Trustees, 1957-2005	Box 3.0216: Folder 6-9
<i>Scope and content note: Materials in this file were taken from the files of Jesuit Father Leo Brown.</i>	
By laws, 1976, 1980, 1996	Box 3.0216: Folder 10
Campus ministry, 1970, 1996-2005	Box 3.0216: Folder 11
Books--Candy--trial report to Rome, 1965-1966	Box 3.0216: Folder 12
Catholic Student Mission Crusade, 1922, 1925-1926	Box 3.0216: Folder 13
Center for International Studies, 2005	Box 3.0216: Folder 14
Center for Liturgy, 1993-2005	Box 3.0216: Folder 15
Center for the Study of Communication and Culture, 1993-2005	Box 3.0216: Folder 16
Charter, by-laws and history, 1976, 1996, 2010	Box 3.0216: Folder 20
Chorale, 1972	Box 3.0216: Folder 21

Classical languages, 1934-1947	Box 3.0216: Folder 22
Cupples House, 1992	Box 3.0216: Folder 23
Dental school, 1944-1946	Box 3.0216: Folder 24
Education, 1926-1927	Box 3.0216: Folder 25
Engineering department, 1946-1948	Box 3.0216: Folder 26
Ex Corde Ecclesiae, 1998	Box 3.0216: Folder 28
Examination Policies, 1951-1952	Box 3.0216: Folder 29
Faculty, 2012-2013	Box 3.0216: Folder 30
Financial Records, 1862-2005	Box 3.0216: Folder 31-32 Box 3.0217: Folder 1-14 Box 3.0218: Folder 1 Box 3.0226: Folder 1
Fundraising, 1955	Box 3.0218: Folder 2
Fleisher Case, 1939, 1985	Box 3.0218: Folder 3
Fordyce Retreat House, 1953-1971	Box 3.0218: Folder 4
Governing boards, 1967-1971, 2001	Box 3.0218: Folder 5-6
Grand Act, 1903	Box 3.0218: Folder 7
History, 1908, 1936	Box 3.0218: Folder 8
Litterae Annuae, 1851-1998	Box 3.0218: Folder 9-12 Box 3.0226: Folder 2
Ignation Center Convention, 1996-1999	Box 3.0218: Folder 13-16
Information Technology Services, 2003	Box 3.0218: Folder 17
Institute for the Study of Peace, 1975	Box 3.0218: Folder 18
Institute for Theological Encounter with Science and Technology, 2000, 2004-2005	Box 3.0218: Folder 19
Institute of Technology, 1944, 1951, 1967-1968	Box 3.0218: Folder 20
Integration, 1961	Box 3.0218: Folder 21
Jesuit College Alumni Association, 1904	Box 3.0218: Folder 22
Jesuit Educational Association Study of Saint Louis University, 1934	Box 3.0218: Folder 23
Jesuit faculty tenure, 1968, 1978	Box 3.0218: Folder 24

Jesuit Hall, 1948-2010	Box 3.0218: Folder 25-31 Box 3.0219: Folder 1-16
Jesuit Historical Institute, 1964-1988	Box 3.0220: Folder 1
President Johnson at Saint Louis University, 1964	Box 3.0220: Folder 2
Labor School, 1942	Box 3.0220: Folder 3
Law School, 1948, 1981	Box 3.0220: Folder 4
Lay Center for Education and the Arts, 2004	Box 3.0220: Folder 5
Legal, 1861-1914	Box 3.0220: Folder 6
Letterhead, undated	Box 3.0220: Folder 7
Library, 1949-2000	Box 3.0220: Folder 8-9
Louisiana Territory, 1770, 1867, 1915	Box 3.0220: Folder 10
Madrid Campus, 2000, 2003	Box 3.0220: Folder 11 OS drawer 15
Manresa Center, 1999	Box 3.0220: Folder 12
Marchetti Endowment Fund, 2006	Box 3.0220: Folder 13
Medical Center – Hospital, 1927-2001	Box 3.0220: Folder 14-25
<i>Scope and content note: File contains reel-to-reel sound recording.</i>	
<i>Access note: Please contact the Archivist if you wish to access reel-to-reel sound recordings as special equipment is required.</i>	
Medical School, 1929-1999	Box 3.0220: Folder 26-27 Box 3.0221: Folder 1-3
Mission and Philosophy Statements, 1971-1992	Box 3.0221: Folder 4
Museum of Art (SLUMA), 2003-2004	Box 3.0221: Folder 5
Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA), 1993, 1997	Box 3.0221: Folder 6
Music Department, 1916-1917	Box 3.0221: Folder 7
Papal Visit, 1998-1999	Box 3.0221: Folder 8
Parks Air College, 1946-2002	Box 3.0221: Folder 9-10 Box 3.0226: Folder 3
Parks, Oliver L., 1993	Box 3.0221: Folder 11
Prefect of Studies reports, 1936-1966	Box 3.0221: Folder 12-13

Philosophate and Theologate, 1890-1992	Box 3.0221: Folder 14-21
Office of Planned Giving, 1994-1996	Box 3.0221: Folder 22
Press releases, 1978, 2001	Box 3.0221: Folder 23
Property management, 1809-1991	Box 3.0222: Folder 5-8 Box 3.0226: Folder 4-7
Public Relations and Communication, 1993	Box 3.0222: Folder 9
School of Social Service, 1948-2001	Box 3.0223: Folder 4
Seismograph, 1951-1969	Box 3.0223: Folder 5
Sermons to students, 1909-1929	Box 3.0223: Folder 6
Slavery, 1850, 1862, 1872	Box 3.0223: Folder 7
Social justice, 1970, 1999	Box 3.0223: Folder 8
Sodality, 1851, 1891, 1944-1967, 2001	Box 3.0223: Folder 9-12 Box 3.0226: Folder 8
Status Temporalis, 1862-1882	Box 3.0226: Folder 9
Students, 1861, 1876	Box 3.0223: Folder 13
Theater, 1943-1944	Box 3.0223: Folder 14
Tuition, 1957	Box 3.0223: Folder 15
Unionization of faculty, 1969-1977	Box 3.0223: Folder 16
Visitations, 1854-1990	Box 3.0223: Folder 17-19 Box 3.0226: Folder 10-11
War Courses, 1942	Box 3.0223: Folder 20
Water Tower Inn, circa 2000s	Box 3.0223: Folder 21
WEW Radio Station, 1932-1952	Box 3.0223: Folder 22
Westminster House, 1969-1974	Box 3.0223: Folder 23
Women's Committee, 1922, 1927	Box 3.0223: Folder 24
World's Fair Exhibit, 1904	Box 3.0226: Folder 12

Series 2. Correspondence, 1824-2005

Scope and content:

Correspondence primarily consists of letters between various provincials of the Missouri Province and administrators at Saint Louis University sent between 1919 and 2005. Correspondence from the nineteenth century, included as “*varia*,” consists of letters regarding property and other university financial matters, as well as the 1849 cholera epidemic in Saint Louis city.

Arrangement:

Correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

Academic Vice-President, 1960-1999	Box 3.0223: Folder 25-28
Chancellor, 1974-1990	Box 3.0223: Folder 29 Box 3.0224: Folder 1
Consultors, 1968-1993	Box 3.0224: Folder 2-7
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1967-1978	Box 3.0224: Folder 8
Dean of the Graduate School, 1937-1975	Box 3.0224: Folder 9
Executive Vice-President, 1958-1995	Box 3.0224: Folder 10
President, 1919-2005	Box 3.0224: Folder 11-21
Rector, 1940-2001	Box 3.0224: Folder 22 Box 3.0225: Folder 1-18
Varia, 1828-1924	Box 3.0226: Folder 13

Series 3. Publications, 1829-2010

Scope and content:

Publications in this series include lectures, course information, journals, magazines, newspapers, brochures, and guides created by and for members, and prospective members, of the Saint Louis University community. Also included are press releases and newspaper clippings regarding important events in Saint Louis University history. A small number of Saint Louis University historical sketches are included in this series.

Arrangement:

Publications are arranged in topical groups.

Bulletins, Catalogs, and Course Schedules, 1881-1964	Box 3.0221: Folder 24
Campus News, 1845-2011	Box 3.0221: Folder 25-26 Box 3.0222: Folder 1-2 Box 3.0226: Folder 14
Center for the Study of Communication and Culture, 1987-2006	Box 3.0216: Folder 17-19
English Bulletin, 1927-1931	Box 3.0216: Folder 27
History of Saint Louis University, 1888-1987	Box 3.0222: Folder 3-4 Box 3.0226: Folder 15 Box 832: Folder 3
<i>Scope and content note: Includes correspondence and newspaper clippings.</i>	
Lectures, 1879-1887	Box 3.0222: Folder 10-13
Literary, 1889-1933	Box 3.0222: Folder 14 Box 3.0226: Folder 16
Medical Center sale, 1997-1998	Box 3.0222: Folder 15-17
Miscellaneous, 1829-2010	Box 3.0222: Folder 18-19 Box 3.0226: Folder 17
News clippings and press releases, 1879-2003	Box 3.0223: Folder 1-2
Programs and Invitations, 1877-2014	Box 3.0223: Folder 3 Box 3.0226: Folder 18

Series 4. Ledgers and diaries, 1890-1938

Scope and content:

Ledgers and diaries primarily contain financial account books for Saint Louis University, Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church, and Saint Louis University High School. Included are tuition records for board and day scholars, and expenditure account records for individuals associated with Saint Louis University. Diaries included in this series recount the education of Jesuit scholastics in the Theologate and contain poetry written by the theologians.

Arrangement:

Ledgers and diaries are arranged alphabetically.

Carmina Theologorum, 1900-1901, 1903-1910	Box 3.0230: Vol. 4-7
<i>Scope and content note: Vow poems written by theologians.</i>	
Cash books, 1910, 1914	Box 832: Vol. 1-2
Habitualia and Personalia University and Church, 1912-1929	Box 3.0226: Vol. 3 Box 3.0227: Vol. 1, 6, 9 Box 3.0228: Vol. 1 Box 832: Vol. 3
Ledger pages, 1935	Box 832: Folder 2
Personal Expenses – Frs., Bros., Schol., 1924-1925	Box 3.0230: Vol. 2
Personalia, 1911-1918, 1923-1924	Box 3.0227: Vol. 4, 7 Box 3.0230: Vol. 3
Personalia and Habitualia, 1908-1910	Box 3.0226: Vol. 1
Personalia, Law, and Loans, 1902-1922	Box 3.0228: Vol. 4
Poems of Theologians, 1900-1910	Box 3.0230: Folder 1
Status Temporalis Collegii, 1922-1938	Box 811: Vol. 3
Theologian’s diary, 1899-1922	Box 811: Vol. 2
Theologian’s English Academy, 1902	Box 811: Vol. 1
Tuition, 1890-1908	Box 3.0228: Vol. 5-9 Box 3.0229: Vol. 1-3
Tuitions: College and High School, 1911-1924	Box 3.0229: Vol. 4 Box 3.0230: Vol. 1
University Habitualia and Personalia, 1911-1915, 1917	Box 3.0226: Vol. 2, 4-5 Box 3.0227: Vol. 2-3, 8 Box 3.0228: Vol. 2
“St. Louis University from Feb. 6 1919 to,” small ledger book, 1919	Box 3.0228: Vol. 3

Series 5. Photographs and prints, glass plate negatives, and ephemera, 1843-2007

Scope and content:

This series contains photographs, glass plate negatives, and ephemera documenting the history of Saint Louis University. Photographs from 1848 to 2007 include pictures of groups, individuals, events, and buildings. Late nineteenth and the early twentieth century glass plate negatives include subjects such as Jesuit groups, students, early campus buildings, and events, such as the Grand Act

in 1903 and 1904 World's Fair. Ephemera consists of printed materials related to the history of SLU, including maps, diplomas, and playbills.

Arrangement:

Photographs, glass plate negatives, and ephemera are arranged in three subseries.

Subseries 5.1. Photographs and prints, 1848-2007

Scope and content:

Photographs and prints of groups include classes of Jesuit scholastics, particularly from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, orchestras, sports teams, theatre groups, and faculty. Photographs of individuals in this collection consist primarily of images of past Saint Louis University presidents and faculty. Images of important events in SLU's history are also represented in this subseries. Photographs and artistic renderings of buildings, both interior and exterior, on Saint Louis University's campus are also included.

Arrangement:

Photographs are arranged by topic.

Groups, 1870-2007	Box 737 Box 840 OS box
Individuals, circa 1848-1990s	Box 737 Box 840
Events, 1903-2002	Box 737
Buildings, 1850s-1980s	Box 737-738 Box 840

Subseries 5.2. Glass plate negatives, circa 1880s-1920s

Scope and content:

Late nineteenth and the early twentieth century glass plate negatives include subjects such as Jesuit groups, students, early campus buildings, and events, such as the Grand Act in 1903 and 1904 World's Fair. Many negatives in this subseries have corresponding prints in the photographs and prints subseries.

Arrangement:

Glass negatives arranged alphabetically by topic.

Access:

Access to the original negatives is limited to special appointments because the images are fragile.

Buildings: early campus, circa 1880s-1890s	File drawer 865
Buildings: exteriors, circa early 1900s	File drawer 865
Buildings: interior, 1880s-1890s	File drawer 865
Cadets, 1905	File drawer 866
Grand Act, 1903	File drawer 866
Jesuit groups, 1885-1915	File drawer 866
Museum, circa 1907	File drawer 866
Teams, circa 1880s-1910s	File drawer 866
Orchestra, circa 1880s-1910s	File drawer 866
Students, circa 1890s-1920s	File drawer 866
World's Fair, 1904	File drawer 866

[Subseries 5.3. Ephemera, 1843, circa 1907, 1946, 1991](#)

Scope and content:

Ephemera consists of printed materials related to the history of Saint Louis University.

Arrangement:

Ephemera is arranged in its original order.

Map of Deer's Cry, Stanton, MO, 1946	OS drawer 9
Cenodoxus playbill, 1991	OS drawer 15
Benjamin Boyer Brown diploma, 1843	OS drawer 16
Sodality diploma, circa 1907	OS drawer 16