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Fonds description

Stanley Grenz Fonds

1967–2005, 2009

3.45 m of textual records and other material

Biographical sketch: Stanley J. Grenz was born in Alpena, Michigan, on 7 January 1950. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder (Bachelor of Arts with distinction, 1973), Denver Seminary (M.Div. with honours, 1976) and the University of Munich, Germany (D.Theol. magna cum laude, 1978), where he wrote a dissertation entitled “Isaac Backus: Puritan and Baptist” under the supervision of Wolfhart Pannenberg. During his professional career, he was a recipient of a Fulbright Grant for sabbatical study in Munich, Germany (1987–88) as well as a Theological Research Fellowship, awarded by the Association of Theological Schools (1993). He was also named a fellow with the Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology program (1999–2000) and was included in two editions of *Who’s Who in Religion*.

Dr. Grenz was ordained into the gospel ministry on 13 June 1976. He worked within the local church context as youth director and assistant pastor (Northwest Baptist Church, Denver, CO, 1971–76), pastor (Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB, 1979–81) and interim pastor on several occasions. In addition, he preached and lectured in numerous churches, colleges, universities, and seminaries in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia.

Dr. Grenz authored or co-authored twenty-five books, the latest of which is *Rediscovering the Triune God: The Trinity in Contemporary Theology* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004). He served as editor or co-editor for two Festschriften, contributed articles to over two dozen other volumes and has authored over a hundred essays and eighty book reviews. Several of these essays and books have won writing awards in the USA and Canada.

Dr. Grenz served as president of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (1989–90) and was a member of the National Board of the American Academy of Religion (1989–90), the South Dakota Committee on the Humanities (1986–90), the editorial board of *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (1985–88), the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (1983–88), the steering committee of the Evangelical Theology Group of the American Academy of Religion (1988–95; co-chair, 1990–94), the Ethics Commission of the Baptist World Alliance (1986–2000), the Social Action Commission of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (1994–96), and the steering committee of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association (1996–2000). He also participated in both the Doctrine Commission and the Theological Education Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

For twelve years (1990–2002), Dr. Grenz held the position of Pioneer McDonald Professor of Baptist Heritage, Theology, and Ethics at Carey Theological College and at Regent College in Vancouver, BC. After a one-year sojourn as Distinguished Professor of Theology at Baylor University and Truett Seminary in Waco, TX (2002–3), he returned to Carey in August 2003 to resume his duties as Pioneer McDonald Professor of Theology. In autumn 2004, he assumed an additional appointment as Professor of Theological Studies at Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle, WA. Prior to his initial move to Vancouver, he was Professor of Systematic Theology and Christian Ethics at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD (1981–90). While in the pastorate (1979–81), he taught courses both at the University of Winnipeg and at the Winnipeg Theological Seminary (now Providence Seminary).

From 1996 to 1999, he carried an additional appointment as Professor of Theology and Ethics (Affiliate) at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, IL.

On his untimely death in March 2005, Dr. Grenz left a significant legacy of his private and professional materials that continues to influence theological research and studies.

Biographical information provided by the Grenz family.

Custodial history: After Grenz's death, custody of the fonds passed to his wife, Edna Grenz, who donated them to the John Richard Allison Library in 2010.

Scope and content: Fonds consists of published works and documents made or received by Stanley Grenz, reflecting his professional career and aspects of his personal life. The records bear testimony to the broad range of religious and academic issues that Grenz dealt with as an author, academician, and an ordained minister.

The records include notes, drafts, proofs of essays and articles, transparencies, audiovisual materials, and photographs. The fonds are divided into eight series: correspondence, published works, class lecture notes, speaking engagements, sermon notes, personal files, audiovisual materials, and photographs.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the provenance of the fonds.

Physical description note: Includes: 6 photographs, 196 audio cassettes, 2 audio compact discs, 8 videocassettes, and 7 optical discs.

Arrangement: When discernible, Stanley Grenz's original notation has been retained as a note on the folders. Correspondence is interfiled with related records in most of the series.

Finding aids: File list available.

Restrictions: The collection is open for research. However, some restrictions may apply to unpublished materials, such as Dr. Grenz's personal journal. Intellectual property (copyright) of Dr. Grenz's published works is retained by Edna Grenz (and heirs) and is administered in accordance with Canadian Copyright laws.

Conservation note: Materials were put into acid free folders and acid free boxes. Rusty staples and paperclips were removed.

Accruals: Accruals to the collection are anticipated as some of Grenz's works (especially his published books) may be added for a complete representation of his legacy as a Christian author.

Series / Subseries descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence

1980–2005, 2009

1.5 m of textual records

Scope and content: This series includes outgoing and incoming correspondence with editors, publishers, authors, scholars, and other professional bodies. The series reflects the communiqué that ensued during preparatory, planning, and finishing stages of the various publications as well as professional engagements with seminaries, educational institutions, and religious organizations. This series includes copies of royalty statements, publishing rights and agreements, book and essay proposals, drafts of book sections, contracts, handwritten notes, book briefs, and other related materials.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Series 2: Published works

ca. 1967, 1979–2005, 2009

2.75 m of textual records

Scope and content: This series consists of records related to Grenz's activities as an author. The series includes book-length publications, journals, newspapers, and magazine articles. This series consists of three subseries: published books, published articles, and book reviews.

Source of supplied title: Title based on content of series.

Arrangement notes: Copies of entire books, journals, newspapers, newsletters, magazines, and bulletins are kept and treated as archival material in accordance with Grenz's wish, thus: "*I prefer to keep for my records a copy of the entire issue of journals in which my articles are published.*" Correspondence often precedes a copy of the published work.

Subseries 2a: Published books

1967, 1990–2004, 2008

1.35 m of textual records (44 books)

Scope and content: This subseries is a collection of complimentary copies of published books. These books are either authored by Grenz or he served as a contributor by writing chapter(s), the preface, the foreword, or the introductory note. Others are dedicated to Grenz or are in honour of his memory.

Subseries 2b: Published articles

1979–2005

1.3 m of textual records (232 articles)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of Grenz's articles published in various journals, newspapers, newsletters, magazines, and bulletins. This subseries includes drafts, manuscripts,

clippings, correspondence, and other textual records pertaining to articles written by or about Grenz.

Subseries 2c: Book reviews

1979–2002

0.07 m of textual records (95 books reviewed)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of manuscripts and copies of published book reviews. This subseries reflects the extensive number of books reviewed by Grenz as well as correspondence with publishing houses and authors to discuss or request a review.

Series 3: Class lecture notes

ca. 1980–2004

0.48 m of textual records

Scope and content: This series reflects Grenz's lecture preparations and planning before delivery. The series also shows courses that Grenz taught. Lecture notes are mainly on theological topics and are predominantly on ethical themes. The series includes course syllabi, song sheets, transparencies, class evaluations, cartoons, and clippings of newspaper articles on numerous themes.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Series 4: Speaking engagements

1994, 1999–2004

0.07 m of textual records

Scope and content: This series consists of draft copies of Grenz's speaking engagement notes. It contains presentations, speeches, and addresses given during conferences, symposiums, seminars, workshops, and public lectures.

Source of supplied title: Title imposed by archivist, based on the content of the series.

Series 5: Sermon notes

ca. 1979–2000

0.05 m of textual records

Scope and content: This series consists of sermon notes on various themes. The series reflects the preparatory, planning, and outlines that Grenz used before he delivered sermons from the pulpit.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Language note: Some handwritten notes in German.

Series 6: Personal files

ca. 1973–2005

0.13 m of textual records

Scope and content: This series consists of Grenz's personal records, reflecting his academic life as a student. Records in the series include private writings contained in a journal, transcripts, certificates, term papers, lecture notes, and course syllabi. The series also contains initial research work, newspaper clippings, and correspondence for the writing of Grenz's book: *Reason for Hope: The Systematic Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg*.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Series 7: Audiovisual materials

1975–2005

196 audio cassettes (ca. 30 min. each)

7 optical discs (8 hrs. 57 min.)

2 audio compact discs (1 hr. 14 min.)

8 videocassettes (ca. 5 hrs. 30 min.)

Scope and content: This series consists of sermons delivered to different groups during Grenz's pastoral and academic life. The series is primarily made up sermons delivered in Grenz's capacity as an ordained minister and a preaching pastor at Rowandale Baptist Church, Winnipeg; Trinity Baptist Church, Vancouver; and First Baptist Church, Vancouver. This series also contains lectures series carried out by Grenz as Professor of Theology and Ethics at Regent College, Vancouver.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the type of medium of the series.

Series 8: photographs

ca. 1951, 1976, 1982, 1999

6 photographs: b&w and col.; 21 x 26 cm or smaller

Scope and content: This series consists of personal portrait size photographs of Stanley Grenz; a group photograph at the Baptist International Conference on Theological Education; photograph of Stanley Grenz and Wolfhart Pannenberg in the Grenzses' home; and a photograph of NABS students.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.