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**SUMMARY:** The theses in Series I (1939-1966) were submitted to YDS for a variety of degree programs. The theses in Series II (1975-1985) were submitted for the S.T.M. degree at Yale Divinity School. Series III contains additional theses that have some Yale connection. The theses in this collection are mostly from Yale Divinity School, but some theses related to Yale or its collections are also included. More recent YDS S.T.M. theses are catalogued in Orbis, the Yale Library catalogue.

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Over the years there have been varying practices regarding the deposit of YDS theses in the Divinity Library. This collection is not comprehensive of all YDS theses ever submitted for degrees, but rather merely represents the ones that have been deposited in the library.

## Scope and Contents

The theses in Series I (1939-1966) were submitted to YDS for a variety of degree programs. They are arranged alphabetically by author.

The theses in Series II (1975-1985) were submitted for the S.T.M. degree at Yale Divinity School. They are arranged by year and then by author.

More recent YDS theses are catalogued individually in Orbis, Yale's library catalogue and can be found by doing a keyword search for "S.T.M. Yale Divinity School".

Series III contains additional theses that have some Yale connection. The theses in this collection are mostly from Yale Divinity School, but some theses related to Yale or its collections are also included. Over the years there have been varying practices regarding the deposit of YDS theses in the Divinity Library. This collection is not comprehensive of all YDS theses ever submitted for degrees, but rather represents merely the ones that have been deposited in the library. The papers are grouped by the year in which they were submitted and are arranged alphabetically by author within each year.

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## Arrangement

- I. Early YDS Theses, 1939-1966
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- III. Other Theses

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### Series I: Early YDS theses, 1939–1966

b. 1A	Akagi, Tai: Why Christian Education? - Prolegomena. (2 copies)	1950
b. 1A	Arnold, John William: Pioneer Protestant Educational Missions to China, 1807-1857. (2 copies)	1948
b. 2A	Ashley, Albert R.: The Southern Methodist Church. (2 copies)	1946
b. 2A	Ayers, Stephen: A Study of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life of the Congregational Denomination in America. (2 copies)	1940
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b. 9A	Durden, Lewis Minyon: The Army Character Guidance Program (2 copies)	1952
b. 10A	Esbjornson, Robert G.: Luther W. Youngdahl: A Christian in Politics (2 copies)	1954
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b. 6	Brown, Leroy: Ministry of the Black Church to the Black Family. Advisors: Charles Brown, Leon Watts.	1980
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