

Curtis Wilgus Talks – Audio Recordings

About

Dr. A. Curtis Wilgus served as professor of Latin American history at the University of Florida, where he organized and directed the School of Inter-American Studies. Prior to moving to Florida, he taught at the University of South Carolina and George Washington University. Wilgus authored many books and articles on Latin America and was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to the board of foreign scholarships as coordinator in the Office of Inter-American Affairs.

In 1967, Wilgus left the University of Florida and moved to Miami where he continued to write and consult on Latin America. Throughout his career, Wilgus concentrated on bibliographic work, which he viewed as key to fostering progress in Latin American Studies. (*description from the A. Curtis Wilgus Graduate Fellowship Fund at the University of Florida*).

The recordings were made in March 1976 by Dr. A. Curtis Wilgus. The recordings were digitally remastered by Peter Steelquist in March 2005.

Individual Audio Files

1. Interest in bibliographical and library work; father's influence; maps
2. Interest in Latin American History, education, text books, teaching jobs, book reviewing, bibliographies, Inter-American Relations, National Geographic Index, Hispanic American Review, World Affairs editorship, Doors to Latin America
3. Inter-American bibliographical and library association; conferences; book series; Medina Award; bibliographical survey
4. Interest in bibliographies; various publications, maps, syllabus bibliographies, high school
5. Reading of paper presented at the University of Florida Caribbean Conference, February 1975, "25 years in 25 minutes"
6. Comments on the Caribbean Conferences; personal reflections on: Alcoa Steamship Co. funding, Latin American Reference Library Association conferences; Inter-American Bibliographical Review; professional organizations; Journal of Interamerican Studies founding; consultant to Latin American Institute

Additional Materials

The edited collections that grew out of the Caribbean Conference are available online in the Digital Library of the Caribbean, digitized by the University of Florida from local holdings.

The University of Miami Special Collections house the A. Curtis Wilgus Papers, which has an online finding guide:

<http://proust.library.miami.edu/findingaids/?p=collections/controlcard&id=137>