

## **UA-9 Nick Piediscalzi Papers**

**Collection Number:** UA-9

**Title:** Nick Piediscalzi Papers

**Dates:** 1951-2013

**Creator:** Nick Piediscalzi

**Summary/Abstract:** The collected research and written works of Nick Piediscalzi regarding the topic of religion and teaching as it relates to public education. Collection also includes materials related to the founding of the WSU Dept. of Religion and the Public Education Religious Studies Center (PERSC)

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 4 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

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**Acquisition:** The Nick Piediscalzi Papers were donated to Special Collections & Archives by Nick Piediscalzi in May and November of 2015.

**Accruals:** There is the potential for additional accruals

**Related Material:** WSU Department of Religion/PERSC Collection, WSU Retirees Association Oral History Project [http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/archives\\_retirees/21/](http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/archives_retirees/21/)

**Processed by:** This finding aid was written according to DACS standards by Nina Herzog, June 2016.

**Arrangement:** This collection is comprised of five series:

Series I: Published Works (1966-1993)  
Series II: Religious and Education Studies (1977-2013)  
Series III: PERSC (1972-1986)  
Series IV: WSU Religion Department (1965-1987)  
Series V: Unpublished Materials (1951-2014)  
    Sub-Series Va: Nick Piediscalzi  
    Sub-Series Vb: James Panoch

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Born and raised on the west side of Chicago, Nick Piediscalzi pursued his undergraduate work at Grinnell College in Iowa, before attending Yale University where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1956. After graduation he spent four years as a campus minister at the University of California at Berkeley. He then returned to graduate school in 1960 at Boston University where he received his teaching degree, and continuing his studies there in pursuit of a doctoral degree in contemporary religious thought and ethics. During this time Nick also spent a year teaching at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Co. He completed his dissertation on “Paul Tillich and Erik H. Erikson on The Origin and Nature of Morality and Ethics”, and received his doctoral in 1965. Nick had two job opportunities after graduation, one from the Miami University/Ohio State University branch campus in Dayton, Ohio, and the other from the University of Hawaii. He made the decision to accept the offer from the Miami/Ohio State branch campus in Dayton, with the agreement that he would build the Department of Religion when the satellite campus became its own state university, which happened in the fall of 1967. Over the next twenty-three years he grew the Department of Religion, adding faculty, courses and creating the Public Education Religious Studies Center (PERSC).

**Scope and Content:** The materials provide an insight into the career of Nicholas Piediscalzi. The collection covers the beginning of his career at Wright State University to his retirement years in California. The majority of the collection are books in which he contributed to or edited.

Series I: Published Works contains books and papers written by Nick. These include papers prepared for conference and lecture, newspaper article and book reviews. Of note is *Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations: 1776-1976 A Bicentennial Conference* publication.

Series II: Religious and Education Studies contains materials for teaching religion in public schools. The series contains guidance for educators to teach about religion along with studies completed on the subject. Of interest are the NCPRE Curriculum Resource Guides.

Series III: Public Education Religious Studies Center (PERSC) houses documents on the center. Included in the series are newsletters, workshops and publications. Of interest is the “Religion Studies in the Public Schools” slide presentation.

Series IV: WSU Religion Department contains materials about the department. Included in this series is the history of the unit, newspaper clippings and course syllabi. Of interest is the C.A.R.E.E.S. Newsletters Christian-Marxist Encounter Task Group.

Series V: Unpublished Materials contains materials on Nick Piediscalzi and Janes Panoch. There are newspaper clippings, undergraduate and graduate notebooks for Nick. Of interest is his dissertation on “Paul Tillich and Erik H. Erikson on The Origin and Nature of Morality and Ethics”.

**Subject Terms**

**Persons/Families**

Panoch, James V.  
 Piediscalzi, Nicholas

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Boston University  
 Grinell University  
 Miami University  
 Ohio State University  
 Wright State University

**Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Communism and Christianity  
 Communism and Christianity -- United States  
 Religion -- Addresses, essays, lectures.

**Material Types**

Slides  
 Books  
 Newspaper Clippings  
 Audio Cassette  
 Magazines  
 Dissertation

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Series I : Published Works (1966-1993)</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Lectures and Presentations	1973, 1984, 1985, 1996
	2	Conference Papers	1966, 1977, 1982
	3	North American Christian-Marxist Dialogue Ecumenical Events: North American Christian-Marxist Dialogue and International Symposium on Peace Journal of Ecumenical Studies	1980 February 10, 1981 Fall, 1982, May 30

	4	Magazine Articles by Nicholas Piediscalzi	1968-1981
	5	Newspaper Articles by Nicholas Piediscalzi	1983, Undated
	6	Book Review and Responses	1968-1999 (scattered), Undated
	7	From Hope to Liberation Towards a New Marxist-Christian Dialogue	1974
	8	The Bible Reader's Guide	1970
	9	Ohio Journal of Religious Studies	1977, Apr.
	10	<i>Three Worlds of Christian-Marxist Encounters</i>	1985
	11	"Religion and Politics" <i>Current World Leaders</i>	1989 Aug
	11	"Public Education Religion Studies Since the Schempp Decision" <i>Foundations for Christian Education in an Era of Change</i>	1976
	12	"Teaching a Course on the Marxist-Christian Dialogue" <i>Varieties of Christian-Marxist Dialogue</i>	1978 Winter
	13	Book Reviews in <i>Religion and American Life Resources</i>	1989
	14	"Erik N. Erikson's Psychology of Religion" <i>New Dimensions in the Humanities and Social Sciences</i>	1977 Spring
	15	"The Prophets and the Protesters" <i>Contemporary Religion and Social Responsibility</i>	1973
	16	No. 2 Erik H. Erikson's Contribution to Ethics <i>Religion &amp; Health</i>	1973 Apr.
	17	Reflections on the Nature of a Scientific Symposium <i>Peace and the Sciences 3/78</i>	1978, Apr. 24-26
	17	"The Present State of Dialogue" <i>Peace and the Sciences 2/83</i>	1982, Dec. 2-4
	18	"U. S. Supreme Court Decisions and Recent Developments" <i>Southwestern Journal of Social Education</i>	1977 Spring-Summer
	19	"The Changing Vision of Sexuality and the Family" <i>The Churches Speak On: Sex and Family Life</i>	1991
	20	Comments on Friedman's "The Transmoral Morality" <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	1965 Spring
	20	Book Review of Insight and Responsibility: Lectures on the Ethical Implications of Psychoanalysis by Erik Homburger <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	1965 Fall
	21	"Eurocentric Education" <i>The World and I: A Chronicle of Our Changing Era Eurocentric Education</i>	1993 Feb.
	22	Public Education Part 2 Public Education and Religion Studies	1972, July-Aug.
2	1	Review of "Chinese Christians Speak Out: Addresses and Sermons" <i>The Christian Century</i>	1985 Jan. 23

	1	“China’s New Policy on Religion” <i>The Christian Century</i>	1985 Jun. 19-26
	2	“Destructiveness at Home” <i>The Center Magazine</i>	1979 Sept./Oct.
	3	“Reflection on the Twentieth Anniversary of the ‘Schempp-Murray’ Decision” <i>Miami Valley Contributor</i>	1984 Dec./Jan.
	4	“The study of ethics and religions: Does the public school have a role?” Report of a Conference	1977 Nov. 6
	5	Proclamation 2 – summary of The Bible In American Education	1982 Spring/Summer
	6	“Studying Religion in the Public Schools” <i>Church &amp; State</i>	1981 Nov.
	7	The Social Studies: <i>The Study of Religion in the Social Studies Curriculum</i>	1993 Nov./Dec.
	8	“An Annotated Bibliography on Public Education Religion Studies for the Beginning Teacher” <i>Social Education</i>	1981 Jan.
	9	“Three images of man/woman--Smith, Marx, Jesus : a critique of the sweetest yoke of all” <i>Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations: 1776-1976 A Bicentennial conference</i>	1976, March 23-26

**Series II : Religious and Education Studies (1977-2013)**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	10	<i>Religion &amp; Public Education</i>	1984 Fall
	10	<i>Religion &amp; Public Education</i>	1985 Fall
	11	<i>Religion &amp; Public Education</i>	1987 Spring
	12	<i>Religion &amp; Public Education</i>	1988 Fall
	13	<i>Religion &amp; Public Education</i>	1991
	14	“From Overwhelming Power to Suffering Love: Tracing Transformations in Michelangelo’s Art and Theology” <i>Art as Religious Studies</i>	1987
	15	<i>Religious Education: Finding a Place to Stand</i>	1978 Mar.-Apr.
	16	<i>Religious Education: Children and Youth</i>	1979 May-June
	17	<i>Religious Education: Religious Education and Public Policy</i>	1980 Nov.-Dec.
	18	The Academic Study of Religion: Distinguishing Moral Education, Values Clarification and Religion-Studies	1976
	19	<i>The Academic Study of Religion: 1975 Public Schools Religion-Studies 1975</i>	1975
	20	<i>Public Education Religion Studies: An Overview</i>	1981
	21	<i>Teaching About Religion in Public Schools</i>	1977
	22	<i>The Bible in American Education</i>	1982

		<i>Religion &amp; Education</i>	2001 Fall, 2013 Nov.-Dec.
	23	NCPRE Curriculum Resource Guides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Introduction to Public Education Religion Studies</li> <li>• Teaching About World Religions</li> <li>• Teaching the Bible in Literature Classes</li> </ul>	1987
<b>Series III: Public Education Religious Studies Center (PERSC) (1972-1986)</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	1	PERSC Guidebooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religion Studies in the Curriculum: Retrospect and Prospect, 1963-1983</li> <li>• Public Education Religion Studies: Questions and Answers</li> </ul>	1974, 1986
	2	PERSC newsletters	1973 Fall - 1980 Fall
	3	PERSC and Public Education Religion Studies Development in the Council on the Study of Religion Bulletin	1977 Dec.
	4	Religion: What is It? Religion in Elementary Social Studies Teacher Self-Instructional Kit I	1972-1975
	5	“Religion Studies in the Public Schools” slide presentation with audio cassette, usage guide included	1972
	6	Workshops	1973-1977
<b>Series IV: WSU Religion Department (1965-1987)</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	7	Department of Religion History	1965-1975
	8	WSU Dept. Religion brochures	1971, 1972, Undated
	9	Newspaper Clippings	1965-1968, 1976- 1978, 1987
	10	C.A.R.E.E.S. Newsletters Christian-Marxist Encounter Task Group	1976-1983
	11	C.A.R.E.E.S. Newsletters Christian-Marxist Encounter Task Group	1984-1986
	12	Course Syllabi	1965-1969
	13	Course Syllabi	1970-1979
	14	Course Syllabi	1980-1985
	15	Publications	1972, 1983

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Religion in the Underground Curriculum: An Analysis and Interpretation</i> 1972</li> <li>• <i>Atheism and Dialogue</i> 1983</li> </ul>	
<b>Series V: Unpublished Materials (1951-2014)</b>			
<b>Sub-Series V a: Nick Piediscalzi (1951-2014)</b>			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Curriculum Vita	2014, Mar. 1
	2	Plymouth House	1957-1961, 1999
	3	Early Papers	1948-1965
	4	Early Papers	1951-1952, 1960-1961
	5	Yale College notebooks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theology since Schleiermacher</li> <li>• Xn. Ethics</li> <li>• Philosophy D5 Klausner</li> <li>• Public Worship</li> </ul>	1951, 1955
	6	Dissertation – Paul Tillich and Erik H. Erikson on The Origin and Nature of Morality and Ethics (cover to page 157)	1965
	7	Dissertation – Paul Tillich and Erik H. Erikson on The Origin and Nature of Morality and Ethics (pages 158-359)	1965
	8	Dissertation – Paul Tillich and Erik H. Erikson on The Origin and Nature of Morality and Ethics (pages 360-490)	1965
	9	Boston University and Yale University Commencement Programs	1956, June 11, 1965
	10	Wright State Campus Convocations	1966, 1967
	11	Certificates of awards	1977- 2006 (scattered)
	12	Retirement letters	1988
	13	Professor Emeritus	1988, Oct. 24
	14	One Day and Weekly Wellness Program manual	Undated
	15	California 3 R's Project Newspaper Clippings	1990-1996
	16	Leadership Center presents Finding Common Ground: A California Three Rs Project Seminar	1997 Jan. 30-31
	17	California Three Rs Project Annual Report	1995-1996
	18	California Three Rs Project Resource Leaders Manual Part 1	1996, Sept.
	19	California Three Rs Project Resource Leaders Manual Page 2	1996. Sept.
	20	Newspaper Clippings about Nick	1960s-2000s

	21	WSU Lectures	1989-1992, 1996-2001
	22	La Casa Program Flyers and Santa Barbara City College Flyers	2000-2001
	23	AERSIG Award – AERSIG Award	2013
	<b>Sub-Series V b: James Panoch (1968-2013)</b>		
	24	James V. Panoch	2010, 2013
	25	Religion Goes to Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Secondary Curriculum for a Changing World</i></li> </ul>	1968