Guide to the Letters from Louis Ginsberg to Donald Duclos and Related Press Clippings

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Biographical Sketch

Louis Ginsberg was a long-time Paterson New Jersey resident. Although Louis was best known as the father of legendary Beat poet Allen Ginsberg, he was an adjunct professor at various local institutions, including Paterson State College and Rutgers University, and was a poet of some distinction in his own right.

Donald Duclos was a faculty member of Paterson State College/William Paterson College. During his tenure with the institution, which lasted from 1961 until 1988, Duclos served Paterson State/William Paterson both in an administrative capacity and as a professor of English.

Scope and Content Note

The letters in this collection date from January 1965- March 1970. Some of the letters are regarding a joint poetry reading by Louis and Allen Ginsberg, which was held at Paterson State College, while others primarily illustrate the growing personal relationship between two individuals who share similar academic interests. The newspaper clippings, dated between May 1965 and March 1967 are all related to the joint poetry reading. The clippings feature both announcements of the reading and coverage of the event itself.

Arrangement Note

The letters and newspaper clippings in this collection are separated into two folders; one folder contains the letters, and the other, the newspaper clippings. The contents of each folder are arranged chronologically.

Name and Subject Index Terms

Corporate Names
Paterson State College- Cultural Events
Paterson State College- Faculty
Paterson State College- English Department
Paterson State College- History
Paterson State College- Literary Events

Personal Names
Duclos, Donald
Ginsberg, Allen
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