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

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Descriptive Summary

Creators: Louis Ginsberg and Donald Duclos

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Title: Guide to the letters from Louis Ginsberg to Donald Duclos and Related Press Clippings

Dates: January 1965-March 1970

Abstract: Louis Ginsberg was the father of legendary Beat poet Allen, and a poet of some distinction in his own right. This collection consists of his letters to Dr. Donald Duclos of the Paterson State College (now WPU) English Department and Duclos' personal newspaper clippings of a joint poetry reading performed by Allen and Louis Ginsberg at Paterson State College.

Quantity: 2 folders

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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
- Ginsberg, Louis

Subjects

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