

**Wesleyan Writer's Conference Records, 1956-
Collection 2002-26a
Preliminary Inventory**

Records created by Jeanne Brown Krochalis: co-founder; Director of Manuscripts and Scholarships (1956-69); and Director (1969-ca. 1980) of the Suffield Reader-Writer Conference. Arrangement is chronological by conference year, with minimal arrangement thereunder. Contents include correspondence with teachers and lecturers; invitations; brochures; student scholarship applications, planning, and writing samples; budgeting; advertising; and scheduling documentation. The bulk of the present series covers the years 1960-1977. By the early 1980s, Jack Paton became Director and Krochalis served as Chair of the Advisory Board. Records after 1980 in this series reflect that shift in her administrative duties.

The annual summer conference was founded in 1956 by Krochalis, an English teacher at Suffield Academy, the critic Louis Untermeyer, who was a colleague at Suffield Academy, and Irish poet and playwright Padraic Colum, then living in New York. The conference affiliated with Wesleyan in 1976 to become the Suffield-Wesleyan Writer's Conference in 1976, and is presently known as the Wesleyan Writer's Conference.

Box 7 contains cassette tapes of lectures, readings, and conference sessions including the following individuals: William Manchester; Padraic Colum; J. Sternberg; Steve Foreman; Lael Wertenbaker; Robertson Davies; Brendan Galvin; George Garrett; William Packard; Norma Farber.

Box	Contents
1	Guestbook, 1959-76 Conference records, 1956-67
2	1967-69
3	1970-72
4	1972-74
5	1974-77
6	1976-94; Conference programs
7	Recordings
8	Oversize
Padraic	Conference posters, 1960 – ca. 1980s; 2 mounted photos of Colum; canvas tote bag.