SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title: Gilbert Allen Collection
Dates: 1983-2018
Accession Number: 2008-068
Creator: Allen, Gilbert
Physical Description: 0.63 linear ft. (2 boxes)
Languages: Collection material in English.
Processing Information: Special Collections staff processed the collection. Julia Cowart updated the finding aid in 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
Materials were donated by Gilbert Allen over a period of years.

Biographical Sketch

Born in New York, Gilbert Allen moved to the Foothills of South Carolina in 1977 with his wife, Barbara, where he has lived since. Allen attended Cornell University where he received his BA, MFA, and PhD. Allen currently teaches at Furman University where he is the Bennette E. Geer Professor of Literature. Allen's poetry collections include In Everything, Second Chances, Commandments at Eleven, and Driving to Distraction. His works have appeared in numerous anthologies and he has even participated in publishing anthologies including The Ninety Six Sampler of South Carolina Poetry, which has been used as a textbook in many schools across the state, and A Millennial Sampler of South Carolina Poetry, published in 2005. In May 1999, Allen was elected an honorary member of South Carolina’s Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of his achievements. He was the 2002-03 recipient of the South Carolina Literary Arts Fellowship from the South Carolina Arts Commission. He also hosted a symposium at Furman titled "The Great Grassy World from Both Sides": Poets as Editors, Editors as Poets. In 2007, his series of poems "The Assistant" received the Robert Penn Warren Prize from The Southern Review.
USING THE COLLECTION

Access Restrictions: None.

Preferred Citation: [Identification of item], Gilbert Allen Collection, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

Scope and Content:

The Gilbert Allen Collection contains published poetry and essays by Allen, as well as recordings and video of readings.

Separated Material

- Three posters for events involving Allen; Map Case 2, Drawer 6: Oversize Material
- Photocopy of page from The State, April 30, 1989 regarding Allen being winner of 1989 S.C. Fiction Project; Map Case 2, Drawer 6: Oversize Material
- Postcards and photos from Allen's 2004 trip to Ireland; Furmaniana folder

Related Material:

- Gilbert Allen cataloged works

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged by format.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Box 1

Recordings

- Cassette Tape, S.C. Symposium (10/18/1983) and Allen, Cabaniss, 1/5/1984
- Cassette Tape, Spoleto Festival, Charleston SC, Sundown Poetry Series, Gilbert Allen, introduced by Alice Cabaniss, 6/6/1995
- DVD video, Fall 2016 Barbara & David Zalaznick Reading Series, featuring Gilbert Allen '77
Folder:
  - Email regarding poem to be translated into Chinese, 2018

Box 2

Duplicate Publications that contain his writings

1. Voices for Peace Anthology, 1983
2. A Millennial Sampler of South Carolina Poetry, 2005
3. 45/96: The Ninety-Six Sampler of South Carolina Poetry

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- *Kestrel*, Spring 2016, poem “Pole 101,” p. 91
- *Southern Poetry Review*, 55.2, “Reckoning,” p. 34
- *Tipton Poetry Journal*, Issue #38, Summer 2018; “Godd goes to the MLA Convention,” p. 32