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WILLIAM DIENSTEIN (1909-2003)

PAPERS, 1921-1999  
5 linear feet

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## **Biography**

William Dinstein was born on May 9, 1909 in Chicago, Illinois. He received a B.A. in Social Science at Stanford University in 1931 and then attended Stanford Law School in 1932. Dinstein furthered his education and received a M.A. at the University of California, Berkeley in 1939 and a Ph.D. in Sociology at Stanford University in 1959.

Dinstein starting his teaching career as a public school teacher from 1935-1941 in the Taft Union High School District. He also worked for the police department in Taft during this time. Before beginning his teaching career at Fresno State (now California State University, Fresno), he served time in the military. His military background included CRTC and MPRTC basic training (1941-1942), and positions as instructor at the Provost Marshall General's School (1942-1944), Criminal Investigator and Administrative Chief of the Crime Laboratory in the Philippine Islands (1944-1945), and Assistant Chief of the Criminal Investigation Section of the 6<sup>th</sup> Army (1950-1952).

In 1946, Dinstein came to Fresno State as a professor of Sociology and Criminology. Dinstein took on the task of developing, organizing, and coordinating the Criminology Program at Fresno State and was one of the primary professors of the program. In 1947, a degree in Criminology was offered for the first time. During his time at Fresno State, Dinstein taught Criminology, Psychology, and Sociology courses and moved from the Criminology department to the Sociology department. He retired in 1974.

Outside of his teaching career, Dinstein was active in various committees, including the Fresno City Unified School District Board of Education (serving as president), the Education and Training Task Force (Region VII) California Council on Criminal Justice, the Fresno County Jail Remodeling Committee, and the Governor's Special Study Commission on Juvenile Justice for the State of California.

William Dinstein died on February 18, 2003 in San Francisco.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The William Dienstein papers measure 5 linear feet and date from 1921 to 1999. The collection is arranged in two series: Personal and Professional.

The **Personal** series (1923-1999 and undated) contains biographical information, photographs, awards and certificates, military data, and correspondence. Copies of Dienstein's master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation are included. There are also some research papers written by him and newspaper clippings about him.

The **Professional** series (1921-1979 and undated) contains two subseries: California State University, Fresno and Other Professional. The majority of the California State University, Fresno subseries consists of lecture notes for his classes. The class materials for Criminology 153 comprise most of this subseries, but also included are materials for courses in Education and Sociology. Some of the class materials were transferred from binders and put into folders. The original order of each binder has been maintained within each folder. Also in the California State University, Fresno subseries is correspondence and a Criminology program outline. The Other Professional subseries includes materials documenting activities that Dienstein was involved in outside of his teaching career. Such activities include the Board of Education Election Campaign, Fresno County Jail Remodeling committee, Juvenile Justice Commission, and other various committees and commissions on which he served. Included in the folder on the Juvenile Justice Commission are two photographs. Also included in the subseries are articles that he wrote as well as some of the research materials he used for two of his books: *Are You Guilty?* and *Technics for the Crime Investigator*.

### **Published Works by William Dienstein in the University Archives**

*Are You Guilty?: An Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice in the United States.* Springfield, Ill: C.C. Thomas. 1954.

*How to Write a Narrative Investigation Report.* Springfield, Ill: C.C. Thomas. 1964.

*Manual Técnico del Investigador Policiaco.* Mexico: Editorial Limusa. 1965.

*Technics for the Crime Investigator.* Springfield, Ill: C.C. Thomas. 1952.

**Box no. Description**

Box 1

**Personal**

American Society of Criminology Membership Directory, 1978-1982  
Awards and certificates, 1923-1974 [2 wall plaques in box 6] (some oversize in map case A, drawer 25)  
Biographical information, 1966-1973, 1999, 2003 and undated  
Correspondence  
    From Roslyn to William, undated  
    Letters, 1942-1954, 1963-1986 (2 folders)  
Events, 1947-1955  
Fresno State Police badge, undated [in box 6]  
Military data, 1941-1945  
Newspaper clippings, 1946-1977 and undated  
Research papers  
    "Charles James Fox," 1952  
    "Demosthenes: The Oration on the Crown," 1952  
    Term paper, 1930  
Stanford University information, undated  
Thesis and dissertations  
    "A Study of the Extent and Causes of Violation Proneness Incident to the Administration of an Elementary School Safety Program," 1939 (master's thesis)  
    "Inter-professional Differences in Beliefs about the Etiology of Juvenile Delinquency: A Comparative Study with Implications for Education," 1959 (Ph.D. dissertation)  
    Journal articles used for dissertation, 1959-1960  
    Photographs, 1942, 1958, 1962, 1971, 1974 and undated [1 photographic plate in box 6]

**Professional**

California State University, Fresno  
Lecture notes  
    Criminology 133, 1943-1964 and undated (3 folders)  
    Criminology 153  
        Abuse of language, 1963, 1974  
        Adolescence, 1985  
        Alcoholism and crime, 1960-1974 and undated  
        Articles, 1946-1974 and undated (2 folders)  
        Articles by Edward Podolsky, M.D., 1954-1961  
        Articles on child development, 1967, 1970

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Box 1 (cont.)

**Professional (cont.)**

California State University, Fresno (cont.)

Lecture notes (cont.)

Criminology 153 (cont.)

Association for Psychiatric Treatment of Offenders (APTO), 1957-1959  
and undated

Attitudes—notes on references, undated

Attitudes and their measurement, undated

Battered child syndrome, 1962-1963

Behavior, 1973-1974 and undated

Box 2

Categories/factors, 1947 and undated

Child Advocacy, 1965, 1973

Childish criminal, undated

Ciminogenic aspects of development (U.N.-social defense), 1970

Class notes from binders, 1949-1967 (3 folders)

Class notes supplements from binders, 1962-1973

Clippings, 1947-1972

Course syllabus and reading lists, 1971-1974

Crime and personality, 1964

Crime articles, 1947-1957

Crime theories, 1959

Dialogue of Freud and Jung, 1958

Diviancy as a factor in juvenile delinquency, 1968

Drug addicts, 1956-1972

Drugs, 1967-1970 and undated

Drugs—Narcotics, 1964-1979 and undated

Due processing of Asbury Howard, 1959

Enforcement, 1973

Explanation of criminality, 1962

Forms of crime, undated

Gambling, 1971

Human variability, 1966

Ideological conflict, 1971 and undated

Introduction, 1949-1972

Is your child headed for trouble, 1967

Jess Unruh and His Moment of truth, 1971

John Lawrence Burke—Age 18, undated

Justice, 1967

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Box 2 (cont.)

**Professional (cont.)**

California State University, Fresno (cont.)

Lecture notes (cont.)

Criminology 153 (cont.)

Justice and injustice, 1963 and undated

Juvenile delinquency, 1952-1966 and undated

Leonardo DaVinci, 1947

Making of a violator, undated

Measure of Man: Parts I and II, 1970-1971

Mechanisms (Glover-Freud or Jung), 1959, 1964, 1970 and undated

Mental illness, 1947, 1963-1970 and undated

Mold of murder, 1961

Motivation of crime, 1947-1972

Murder, 1927, 1958-1970

Murder without Apparent Motive, 1960

Nature of human nature, 1966

Night duty, 1955

Obscenity and pornography, 1970

Occupational differences in mental disorders, 1955 and undated

Our criminal society, 1969

Pending, 1947-1949, 1974 and undated

Personality and psychotic types of criminals, 1937

Police, 1962-1979

Police–community relations, 1972 and undated

Police training institute, 1961, 1972 and undated

Prevailing culture, 1939, 1965-1972 and undated

Prevailing economy, undated

Prisons, 1955, 1968-1973

Psychiatry–police, 1953-1956

Psychoanalytic theories of personality, 1968

Psychological mechanisms, undated

Psychology of the delinquent, 1960

Psychopath symptoms, 1946

Psychopathology and politics, 1960

Psychopathy, 1946-1971 and undated

Punishment, 1949, 1958-1967 and undated

Questions for personal survey, undated

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Box 3

**Professional (cont.)**

California State University, Fresno (cont.)

Lecture notes (cont.)

Criminology 153 (cont.)

Relation of personality structure to the structure of culture, 1938

Report of drug abuse information, 1968-1970

Roots of violence, 1969, 1971

Segregation, 1957-1959

Selected characteristics of psychopaths, undated

Sex offender, 1968-1970

Social work, 1957

Spontaneous ways of learning in young children, 1967

Stages of development, 1935, 1963-1973 and undated

Stages of development characteristics behaviors, undated

Stone walls and men, 1949-1950 and undated

Story of Benny—murder of five, 1968

Tentative, undated

Violence, 1964-1969

What is crime?, 1959, 1963-1973 and undated

White collar crime, 1969-1973 and undated

Witches, 1976

Witness, 1973-1974 and undated

Miscellaneous, 1954-1974 and undated

Education 121S, 1949-1964

Sociology 1A, 1953-1967 and undated (3 folders)

Sociology 1B, 1935, 1966-1972 and undated (4 folders)

Sociology 2, 1933, 1954-1974 and undated

Sociology 112

Folders 1-6, 1921, 1968-1974 and undated

Box 4

Folders 7-11, 1921, 1968-1974 and undated

Sociology 134, 1959-1963 and undated

Sociology 163, 1952-1967 and undated (3 folders)

Sociology 163 supplements, 1926, 1937, 1952-1964 and undated (2 folders)

Recorded lectures

Crime, the Criminal, and Society, 1969 (2 magnetic tapes)

Correspondence, 1951-1952, 1971-1978

Criminology program outline and information, 1948-1955 and undated

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Box 4 (cont.)

**Professional (cont.)**

California State University, Fresno (cont.)

Faculty

Academic Senate, Fresno State College, 1968

Faculty Weekly Bulletin, 1953-1956

Other professional

Board of Education Election Campaign

Biographical information, 1961

Call lists, 1961

Campaign events, 1961

Campaign speeches, 1961

Election ballot, 1961

Election campaign chairmen, 1961

Finance committee, 1961

Letters, 1961

Newspaper clippings, 1961

Publicity and advertising, 1961

Support, 1961

Committees and commissions

Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1935, 1943 and undated

Fresno Community Development Program (FCDP), 1971 and undated

Jail (Fresno County Jail remodeling), 1973-1974

Jail committee, 1974-1977 and undated

Juvenile Justice Commission, 1959-1961

Box 5

Correspondence, 1954-1979 (2 folders)

Publications

Articles

“Crime, the criminal, and society”, 1969

“Man—His Own Enemy”, undated

“Sociology of Law Enforcement”, undated

Miscellaneous, undated

Book research materials

*Are You Guilty?*, 1944, 1948

Book reviews

*Are You Guilty?*, 1954-1963, 1972 and undated

*Technics for the Crime Investigator*, 1952-1956, 1965-1975 and undated



**Box no. Description**

Box 5 (cont.)

**Professional (cont.)**

Other professional (cont.)

Reviews/report writing, 1958-1976 and undated

Talks and speeches, 1947-1950, 1963

Workshops

Elmtown's youth, 1961-1962

Box 6

**Personal**

Artifacts

Awards and certificates, 1923-1974 (2 wall plaques)

Fresno State Police badge, undated

Photographs, 1942, 1958, 1962, 1971 and undated (1 photographic plate)