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PAUL D. BUSH (1933- )  
COLLECTION, 1961-2007  
(bulk 1967-1976)  
5.75 linear feet

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## **Biography**

Paul Dale Bush was born on February 26, 1933, in St. Louis, Missouri. He received his B.A. in Social Science at the University of Denver in 1954. In 1956, he served as an instructor in Social Sciences at Denver until 1957. During that time, he began the master's program in Economics, which he completed in 1957, also at Denver. In the summer of 1959, he served as a lecturer at Claremont Men's College. Between 1969 and 1961, Bush served as an economics instructor at both Pomona College and Claremont Men's College, today Claremont McKenna College. In 1964, Bush received his Ph.D. in Economics from Claremont Graduate School.

In 1961, Bush joined the Economics department at Fresno State College. After Bush completed his doctoral dissertation in 1964, Bush became active in campus affairs. In the mid-1960s, he helped in efforts to reorganize Fresno State College into a university-style institution, which replaced divisions with "schools," created an academic senate to replace the faculty council, and created a set of procedures which allowed, in his words, for a more democratic governance of the campus.

Bush also served on a number of committees, such as the Research Committee in 1963 and the Deanship Selection Committee for the School of Arts and Sciences in the late 1960s. Bush served as president of Association of California State College Professors (ACSCP) in 1968/1969 and was a founding member of the United Professors of California (UPC) in June 1970. Bush also taught as a professor in economics from 1961 until his retirement in 2001, as well as publishing numerous articles and book chapters that date from 1981 to an upcoming journal article in 2010. He currently serves as referee for the *Journal of Institutional Economics* and lives in Fresno.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Paul D. Bush collection measures 5.75 linear feet and date from 1961 to 2007. The collection is arranged in eleven series: Biographical information, Avakian, Arra case, Frost, Everett C. case, Germany, Sam case, Mabey, Rendell N. case, Mezey, Robert case, Ronwin, Edward D case, Toney, Joe D. case, Zumwalt, Eugene E. case, Additional cases and subject files, and Legal research materials.

The **Biographical information** (1969) series contains one article on Bush.

The **Avakian, Arra case** series (1970-1973 and undated) includes information and materials related to Avakian's complaints against the university. Dr. Arra Avakian was a Mathematics and Armenian Studies professor at Fresno State. He was denied tenure in Armenian Studies and was relieved from teaching but later was granted the 1972/1973 terminal year as

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professor. This series is separated into three subseries.

The Case notes subseries (1973 and undated) is a collection of notes written by both Bush and Avakian regarding committee meetings and trial proceedings.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1972-1973) is a collection of memos and letters written to Bush and Avakian.

The Supporting documents subseries (1970-1973) includes memos and letters regarding Avakian's release, used by Bush to create a defense for Avakian.

The **Frost, Everett C. case** series (1967-1976 and undated) contains information regarding the Frost case. Dr. Everett C. Frost was an assistant professor in the English department at Fresno State. Frost believed he was released from his teaching position because of his views and activities outside of class, not for academic and professional reasons. Frost filed suit for slander, fraud, and for a blocked job offer. He was rehired in 1972 and received a settlement. This series is separated into five subseries.

The Articles subseries (1967-1976 and undated) includes articles written about the decision by Phillip Walker to reverse a decision to rehire Frost, as well as editorials and letters to the editors related to this case.

The Case notes subseries (1972-1973 and undated) is a collection of handwritten notes by Bush regarding the trial.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1970-1975 and undated) consists of memos and letters written by and to Bush regarding the Frost case.

The Legal documents subseries (1970-1975) is a collection of legal documents including various affidavits and motions.

The Supporting documents subseries (1969-1975 and undated) consists of various documents utilized by Bush and the other participants in Frost's trial, including peer reviews from faculty members in the English department.

The **Germany, Sam case** (1970-1971 and undated) contains information on the Germany case, in which Bush served as legal adviser to Sam Germany. Sam Germany, a student at Fresno State involved with the Black Student Union, was charged for raising a protest that destroyed property and disturbed classes on May 20, 1970. This event followed information that Ethnic Studies Chairman Richard Keyes and seven other Ethnic Studies faculty were not to be rehired.

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He was suspended for the remaining spring term from Fresno State. Germany was unaware that an incident report was filed June 1, 1970. He was charged October 1970 and was denied financial aid to complete his degree. This series is separated into five subseries.

The Articles subseries (1970) is a collection of newspaper clippings regarding Germany's expulsion from the University and the review committee's findings.

The Case notes subseries (1970-1971 and undated) is a collection of handwritten notes from Bush about the academic review committee's meetings regarding Germany.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1970-1971) includes memos sent by Bush to Germany and various faculty members regarding Germany's case.

The Legal documents subseries (1971) includes various legal documents related to Germany's trial.

The Supporting documents subseries (1970-1971) includes materials used by Bush in creating a defense for Germany.

The **Mabey, Rendell N. case** series (1966-2007) includes information and materials regarding the Mabey case. Rendell N. Mabey was an assistant professor of philosophy at Fresno State who believed his employment ended as a result of his anti-administration statements. Mabey was later reinstated, received a settlement, and agreed to work only one more year at Fresno State. This series is separated into four subseries.

The Articles subseries (1970-1977) includes articles written about the Mabey case.

The Correspondence subseries (2007) consists of correspondence written by Bush regarding this trial.

The Legal documents subseries (1973-1975) is a collection of legal records such as various motions and an appeal filed in February 1975.

The Supporting documents subseries (1966-1972) consists of various documents utilized by Bush and the other participants in the case to create a defense for Mabey.

The **Mezey, Robert case** series (1961-1977 and undated) includes documents and other materials regarding the Mezey case. Dr. Robert Mezey, a Fresno State professor, visited Franklin and Marshall College to teach English courses. Mezey told his students they should tear up their draft cards for the Vietnam War. Letters were sent asking for his removal and censure from the

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Franklin and Marshal College. He was suspended and later reinstated at the college. When Mezey returned to Fresno State, he made pro-marijuana statements, which led to boycotts. After

Mezey was dismissed in 1968; grievances were brought by the English department. This series is separated into six subseries.

The Articles subseries (1965-1977 and undated) includes articles written about the Mezey case as well as community reaction to Mezey, the case, and the outcome.

The Case notes subseries (1970-1974 and undated) is a collection of handwritten notes by Bush regarding the trial, including witness information and trial notes.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1968-1974) consists of memos and letters written by and to Bush regarding the Mezey.

The Legal documents subseries (1970-1972 and undated) is a collection of various legal documents such as affidavits and appeals.

The Supporting documents subseries (1965-1973 and undated) consists of various documents utilized by Bush and the other participants in the case to create a defense for Mezey. This includes transcripts and letters written to the university regarding Mezey's comments at the Bullard High School "Panel on Pot."

The Trial tapes subseries (1971) includes audiotapes from the trial as well as audiotapes from the "Panel on Pot."

The **Ronwin, Edward D. case** series (1967-1970 and undated) includes information regarding the Ronwin case. Dr. Edward D. Ronwin was a professor at Fresno State in Biochemistry who believed he was the victim of reverse discrimination in 1968 because his job status moved from a permanent to a temporary position. The Attorney General's Office ruled that he lacked the qualifications for permanency. This series is separated into five subseries.

The Articles subseries (1969) includes articles written about the Ronwin case.

The Case notes subseries (1969) is a collection of handwritten notes by Bush regarding the lead-up to the trial and the case itself.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1969) consists of memos and letters written by and to Bush relating to the Ronwin case.

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The legal documents subseries (1969 and undated) is a collection of legal documents and motions filed by Himmelstein and Bush.

The supporting documents subseries (1967-1970 and undated) consists of various documents utilized by Bush and the other participants in the case to create a defense for Ronwin.

The **Toney, Joe D. case** series (1965-1976 and undated, bulk 1970-1974) is a collection of material regarding the Toney case, in which Bush served as Toney's legal adviser. The Toney series is the second largest series and is separated into six subseries. Dr. Joe D. Toney was an assistant professor in the Chemistry department at Fresno State who did not get his contract with Fresno State renewed for 1971-1972 term. He accused the administration of not rehiring him because of threat claims, racial discrimination, and anti-administration views that surfaced as a result of a previous event. This event involved five students and Toney, who allegedly threatened and imprisoned the former School of Arts and Sciences Acting Dean Phillip Walker in his office on March 19, 1970. The charges were later dismissed and the claims were proven as false. Another suit was later filed by Toney against President Baxter with claims that Baxter notified Atlanta University about the pending case, which led to the reversing of Atlanta's decision to hire Toney. Toney was rehired by Fresno State and awarded \$10,000 for the first suit.

The Articles subseries (1970-1976 and undated) includes articles written about the Toney case, the outcome, as well as the community reaction from newspapers such as the *Fresno Bee* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

The Case notes subseries (1970-1974 and undated) is a collection of handwritten notes by Bush regarding the trial.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1968-1974) consists of memos and letters written by and to Bush regarding the Toney case, and includes letters from other lawyers involved in the case, Mark Himmelstein and Company.

The Legal documents subseries (1970-1972 and undated) is a collection of legal records such as various memorandum of points and authorities, affidavits, and motions filed by both prosecution and the defendants.

The Supporting documents subseries (1965-1973 and undated) consists of various documents used by Bush and Himmelstein in compiling a case against the CSU Regents on behalf of Toney. This subseries includes letters and memos in which Toney is informed of his release as well as various peer reviews by other faculty members in the Chemistry department.

The Trial tapes subseries (1971) includes audiotapes from the trial as well as transcripts

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of the tapes.

The **Zumwalt, Eugene E. case** series (1969-1976 and undated, bulk 1970-1973) is a compilation of materials collected during the incidents leading up to, and during, the Zumwalt case. Dr. Eugene E. Zumwalt was the English department chair at Fresno State who was released from employment on December 4, 1970 without reason and had his office door bolted, leaving him, his secretaries, and the English department's Vice Chair, Dr. Roger D. Chittick shut out. This occurred three days after the release of thirteen faculty members. Zumwalt had opposed these personnel cuts and blamed the administration. Zumwalt and Chittick had tenure and were able to hold their teaching positions at the time but not their administrative positions. In the first trial, President Baxter was ordered to reinstate Zumwalt as chairman. In 1973, a rehearing deemed the firing of a chairman was at the discretion of the President. This series is separated into five subseries.

The Articles subseries (1970-1973 and undated) is a collection of clippings from various newspapers such as the *Fresno Bee* and the *Los Angeles Times* regarding the Zumwalt case.

The Case notes subseries (1970-1974 and undated) is a collection of handwritten notes by Bush regarding the trial.

The Correspondence and memos subseries (1968-1974) consists of memos and letters written by and to Bush regarding the Zumwalt case, including memos and letters exchanged by Zumwalt and Bush.

The Legal documents subseries (1970-1972 and undated) is a collection of various legal documents such as motions and appeals filed by Bush and Himmelstein on behalf of Zumwalt.

The Supporting documents subseries (1965-1973 and undated) consists of various documents utilized by Bush and the other participants in the case to create a defense for Zumwalt, including memos regarding the eviction of Zumwalt, as well as transcripts of various interviews of people involved in the eviction and the padlocking of Zumwalt's office door.

The **Additional cases and subject files** (1964-1983 and undated) is the largest series and includes information from other cases that Bush was involved in, including the cases of the Fresno Five, five students from the Black Student Union who were involved in the incident with Walker and Toney, as well as cases from other campuses.

The **Legal research materials** series (1971-1981 and undated, bulk 1975-1981) includes legal resources that Bush used during his career at Fresno State.

**Related Collections**

Campus Unrest Collection

This collection contains a lot of information regarding the various firings and demonstrations that resulted in the trials that Bush participated in and that are detailed in his collection.

University Archives: ASI Collection

This collection includes the *Report of the Ramifications and Origins of the English Department Incident of Friday, December 4, 1970*, the incident concerning Dr. Zumalt's firing and the English department office lockdown.

University Archives: Faculty Publications

*The Slow Death of Fresno State: A California Campus Under Reagan and Brown* by Fresno State English professor Kenneth Seib details many of the same trials and incidents that Bush covers in this collection.

Faculty Sabbatical Leave Reports Collection

This collection contains Bush's sabbatical leave report that includes a segment dedicated to the Mezey trial.

Donald W. Albright Collection

This collection includes information on the Mezey disturbances as well as the Marvin X case that Bush was also involved in.

Frederic W. Ness Papers

Ness's papers includes memoranda on the Marvin X and Robert Mezey cases.



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**Avakian, Arra case**

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Correspondence and memos, 1972-1973  
Supporting documents  
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    1973

**Frost, Everett C. case**

Articles, 1967-1976 and undated  
Case notes, 1972-1973 and undated  
Correspondence and memos, 1970-1975 and undated  
Legal documents  
    1970-1972  
    1973  
    1974  
    1975  
Supporting documents  
    1969-1975  
    Undated

**Germany, Sam case**

Articles, 1970  
Case notes, 1970-1971 and undated  
Correspondence and memos, 1970-1971  
Legal documents, 1971  
Supporting documents, 1970-1971

**Mabey, Rendell N. case**

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**Mezey, Robert case**

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April 1968-1977 and undated

Case notes, 1967-1973 and undated

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Correspondence and memos

February-October 1968

November 1968-1974 and undated

Legal documents

1966-October 1968

1969-May 1971

August 1971

1973 and undated

Supporting documents

1961-February 1968

March 1968

April-May 1968

June 1968-1969 and undated

Trial tapes

Tape notes, undated

Tapes, 1968-1973 and undated

**Ronwin, Edward D. case**

Articles, 1969

Case notes, 1969

Correspondence and memos, 1969

Legal documents, 1969 and undated

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Supporting documents, 1967-1970 and undated

**Toney, Joe D. case**

Articles, 1970-1976 and undated

Case notes, 1970-1974 and undated

Correspondence and memos

1968-March 1971

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**Toney, Joe D. case (cont.)**

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Trial tapes, 1971  
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Case notes, 1970-1974 and undated  
Correspondence and memos  
1970-1971  
1972-1976 and undated  
Legal documents  
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November 1971-May 1972  
June 1972-September 1973  
November 1973-1974  
Supporting documents, 1969-1972 (3 folders)

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**Additional cases and subject files**

Acuna, Gilbert, 1971 and undated  
Amar, Wade G., 1970-1971 and undated  
Arthur D. Little seminar, 1976 and undated  
Baxter, Norman A., 1970-1977 and undated  
Belkind, Allen: CSU Bakersfield, 1973 and undated  
Bilderback v. Jones, 1973  
Black-Chicano student demonstrations, 1969-1973 and undated  
Bohmer, Peter: San Diego State, 1971-1976 and undated  
Burtner, Dale C.  
    1965-1969  
    1970 and undated  
Cole, Chester F., 1968 and undated  
Collective bargaining, 1969-1965 and undated  
Consultative Procedures Committee, 1969-1970 and undated  
Davis, Angela, 1975  
Davis, Joan, 1970  
Delaney, Richard W., 1968  
Dimascio, Patrick, 1976 and undated  
DiPinto, Charles (Jr.), 1973  
Dutton, Edward P., 1964-1971 and undated  
Economic Development Plan, 1977-1978  
Edward, David J., 1977-1983  
E.O.P and Ethnic Studies, 1969-1971 and undated  
Foreign student tuition, 1971-1972 and undated  
Franklin, H. Bruce, 1976-1979  
Fresno ACLU, 1974-1975 and undated  
Fresno Bee Four, 1976  
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Fresno Westside, 1969-1970  
Hall, Elton, 1969-1971 and undated  
Hernandez, Oswald L., 1970-1971 and undated  
Husson, Evelyn, 1977 and undated  
Johnson, Richard M., 1971  
Lark, Alexander H., 1972-1973 and undated  
Lewis, Virgil, 1972  
Marvin X, 1969-1971 and undated  
May 1970 student demonstrations, 1970-1972 and undated  
McAllister, Charles, 1973 and undated

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**Additional cases and subject files (cont.)**

McFarlin, Sheila, 1974  
McKoane, Margaret, 1972-1973 and undated  
Nelson, Elizabeth, 1974  
Nguyen, Khai, 1973 and undated  
O'Brien, John C., 1975-1977 and undated  
Polidoro, Lewis: CSU Stanislaus, 1973  
Rippey, Andrew D., 1969-1970 and undated  
Ruhl, Erving C., 1966-1971 and undated  
Sawyer, Dwight, 1970  
SB 18, 1976-1977 and undated  
School of Social Work, 1970 and undated  
Shumate, Woodrow W., 1973 and undated

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Skei, Allen B.  
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Smetherman, Robert, 1976-1978  
Sia, Ming B., 1977  
Sucec, Anthony: CSU San Diego, 1973  
Universidad de Atzlan, 1972 and undated  
Volpp, Louis D., 1977  
Walke, John C.  
1969-May 1973  
June 1973-1974 and undated  
Walker, Phillip, 1970 and undated  
Worzley, Steven, 1973 and undated  
Wright, Sanford, 1972  
Yokoi, Rita, 1972 and undated

**Legal research materials**

Correspondence and memos, 1971-1972  
Legal resources, undated (2 folders)  
United Professors of California  
1975-1976  
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