

Guide to the George A. Condon Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	WSU Vancouver Library, Archives and Special Collections
Source:	Condon, George A., Dr., circa. 1935 -
Title:	George A. Condon Collection
ID:	WSUV.SpeColl.008
Date [inclusive]:	Between 1982 to 1990, 2000, 2002, 2010 to 2013
Physical Description:	0.1045 Linear feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Documents, letters, and correspondence created and compiled by George A. Condon during his career as the director for the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education from 1985 to 1989 and some materials such as emails, an oral history interview, and other items compiled at later dates. Collection is accessioned under WSUV.2013.007.

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Biographical/Historical note

George A. Condon was the eldest of three children and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. His father worked for Ford Motor Company and was a government employee for the city of Detroit. His mother was a math teacher and high school counselor. Condon attended Catholic grade school and later Detroit-Redford Public High School. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and his masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, all in political science. Dr. Condon spent time as a legislative staff assistant to political leaders including Governor Dan Evans, U.S. Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, and Speaker John McCormack of the U.S. House of Representatives.

George A. Condon was a member of the WSU political science faculty from 1961 to 1969. He directed WSU's division of governmental studies and services, a research and service unit, from 1964 - 1969. He later became Dean of the University of Wisconsin Center at Rock Creek, Dean of Academic Administration at California State University, Northridge, and Vice President and Dean of Faculty of Shepherd College in West Virginia. Dr. Condon became the Academic Vice President of the College of the Virgin Islands, now known as University of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas and St Croix, in 1981 and in 1983-1984 served as the acting president. He became the new director for the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education in Vancouver, Washington on August 15, 1985. The Joint Center, a consortium between Clark College, Evergreen State College and Washington State University, was a

precursor to WSU's branch campus in Vancouver. The Joint Center was initially located at Hudson's Bay High School before operations moved to Bauer Hall on the Clark College campus.

Dr. Condon officially left on August 24th 1989 from the Joint Center after four years to take a position as Director of Regional Education and Dean of the Stockton Center at California State University, Stanislaus. Dr. Condon joined the University of the Pacific in 2002, focusing on undergraduate experiential learning, developing and administering the Jacoby Center's Sacramento and Washington, DC internship programs in the office of Washington State's governor and in the U.S Congress. He also contributes to various civic leadership programs sponsored by the Jacoby Center and the Division of Student Life.

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Scope and Contents note

This collection contains mixed materials created and compiled by George A. Condon during his tenure as director of the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education between 1985 to 1989. Materials date between 1982 and 2013 and include documents, academic pamphlets, letters, emails, interview notes, newspaper clippings. Of note are the early academic programs from the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education and WSU Vancouver from the of Fall 1986 to Spring/Summer 1989-90.

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Arrangement note

The collection is contained in two document boxes. Files are organized numerically in folders with brief content headings. There is no series for this collection.

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Publication Statement

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Controlled Access Headings

- Universities and colleges
 - Washington State University; Vancouver
 - Education, Higher
 - Condon, George A., Dr., circa. 1935 -
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
One photograph of George A Condon with Sam Smith and Joe Johnson at a model of Bauer Hall. Two copies of George Condon at a podium for a WSU event. One photograph of George Condon standing with students in front of the Evergreen Building (later renamed Bauer Hall) on the Clark College campus.	box 1	Folder 1
One photocopy of a newspaper clipping titled "Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education: New Director... new directions". One photocopy of an article from the Monday, August 28th, 1989 issue of The Columbian titled "Growth Marks Condon's Four Years in Vancouver. Two photocopies of a newspaper clipping from the April 12, 1989 issue of The Reflector. One newspaper clipping of pages 5 - 6 from the JAN./FEB. 1989 issue of Hill Topics. Two photocopies of the lower half of page 5 from the Hill Topic's clipping. One photocopy of the article "Growth marks Condon's four years in Vancouver" from the Monday August 28th 1989 issue of The Columbian. One photocopy of several newspaper articles titled "WSU Vancouver site to be selected" with handwritten date "8-31-89" and "Director at WSU takes California job" dated in hand "8-26/27-1989". One photocopy of article "Central Park and WSU: Shoehorning branch campus next to Clark would hurt both schools" from the Wednesday November 1st, 1989 issue of The Columbian. One photocopy of article "Work begins on expansion of WSU class building" from the Wednesday March 29th, 1989 issue of The Columbian. One photocopy of article "New universities may surround Oregon's borders" from The Vanguard on March 28th, 1989. One photocopy of article "Bauer: Don't rush WSU decision". One page with a photocopy of multiple articles titled "WSU may see growth: Budget would pump up Vancouver campus" and "Ceremony marks start of WSU's centennial" with handwritten date "3-22-89". One photocopy of an article from the Friday August	box 1	Folder 2

25th, 1989 issue of The Columbian titled "Director of WSU's local campus accepts position in California".

Three copies of the Fall 1986 Graduate Programs pamphlet for the Washington State University at the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education.	box 1	Folder 3
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Three copies of the Spring/Summer 1987 Graduate Programs pamphlet for Washington State University at the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education. Two copies of the Fall 1987 Academic Programs pamphlet for Washington State University - Vancouver.	box 1	Folder 4
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Two copies of the Spring/Summer 1988 Academic Programs pamphlet for Washington State University- Vancouver. Two copies of the Fall 1988 Academic Programs pamphlet for Washington State University - Vancouver.	box 1	Folder 5
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One copy of the Spring/Summer 1989 Academic Programs pamphlet for Washington State University at Vancouver. Four copies of the Washington State University Vancouver academic programs pamphlet "Growing with Southwest Washington" for 1989 - 1990.	box 1	Folder 6
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One letter addressed to "IRC Associate Member" concerning Washington State University Vancouver. One letter dated August 23rd, 1989 from George A Condon to "Faculty, Staff, Students, and Friends" at WSUV concerning his acceptance of a new position as Dean of Regional Education and Director of the Stockton Center of California State University, Stanislaus with one photocopy. Two documents to WSUV faculty and staff from July 17th and 20th 1989 concerning fall plans for the campus. One letter dated March 1989 from George A Condon to "Friend of WSU Vancouver" concerning funding to support new faculty with biographical information on current staff included. One letter from George A Condon to Fred Dobney concerning a Program Review Statement dated April 18th, 1989 with one additional copy. One letter from George A Condon to the WSU Vancouver Advisory Council concerning the 1989 Status Report on Campus dated April 20th, 1989 with two additional copies. One document from Washington State University Vancouver dated August 1989 to "students, friends, and staff" concerning information on the upcoming Fall semester.	box 1	Folder 7
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One document from the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education titled "Fact Sheet". One document titled "Memorandum of Agreement among Clark College, The Evergreen State College, and Washington State University regarding Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education". One document titled "Status Report" from the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education dated June 1984 with one copy. One document titled "Progress Report" from the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education dated January 1984.	box 1	Folder 8
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Two copies of a document concerning Joint Center Statutes. One document by the Council for Postsecondary Education concerning the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education. One document titled "Summary Description of the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education" dated October 1, 1985. One document titled "Southwest Washington Joint Center for	box 1	Folder 9
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Education". One document titled "The Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education: Mission and Impact". One document titled "Planning Document" dated March 22, 1985. One document titled "Southwest Washington Higher Education Situation as of January 1985. One letter from Lynn M. Degerstedt to Southwest Washington Legislative Delegation and SWJCE Advisory Committee Members dated May 14th, 1985. One letter from Albert C. Yates to George A Condon dated June 28, 1985. Two copies of document titled "Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education Fact Sheet" dated April 10, 1985. One document titled "Evaluation of the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education: WHTCB Report Series #8" dated November 1985.

One letter from George A Condon to Institutional Members of Executive Committee of the Administrative Council dated April 16th, 1986. One letter from George A Condon to the Legislative Subcommittee of Advisory Committee dated August 8, 1986. Two photocopies of the article "Joint Center seeks to help community face future" by George A. Condon from The Columbian dated July 1, 1986. One document titled "Planning For Higher Education in Southwest Washington" dated June 26, 1986 with one copy. One document from the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education dated August 8, 1986. Four copies of a document about the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education. One document titled "Principles and Procedures for Unit Evaluation". One document titled "Appendix B: Special Instruction for Units Designated for Review by the Council for Postsecondary Education" dated 9-24-86.

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One letter to Mr. Andrew Hess dated December 24, 1986 with handwritten note "Letter drafted by George Condon from Samuel H. Smith with one copy. One document titled "Special to Michael Weber, Editor, BUSINESS, for 1986 annual review: First Graduates, New Programs Cap 1986 Events at Joint Center" dated November 28, 1986. One letter titled "Memorandum" from Kylene Quinn to George A Condon dated October 27, 1986 with attachments including a flyer for a conference "Automaton Northwest '87" and a letter from Kylene Quinn to George A Condon dated March 30, 1986. Four copies of a set of documents titled "The Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education: Update and Prologue" dated December, 1986.

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Three photocopies of a newspaper article. Two pamphlets concerning the Academic Programs at Washington State University's off-campus centers one from 1987 and one from 1988. One program review statement from Washington State University Vancouver dated March 16th, 1987 with one copy. One letter from A.C. Yates to "Provost's Council and certain others dated February 11, 1987. One letter to Dr. Sam H. Smith dated February 2, 1987 attached to another letter from Bryce Seidl to Dr. Samuel H. Smith with the same date. One letter to George A. Condon from Kylene Quinn dated July 28, 1987. One document labeled "Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education: Role and Mission Statement" with handwritten notes "Budget narrative for internal WSU budget 1987-89". One pamphlet from Washington State University Vancouver concerning the Spring 1987 course schedule and academic programs. One document dated March 21,

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1987 stating "Headcount and FTE's of Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education (SWJCE) Since the Beginning of the Center". One document concerning "WSU Announces First Junior - Senior Courses in Vancouver" dated May 28, 1987.

One letter from George A. Condon dated April 22, 1988 (to WSUV officials?) addressing Washington State University Vancouver's previous year with one copy. One letter from Albert C. Yates to George A Condon concerning Condon's salary dated February 10, 1988. One letter from Joe Tanner to George A. Condon dated May 9, 1988. One letter to Dr. James F. Bemis dated May 8th, 1988 from Frederick J. Dobney.	box 2	Folder 13
One document titled "High Technology Training Needs: An Educational Delivery System for Southwest Washington" dated December 1982 with one copy.	box 2	Folder 14
One document titled "WSU Vancouver Higher Education Needs Assessment Survey Summary Report" by John Tarnai, Ph.D. from the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center dated March 1988.	box 2	Folder 15
One document titled "A Special Report to the President and Regents of Washington State University from the WSU-Vancouver Advisory Council" dated March 17, 1988.	box 2	Folder 16
One document titled "A Special Report to the President and Regents of Washington State University from the WSU-Vancouver Advisory Council" dated March 17, 1988. This is the same document as in folder 16.	box 2	Folder 17
One document titled "A Special Report to the President and Regents of Washington State University from the WSU-Vancouver Advisory Council" dated March 17, 1988. This is the same document as in folder 16 - 17.	box 2	Folder 18
One document titled "Quick Reference Comparison of Six Consorta" and two sets of documents titled "Index" one stapled together and another attached to a file folder.	box 2	Folder 19
Four copies of documents titled "Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education Higher Education Needs Survey Final Report: Fall 1984".	box 2	Folder 20
One document titled "Table 43: Clark County Population Forecasts 1980 through 2005", one document titled "Table 5: Clark and South County Employment Forecast". One document titled "South Clark County Demographic and Economic Analysis" from Economic Development Services dated February 18, 1986. One photocopy of the cover of the magazine Business dated June/July 1986 with attached photocopy of the included article "Clark County: Growing into the Next Century". Two photocopies of a document titled "High Technology Training Needs: An Educational Delivery System For Southwest Washington" with handwritten note "From original proposal to governor Spellman, December 1982.	box 2	Folder 21
One document with University of the Pacific letterhead from George A Condon to Dr. V. Lane Rawlins dated November 25, 2002.	box 2	Folder 22

<p>Two copies of documents with the transcription of an interview with George A Condon for the WSU 20th Anniversary Oral History Project dated May 18, 2010. One copy of email correspondence on May 17th 2010 between George Condon and Janet Johnson with a copy sent to Laurie K. Mercier concerning Condon's time spent at WSUV. One copy of notes from interview with George Condon titled "Raw Interview Notes" dated February 9th 1989.</p>	<p>box 2</p>	<p>Folder 23</p>
<p>One document with information regarding the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education, one document with listing of the Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education Advisory Committee, one document regarding the "SWJCE Administrative Council" with one copy, one document titled "Washington State University - Vancouver", one document titled "Southwest Washington Joint Center for Education Program Review Process", one letter from V. Lane Rawlins to George A Condon dated July 17 2000 with attached response, one letter to George A Condon to H. A. Dengerink, Ph.D. dated November 14 2001 with attached letters. One online article from Palo Alto Online from March 25th, 2013 titled "Robert Smithwick, Foothill's 'founding father' dies" with one copy.</p>	<p>box 2</p>	<p>Folder 24</p>
<p>Copies of legislative bills establishing WSU Vancouver</p>	<p>box 2</p>	<p>folder 25</p>
<p>George Condon biographical sketch and business cards.</p>	<p>box 2</p>	<p>folder 26</p>