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Collection Summary

Title: Katharine Rodier Collection
Accession No: 2018/05.0843
Span Dates: 1974-2011
Creator: Katherine Marie Rodier
Processed by Erin Jorden and Alex Kinder
Extent: 3.534 cu. ft.
Language: Collection Material in English
Repository: Morrow Library Special Collections
Restrictions on Access: None

Abstract: Personal writing, class notes, photograph, professional works, correspondences, professional materials, and mementos of Katharine Rodier during her collegiate career and career in the English Department of Marshall University.

Selected Search Terms: Marshall University, Women in Higher Education, Women Writers, Women Authors, Women Editors, Women Poets, University of Virginia Graduate, Nathaniel Hawthorne Scholar, Emily Dickinson Scholar, Peabody Sisters Scholar

Administrative Information: Collection contains no restrictions.

Provenance: The Katharine Rodier documents were gifted in April 2012 to the Marshall University Archives by the Marshall University English Department.

Copyright Status: Marshall University holds all literary rights to the collection.

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Biographical Note: Katharine Marie Rodier was born on March 16, 1955, in Newport, Rhode Island. She died on September 10, 2011, at the age of 56, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV. Daughter of Barbara D'Armond Rodier and Capt. Richard Louis Rodier, a retiree of the United States Navy, from Falls Church, VA. Sister of Sarah Rodier, Anne Rodier Sanda, and Robert Rodier.

Rodier graduated from JEB Stuart High School, located in Falls Church, VA. After high school, Rodier attended the University of Virginia, where she received her BA, MA, and MFA. She received her Ph.D. in American Literature, specializing in the work of Emily Dickinson, from the University of Connecticut.

After earning her Ph.D. she arrived at Marshall University in 1995 and taught at Marshall for 16 years until her death. She was recognized at Marshall with multiple awards in both teaching and graduate student advising, she served for 10 years as the English department's director of graduate and undergraduate studies. She also was an accomplished poet. While at Marshall, she was the co-editor of *Reinventing the Peabody Sisters* (2006) with Monika M. Elbert professor of English at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey, and Julie Hall is associate professor of English at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Rodier was also the co-editor of *American Women Prose Writers, 1820-1870* (2001), with Amy E. Hudock, English professor at Trident Technical College, in Charleston, SC. She has published essays on Emily Dickinson and various other American writers, including a study on Bessie Woodson Yancey, and a study on African-American historian and Huntington, WV, native Carter G. Woodson. Just before her death, she worked on recovering lost writings of American women. She died on September 10, 2011, from cancer.

Information gathered from:

“Katharine M. Rodier- Class of 1973”, JEB Stuart High School Class of 1961-2017 alumni website, September 18, 2011, http://www.jebstuartalumni.com/class_profile.cfm?member_id=5420152

“Katharine Marie Rodier”, Chapman’s Mortuary & Crematory, nd., <http://www.chapmans-mortuary.com/obituaries/Katharine-Rodier-4798/>

“Katharine M. Rodier,” *Herald- Dispatch Obituaries Archive*, September 18, 2011, <http://news.herald-dispatch.com/obituaries/index.php?id=36893582>

Katharine Rodier Collection, Accession No. 2013/04.0808, Special Collections Dept., Marshall University, Huntington, WV.

“Marshall University Celebration of Books- Dr. Katharine Rodier”, Marshall University Libraries, 2008, http://www.marshall.edu/library/news/celebration_books/rodier.asp

Scope and Content: This collection spans from the time Rodier was at the University of Virginia to her death. Excluding materials from her time at the University of Connecticut where she obtained her Ph.D. Material possibly will be found in the Katherine Rodier Collection, Accession No. 2013/04.0808, Special Collections Department of Marshall University Morrow Library.

Arrangement of Papers: Original order was maintained when possible. However, most of collection was unorganized when received and an external order was imposed. Receipts, catalogues, and student writings that did not pertain to teaching were removed from the collection. Also removed from the collection were the various magazines, Congressional Record of the Proceedings and Debates of the 97th Congress for the Senate of the United States, First Session Volume 127, no. 167, dated Monday, November 16, 1981, and a liner foot of photocopied journal articles. Most of these materials were undistinguishable and were discarded. The materials in series II Unidentified Course Notes are notes that pertained to the courses Dr. Rodier taught as a professor at Marshall University but have no distinguishing characteristics to what the classes were or what order that needed to be maintained in. Series III College Notebooks are notebooks Dr. Rodier took when obtaining her BA MA and MFA from the University of Virginia but have no discernable characteristics to what the courses were.

Series I Personal

Box 1

Folder 1	Miscellaneous Materials
Folder 2	Miscellaneous Personal

Folder 3	“A Poetry Festival” (1980)
Folder 4	Various Newsletters 1985, 1990, 2005, 2006
Folder 5	Society for the Study of American Women Writers Conference (2006)
Folder 6	Emily Dickinson International Society Conference (1999)
Folder 7	Children’s Literature Association
Folder 8	Flyers from Events and Classes
Folder 9	Curriculum Vitas
Folder 10	Certificates
Folder 11	Financial #1
Folder 12	Financial #2
Folder 13	Comics
Folder 14	Taken Course Syllabi
Folder 15	Coursework (1973-1992)
Folder 16	Undated Coursework
Folder 17	West Virginia Hills Sheet Music
Folder 18	University of Virginia
Folder 19	Correspondence
Folder 20	Small Box Containing a Music Box & Flash drive

Box 2 Newspaper clippings.

Series II Marshall Courses and Related Materials

Box 1

Folder 1	Emails (professional)
Folder 2	Advisee Sheets
Folder 3	English Department Evaluation Document Incomplete Draft (Date Unknown)
Folder 4	English 104 Syllabus
Folder 5	English 112 Schedule
Folder 6	English 321
Folder 7	English 350
Folder 8	English 421/ 521
Folder 9	English 422/ 522
Folder 10	English 428/ 528
Folder 11	English 440
Folder 12	English 631
Folder 13	English 632
Folder 14	English 652
Folder 15	Class Handouts (No Date)
Folder 16	Unidentified Course Notes # 1
Folder 17	Unidentified Course Notes # 2
Folder 18	Unidentified Course Notes # 3
Folder 19	Unidentified Course Notes # 4
Folder 20	Unidentified Course Notes # 5

Series III Writings and Materials

Box 3

Folder 1	College Notebook 1
Folder 2	College Notebook 2
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Folder 21	College Notebook 21
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Box #4

Folder 23	Poetry and Writings by Rodier
Folder 24	Poetry by unknown or other authors
Folder 25	Writings by other authors
Folder 26	Writings and Drafts about the Peabody Sisters
Folder 27	Research Websites #1
Folder 28	Research Websites #2
Folder 29	Nathaniel Hawthorne Research (1991)
Folder 30	Emily Dickinson Research (1990)