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Guide to the Franz Bibfeldt Papers 1951-1995



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Descriptive Summary

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Title	Bibfeldt, Franz. Papers
Date	1951-1995
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Abstract	Contains correspondence, newspaper articles, lectures by Martin Marty and others, biographical material, lists, photographs, memorabilia, academic attire, and a cassette tape. Material relates to fictional scholar Franz Bibfeldt.

Information on Use

Access

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Citation

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Related Resources

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Subject Headings

- Bibfeldt, Franz
- Marty, Martin

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- Martin E. Marty, "About Franz Bibfeldt," biographical summary, April 1992 (1)
- Martin E. Marty, review of *The Relieved Paradox*, by Franz Bibfeldt, *The Seminarian*, December 1950 (2)
- Catalog card of Bibfeldt work, from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1951-1952 (3)

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- James H. Bowman, "Hail to Franz! UC honors theologian who never was," *Chicago Daily News*, May 13, 1976 (7)
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- "Franz Bibfeldt: A theologian for everyone" (9) *Chicago Tribune*, "University honors theologian, calendar critic, owner of invisible dog," *Hartford Courant*, April 2, 1992 (10)

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