

Arthur M. Weimer papers, 1909-1987, bulk 1963-1985

A Guide to his Papers at the Indiana University Archives

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Summary Information

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Weimer, Arthur Martin, 1909-

Title

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Collection No.

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Extent

4.6 cubic feet (5 boxes)

Language

Materials are in English

Abstract

Arthur M. Weimer served in various capacities at Indiana University, beginning with his initial hiring as professor in the School of Business in 1937. He ascended quickly, serving as Dean of the Indiana University School of Business from 1939-1963, a seminal period in the school's fundamental development into a national leader and academic model for business education. Weimer was active in numerous professional business organizations and assumed a number of federal consultant positions with the U.S. Government. The collection consists of materials related to Weimer's academic and professional life, including correspondence, Indiana University course materials, writings, various awards and items of recognition, as well as items related to his involvement in professional organizations and federal committees.

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Advance notice is required.

Biographical Note

Arthur M. Weimer was born May 19, 1909 in Rock City, Illinois to parents Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Henry Weimer. Following a rural upbringing, Weimer attended Beloit College, earning his A.B. in 1929. He immediately went on to study at the University of Chicago, where he attained an A.M. in 1931 and a Ph.D. in 1934. Weimer was later awarded honorary LL.D.s from the American Graduate School of International Management (1946), Beloit College (1950), and Indiana University (1982). He completed a mid-career term of military service in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he attained the rank of major (1942-1945).

At the outset of his professional career beginning in 1934, Weimer taught briefly at Alma College and the Georgia School of Technology. He also served as a field research supervisor and housing economist for the Federal Housing Administration from 1934-1937. In 1937, Weimer was hired as a faculty member at the Indiana University School of Business; he was elevated to the position of Dean of the I.U. School of Business in 1939, succeeding Herman B Wells.

During the nearly twenty-five years that he served as Dean, Weimer played a key role in developing the Indiana University School of Business into a national leader and model for business education. He was a recognized expert in real estate and land economics, and his widely circulated published texts, articles, and lectures on the topic had extensive influence on the discipline's academic formation.

Upon his resignation as Dean in 1963, Weimer remained a presence at Indiana University in various capacities, including: Professor of Real Estate Administration, Professor of Real Estate and Land Economics, Savings Association Professor Emeritus of Real Estate and Land Economics, Special Assistant to the President (John W. Ryan), and founding Director of the University's Aerospace Research Applications Center. After his official retirement from Indiana University in 1979, the University established the Weimer Chair of Business Administration and the Weimer Fund for Innovation in his honor.

Throughout his career, Weimer was highly active in business and philanthropic organizations. He served with the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (president), Beta Gamma Sigma—national business honor society (president), the American Finance Association (president), and the Indiana Educational Services Foundation (vice president). He also maintained positions on various boards of directors, including Ball Corporation, Mead Johnson, Midwest Research Institute, National Homes, Railroadmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association, Real Estate Trends, Inc., and Thunderbird Graduate School.

In the latter part of his life (1970s-1980s), Weimer worked on the national level as an economic consultant to the U.S. League of Savings Associations, consultant to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, consulting economist for the U.S. League of Savings Associations, and a member of the Presidential Task Force on Low -Income Housing and the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

At the age of 77, Arthur M. Weimer died in Bloomington on April 6, 1987 after a long battle with illness.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into six series: Biographical, Correspondence, Indiana University, Publications and research, Subject files, and Awards.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Arthur M. Weimer span the period from 1909 to 1987 and document Weimer's life in relation to his professional and academic pursuits. Documentation in this collection is concentrated on the later years of Weimer's life (1963-1985). Materials are organized into six series: Biographical, Correspondence, Indiana University, Publications and research, Subject files, and Awards. Within each series, files are organized alphabetically by folder. When multiple folders exist on the same subject, they are arranged chronologically.

The first series, Biographical, 1909-1987, contains materials which lend evidence to Weimer's personal life and character. These include academic hoods, autobiographical writings, diplomas, personal correspondence and files related to Weimer, letters of appreciation and support regarding retirement and contributions, a carved portrait, war service records, and a Beloit College yearbook.

The second series, Correspondence, 1966-1980, includes professionally oriented incoming and outgoing correspondence between Weimer and associates. Notable correspondents include Lyle Bryant, the Indiana Trustees & Administration, W. George Pinnell, and John W. Ryan. Records are organized into a single folder per individual correspondent. Less frequent correspondence between Weimer and other individuals is grouped under general files arranged chronologically.

The third series, Indiana University, 1962-1979, is further organized into four subseries: Class notes and materials, Future Studies, Publications, and Subject files. The Class notes and materials subseries contains handouts, articles, notes, a notebook, and other materials in support of courses Weimer taught late in his career. The Future Studies subseries contains agendas, minutes, funding materials, publications, and other documents related to the Center for Future Studies and Committee on Future Studies activities with which Weimer was heavily involved. The Subject files subseries contains other topical files related to Indiana University initiatives in which Weimer played a role.

The fourth series, Publications and research, 1957-1981, contains materials written by Arthur Weimer. Documents include articles, a eulogy (for Stan Pressler), texts from speeches, correspondence in relation to permissions for Weimer's Real Estate textbook, and the speech "The University and Economic Growth" from Weimer's tenure as Special Assistant to President John Ryan. Many of the writings are in draft stages.

The fifth series, Subject files, 1939-1987, contains documents sorted and arranged by topic. Most topics relate to specific professional organizations, positions, or initiatives pursued by Weimer but not overtly related to Indiana University. These include, among others, the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the Aerospace Research Advisory Committee, the Director's Study, the Institute for Real Estate and Urban Economics, and the National Citizen's Advisory Committee. A number of files relate to Weimer's terms of involvement with various facets of the federal government; these include, among others, the Sub-Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs, the House Subcommittee on Census and Population, the President's Task Force on Low Income Housing, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The sixth series, Awards, 1939-1986, is divided into two subseries: Plaques and certificates. The Plaques subseries includes an assortment of three-dimensional honors and awards bestowed upon Weimer. The Certificates subseries includes an assortment of paper certificates denoting membership, awards, appreciation, appointments, and other honors bestowed upon Weimer. All are arranged alphabetically by the title of the granting institution.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in [IUCAT](#), the IU Libraries' online catalog. Materials about related topics, persons or places can be found by searching the catalog using these terms.

Names

[Weimer, Arthur Martin, 1909- --Archives.](#)

[Weimer, Arthur Martin, 1909- --Correspondence.](#)

[Indiana University, Bloomington --Faculty --Archives.](#)

[Indiana University, School of Business --Faculty --Archives.](#)

Topics

[Business teachers --Indiana --Bloomington.](#)

[Business education --Indiana --Bloomington.](#)

Separated Material

Five photographs and a photo album were pulled from the collection and are stored with the Archives photo collection. Consult the Archives Photographs Curator for access information. The four individual photographs are in relation to the "NASA's House of the Future" project, which Weimer investigated for use in a text book. The fifth photograph is a White House photograph featuring Weimer, four people from Indianapolis, and Rosalynn Carter. The photo album was presented as a gift to Weimer from Dr. Hermann Schuon after a visit to Ludwigsburg, Germany.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Accession Information: 9304, 9305, 9306, 9307, 9308, 1194

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Provenance

Received October 14, 1987.

Appraisal

A plaque was removed from the collection due to physical damage. The plaque was awarded to Weimer in 1980 by the Railroadmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association of Indianapolis in recognition of his forty years of service.

Processing Information

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Container List

Box 1	Series: Biographical, 1909-1987, undated
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Academic hoods,

Black, red, and purple hood

(Oversized See Box 5)

Black, purple, and gold hood

(Oversized See Box 5)

Autobiographical Writings, 10 Chapters, 1979-1982

Booklet, "To Honor Retiring Faculty," Indiana University, 1979

Correspondence, news releases, etc. about Weimer, 1963-1985

Diplomas,

Honorary LL.D., Beloit College, with commencement program, 1950

Honorary LL.D., American Graduate School of International Management, 1946

Honorary LL.D., Indiana University, 1982

Letters of Appreciation from friends and colleagues on the occasion of Weimer's retirement, 1979-1987 [bulk:1979]

Letters of support and contribution to Arthur M. Weimer Chair in IU School of Business, 1986-1987

[letters removed from photo album]

New York Times, miniature facsimile of front page from Weimer's day of birth, May 19, 1909

Portrait of Weimer carved in wood, undated

(Oversized See Box 5)

War Service Record, A. M. Weimer, 1942-1952

Yearbook, *The Gold*, Beloit College, 1929

Box 1	Series: Correspondence, 1966-1980
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Bryant, Lyle, correspondence, 1972-1975

Indiana Trustees & Administration, 1975-1977

Pinnell, W. George, correspondence, 1966-1971

Ryan, President John W., correspondence, 1971-1978

General,

1969-1980

1976

Box 1 Series:
Indiana University, 1962-1979, undated

Box 1 Subseries:
Class notes and materials, 1975-1979, undated

R501, Real Estate and Land Economics

Fall Semester,

General, 1975

Handouts, 1975-1976

Spring Semester,

General, 1976-1977

Handouts, 1976-1977

General Term,

1977-1978

1978-1979

References, 1976-1978

R502, Administration of Real Estate Resources, 1975-1976

(2 folders)

Notebook, class unidentified, undated

Box 1 Subseries:
Future Studies, 1971-1979

Committee on Future Studies,

Meeting, May 1974

Meeting, April 1975

Meeting, October 1975

Meeting, December 1975

Meeting, October 1977

Box 2 Fund, 1973-1974

General,

1975-1977

1976-1979

Related Publications, 1971-1976

Box 2 Subseries:

Subject files, 1962-1978, undated

Indiana Executive Program,

1975-1977

1976

Federal Home Loan Bank Board Grant Application, 1973, 1975, undated

Phonodiscs (two), "Indiana University Executive Development Program Commencement Dinner," side 2 silent, 1962

(Oversized See Box 5)

Real Estate Salesman's Course, 1976-1977

School of Business Oral History Project, 1978

Seminar for Corporate Directors, 1978

University Science Advisory Committee, 1977-1978

Box 2

Series:**Publications and research, 1957-1981, undated**

Articles,

"Do We Need a Program of Assured Employment and Training?" 1975

"Long-Term Capital Requirements" [draft], 1974

"Need for a Federal Stabilization System," undated

Savings and Loan News article on Business and Real Estate, 1977

Articles and Speeches, 1957-1978

Eulogy for Stan Pressler, 1979

Speeches,

Speech Materials, 1972-1978

Texts from thirty, 1969-1974

Three Speeches by Weimer: "Bob Shafer Recognition Dinner June 15, 1981," "Homer Hoyt: Pioneer Real Estate Analyst and Investor," "Board Responsibilities and Performance," and untitled essay handwritten about teaching business by the case method, 1981, undated

"The University and Economic Growth," as Special Assistant to the President, 1964

Textbook: *Real Estate*, permissions correspondence, 1976

Working Paper and related correspondence: "Toward the Design of a New Undergraduate College," 1971-1972

Box 2

Series:**Subject files, 1939-1987, undated**

AACSB (American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business) Dean's Forum, 1976

ARAC Advisory Committee (Aerospace Research Advisory Committee), 1971-1975

BRAB (Building Research Advisory Board), 1975-1976

Business Roundtable, position papers, 1977-1978

Coalition for Social Service Coordination, 1977

Director's Study,

Board of Directors report card, undated

Correspondence, 1977-1978

Drafts and related materials, 1977-1978

Reference materials, 1976-1978

Greenleaf Notes, 1978

Hall, Robert W. article "Getting the Commitment on Top Management," with comments by John Mee, 1976

Hearings of the Sub-Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs, regarding joint statement by Weimer and Ed. Edwards, 1966-1969

House Subcommittee on Census and Population, 1976

Indiana Business Leaders Luncheon, 1975

Institute for Real Estate and Urban Economics,

1974-1975

1975-1976

Box 3

NASA's House of the Future, 1976

National Chamber Foundation, 1976

National Citizens Advisory Committee,

"Report of the National Citizens Advisory Committee on Vocational Rehabilitation," 1968

Report of the Committee on Vocational Rehabilitation, 1968

Statements by Mary E. Switzer and Wilbur J. Cohen, on Vocational Rehabilitation, 1968

Neighborhood Housing Services, roundtable discussion, 1976-1977

"Notes from Morton Bodfish Lecture presented by Carl Distelhorst to the Graduate School of Savings and Loan," 1970

President's Task Force on Low Income Housing, publication and correspondence, 1969-1970

Rosalynn Carter, Communities Plan, 1978

Rowe, Jim, (study of a bank as high-rise office building owner), 1978-1979

Savings and Loan Business publications, 1959, 1963, undated

Seventeenth International Congress for Housing and Town Planning, 1939

Shelmark Associated Industries, 1977

Urban Observatory Policy Board, 1979

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1975-1985

Weimer Chair Fund, 1979-1987

Box 3

Series:

Awards, 1939-1986, undated

Box 3

Subseries:

Certificates, 1939-1986

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, membership, 1942

(Oversized See Box 5)

American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, George Bloom Award, 1986

American Savings and Loan Institute, Honorary Membership, 1949

American Society of Real Estate Counselors (ASREC), Membership certification, 1974

Beloit College, Distinguished Service Citation, 1946

Beta Gamma Sigma, Indiana University chapter, resolution honoring Weimer and John Mee, 1979

Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, Business Member of the Chamber of Commerce for the United States of America certification, 1975

Citizen's Choice, Certificate of Appreciation, 1985

City of San Antonio, Texas, proclamation of appointment as honorary mayor of La Villita (revitalized historic district), 1971
(Oversized See Box 5)

Indiana University, certificate of recognition and appreciation upon Weimer's retirement, 1979

Indiana University, Emeritus Club membership, 1979

Indiana University, recognition in relation to the University's sesquicentennial year, 1970
(Oversized See Box 5)

Indiana University Alumni Association, Life Membership, 1982

Midwest Research Institute, certificate of appreciation, 1967-1982

North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development, recognition and appreciation of services, 1972
(Oversized See Box 5)

Phi Beta Kappa Associates, Wisconsin Chapter, membership, 1983

Reagan, Ronald, invitation to presidential inauguration, 1981

Reagan, Ronald, letter of birthday wishes, 1983

Sigma Iota Epsilon, membership, 1957

Society of Real Estate Appraisers, acknowledgement of presentation, 1976

Solo Flight certification, 1954

State of Arkansas, Arkansas Traveler appointment, 1974

State of Indiana, Real Estate Broker certification, 1984

State of Indiana Council of the Sagamores of the Wabash, appointment as Sagamore of the Wabash, 1956
(Oversized See Box 5)

State of Indiana Council of the Sagamores of the Wabash, appointment as Sagamore of the Wabash, 1968
(Oversized See Box 5)

State of Indiana Office of the Governor (Branigan), appointment to Board of Trustees of the Indiana Educational Services Foundation, 1968
(Oversized See Box 5)

State of Indiana Office of the Governor (Whitcomb), appointment to the Indiana Educational Services Foundation Board of Trustees, 1971
(Oversized See Box 5)

United States Army, appointment to Lieutenant Colonel, Quartermaster Corp, 1948

U.S. Department of State, certificate of delegation to the Seventeenth International Congress for Housing and Town Planning, 1939
(Oversized See Box 5)

Who's Who Publication Board, subject of biographical record, 1978

Box 4

Subseries:

Plaques, 1961-1985, undated

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, expression of appreciation, undated

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, George L. Schmutz Award, 1967

(Oversized See Box 5)

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, lifetime membership, 1985

Ball Corporation, resolution of appreciation, 1980

Beta Gamma Sigma, denotation of term as President and Chairman to the President's Advisory Council, 1961-1963, 1967

Beta Gamma Sigma, selection for national recognition, 1973

Dean's Associates, Chicago, expression of appreciation for service to the Indiana University School of Business, to Herman B Wells, Arthur M. Weimer, W. George Pinnell, and Schuyler F. Ottteson, 1982

Evansville Board of Realtors, Appreciation, undated

Indiana Executive Program, 1977

Indiana University Foundation, Scholarship Golf Classic, Third Place Team, 1971

Indiana University School of Business, 1966

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Public Service Group Achievement Award to Ball Brothers Research Corporation, 1964

National Homes Corporation, resolution of gratitude, 1976

Railroadmen's Federal Savings and Loan Association, recognition and appreciation, undated

(Oversized See Box 5)

Box 5 Oversized Materials