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Administrative History: English was one of the original subjects taught at Western Kentucky State Normal School beginning in 1907 and was established as a department in 1918. Several other departments grew out of the English Department including Philosophy & Religion (about 1965), Speech and Theatre (1968), Mass Communication (1970), and the Center for Intercultural & Folk Studies (1972).

The English Department started several other programs. Dr. Cherry made the English Department the home of the College Heights Herald in 1925. Frances Richards was given the task of establishing the Herald and was the advisor until 1964. The Writing Center (Lab) was established in 1972 and the first director was John Reiss from 1972 to 2000. The first departmental study abroad course was a London theatre tour taught by James Heldman in 1972. The English as a Second Language program was begun in 1976. The English Honors Program was established in 1980 with Walker Rutledge as the sponsor. The Robert Penn Warren Center was established in 1986 by Joy Bale Boone and Mary Ellen Miller. And, the Women's Studies Program was established in 1990 with Katie Ward as the director.

The English Department had a graduate program in the 1930s that granted 114 degrees, but was discontinued by the Council on Public Higher Education. A Master of Arts in Education was reestablished in 1941 and grew in the 1960s (the Graduate School of Western was established in 1964). The Master of Arts in English was reinstated in 1966.

The English Department has also sponsored or hosted oratorical contests, lecture series, conferences, and more.

Dept. Heads

Macon Anderson Leiper 1918-1926
Gordon Wilson 1928-1959
Willson E. Wood 1959-1972
James Heldman 1972-1979
James S. Flynn 1979-1984
Joseph R. Millichap 1984-7/31/1994 (on sabbatical 1990 fall semester)
Mary Ellen Pitts 8/1/1994-06/30/1998
Joe Millichap (interim) 7/1/1998-6/30/1999
Linda Calendrillo 7/1/1999-6/30/2003

Karen Schneider (interim) 7/1/2003-6/30/2004

Karen Schneider 7/1/2004-

Robert Hale (current in 2014)

References:

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UA68/6/1 Flynn, James, A Centennial History of the Department of English of Western Kentucky University,

UA68/6/5 Publicity File

UA68/6/5 Some Interesting Facts about the English Department 02/07/1934

UA68/6/1 Wood, Willson, A Brief History of the English Department, Western Kentucky University, 1907-1972

Description: Publications created by and about the English Department.

Zephyrus is produced by the English Department and contains student creative writing.

"A literary magazine called Voices had been produced for a number of years prior to that, but in 1969 Professor Gatlin, with the help of Professor Will Fridy, came up with the title Zephyrus, the Roman name for the west wind, because Dr. Wood had asked that "Western" be included in the title." From A Centennial History of the Department of English of Western Kentucky University by James Flynn

"In 1979, Frank [Steele], along with his wife, Peggy, began publishing Plainsong, a poetry journal that published many leading poets...until it ended in 1992." From A Centennial History of the Department of English of Western Kentucky University by James Flynn

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	Flynn, James Irish Literature: Poetry, Politics, and Protest, Study abroad 1996 NDEA Institute for Advanced Study in Linguistics and Composition, 1968 Teacher training WKU Writing Project, Summer 1995			Travel Writing
Box 4	2	English (WKU)		Brochures - Graduate
Description	Composition Curriculum			Subjects Poetry Writing English language
Box 4	3	English (WKU)		Brochures - Robert Penn Warren Center
Description	A Guide to Warren Country Center for Robert Penn Warren Studies Jenkins, William Robert Penn Warren Birthday Brunch Warren family			Subjects Authors Biography Dedications Gifts Invitations Letterheads Meetings Stationery
Box 4	4	English (WKU)	1986-2007	Newsletters
Description	English Department Newsletter, Issue No.1, Summer 1986, D752 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1124 The Cherry Hall Bulletin, Vol. 1, Spring 2005, D751 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/1123 The Phoenix, Vol. 1, Spring-Fall 2007, D3118 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3247 The Phoenix, Vol. 2, Spring/Fall 2009, D5019 - http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4422 Alvarez, Fabian Barton, Emmett Beville, Chelsea Boggs, Joe Bowen, Hoyt Cantrell, Earlene Centennial Celebration Christopher, Dave Cravens, Ann Creative Writing Major Crouther, Lou-Ann Curriculum Darnell, Kate Diegnan, Bobby Doyle, Lesley Duvall, Emilee Eckard, Ron Eklund, Morgan Endres, Nikolai English as a Second Language Institute (ESLI) English Club Ervin, Chris Fearnside, Jeff Fields, Ann Flynn, Jim Garrott, June Gatlin, Wanda		Subjects Authors Graduate students Retirements Writing Alumni & alumnae	

Glaser, Joe
Guthrie, Charles
Hagaman, John
Hardin, Joe
Haynes, R.
Heldman, Jim
Hellstrom, Ward
Hovet, Ted
Huddleston, Wanella
Hunley, Tom
Jones, Pauline
Jones, Tom
Laman, Edna
Little, Lee
Lockhart, Carol
Logan, Deborah
Looper, Amy
Martin, Brenda
McCelvey, George
McMahon, Bill
McMahon, Dorothy
Meyer, Chuck
Miller, Mary Ellen
Millichap, Joe
Moore, Russell
Mosby, Charmaine
Murrey, Loretta
Nave, Pat
Naylor, Gloria
Niva, Gretchen
O'Brien, Michael
Oakes, Elizabeth
Pelz, Karen
Perdue, Frances
Professional Writing Major
Reiss, John
Reynolds, Kimberly
Roberts, Nancy
Roger, David
Rowe, Alice
Rutledge Walker
Schneider, Karen
Schwarzkopf, Janet
Seeger, Barbara
Sigma Tau Delta
Southern Kentucky English Council
Spears, Marthalee
Spender, Beau
Spurlock, John
Steele, Frank
Steele, Peggy
Cooperative Center for Study Abroad
Summer Writing Institute
Survant, Joe
Szerdahelyi, Judith
Tankersley, Savannah
Taylor, Pat
Walters, Pia
Ward, Bob
Ward, Catherine
Warren, Robert Penn
Weixel, Beth
Williamson, Charles
Wurster, Bob

Zephyrus

Box 4	5	English (WKU)	1972, 1976, ca. 2006	Reports	
Description	Department of English Long Range Planning Survey 4/15/1976 Miller, Mary Ellen. English 055 (Introduction to Freshman English): A Study of Western Kentucky University's Remedial English Program in the Fall, 1975, July 1976. Wood, Willson. Department of English Report, 4/7/1972			Subjects	Curriculum Education Events Strategic planning
Box 4	6	English (WKU)	1972	Departmental History	
Description	Wood, Willson. A Brief History of the English Department, Western Kentucky University, 1907-1972. Digital copy available online: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/851			Subjects	History
Box 4	7	English (WKU)	2006	Departmental History	
Description	Flynn, James. A Centennial History of the Department of English of Western Kentucky University, 10/1/2006. Digital copy available online: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/852			Subjects	History
Box 4	8	English (WKU)	1982-1983	Student Essays	
Description	Creative Awakenings, English 102 Students Solving Krupa's Cube, English 101 Students			Subjects	Writing
	Adams, Nancy Babbard, Foy Ballard, Sue Belcher, Scott Bell, Linda Broderick, Mike Burkett, Mark Cartwright, Blain Christ Episcopal Church (Bowling Green, KY) Church of Christ (Bowling Green, KY) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Bowling Green, KY) Collins, Jennifer Cook, Rita Crabtree, Robin Crump, Jeffrey Davis, Betsy DeFoor, Jennifer Edelen, Mark Elder, Cindy Ellis, Pete Fox, Kathy Frank, Marla Gibson, Sandy Gray, David Greer, Doug Hamilton, Terri Hillvue Heights Baptist Church (Bowling Green, KY) Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Bowling Green, KY) Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Bowling Green, KY) Jeter, Pamela Jones, Jill Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (Bowling Green, KY) Kline, Ted Largen, Kenny Lewis, Gail				

Layne, Bob
 Lyons, Randall
 Martin, Curtis
 McCoy, Mona
 McGuffin, Patricia
 Miles, Mary
 Payne, Barkley
 Province, Ann
 Pullen, Terri
 Ratliff, Linda
 Saalman, Scott
 Sandefur, Rita
 Schabel, Chris
 Short, Jimmy
 Smith, Fred
 Smith, Roger
 Spear, Carl
 Stinson, Traci
 Thielen, Jill
 Wade, Marianne
 Warren, Deborah
 Watkins, Brad
 Williams, Barbara
 Williams, Melissa
 Yoder, Miriam

Box 4 10 English (WKU) 1984 Student Essays

Description Writing to Learn, English 102 Students. Digital copy available online at:
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/853

Subjects Writing

Angel, Mitchell
 Bell, Paul
 Calhoun, Jody
 Carlton, Chad
 Clemons, Mary
 Collins, Tracey
 Corby, Gary
 Hardin, Darlene
 Hedden, Larry
 Henderson, Jim
 Himes, Diane
 Hodskins, Linda
 Hughes, G.S.
 Ives, Jamie
 Kolbensschlag, Peter
 Male, Marcelle
 Ogles, Laura
 Pullen, Terri
 Roberts, Christy
 Short, Jimmy
 Watkins, Brad
 Thoreau, Henry David
 Walden Pond
 Williams, Malissa

Box 4 11 English (WKU) 1985 Student Essays

Description Across the Pacific Ocean , Summer Intensive English Institute

Subjects Writing
 International students
 Japanese language

Heins, John
 Higashi, Takashi

Kobayashi, Hitoshi
Miura, Tadashi
Murata, Kazukimi
Nakamura, Yoshinari
Sakaguchi, Toru
Suwa, Isaku
Toda, Kyutaro

Box 4	12	English (WKU)	1978	Student Poetry	
Description	Western Kentucky University, contains poetry written by children participating in John Lewter's Poetry Workshop.			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems
	Blackerby, Kate Burford, Chris Capps, Jill Daniel, Melody Houchins, Ellen Huddleston, Kristina Kesler, Andy Kesler, Betsy Leonard, Rob Manco, Gretchen Neat, Sheri Powell, Katie Rutledge, Quentin Spurlock, Christy Taylor, Kevin				

Box 5	1, 5-11	English (WKU)	1979-1991	Plainsong	
Description	Plainsong is an independent journal published by faculty members of the English Department.			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems
	Vol. I, No. 1 - Vol. VII, No. 1 Vol. VIII, No. 1				

Box 5	2	English (WKU)	2007	Student Poetry	
Description	An Evening With Poetry 305, 2007 Improvement & Perfection, 2007			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems
	Brandenburg, Katie Cooksey, Scott Davidson, Renee Divon, G. Doyle, Lesley Edwards, Brock Gillespie, Emily Gordon, Daniel Gray, Kandice Gray, Molly Gregory, Joshua Jackson, Tyler Jacobs, Charles Lane, Jeremy Lawrence, Leah Lively, Chris Main, Chris Mattingly, Whitney Mudd, Samantha				

Box 5	4	English (WKU)	2014	Newsletter - Emeriti
Description	Emeriti: Annual of Retired WKU English Faculty, vol. 1, issue 1, 2014, D3660, https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/3648			Subjects Authors Retirements
Box 5	12	English (WKU)	2013-2015	Journal - Ashen Egg
Description	The Ashen Egg: A Journal of Undergraduate English Scholarship Vol. 1, Spring 2013 Vol. 2, Spring 2014 Vol. 3, Spring 2015 available online at: https://www.wku.edu/english/publications.php			Subjects Writing Student works Periodicals Graduate students
	Class of 2013 (WKU) Class of 2014 (WKU) Class of 2015 (WKU) Class of 2016 (WKU) Coulter, Ashley Crouther, Lou-Ann Davies, Lloyd English (WKU) Fife, Jane Gifford, David Gillon, Anna Beth Hussung, Ben Ingram, Tracy Jo Ingram, Tracy Jo Kennedy, Meghan Langdon, Allison Long, Laura McMahan, Samantha Miller, Mary Ellen Moster, Brittany Rudolph, Abby Rutledge, Walker Sweeney, Kayla Szerdahelyi, Judith Taylor, Susan Taylor, Susan Thieman, Rebecca Weixel, Beth Woodward, Maggie			
Box 5	13	English (WKU)	1992	Student Essays
Description	Broomsedge Chronicles: Farm Living in South Central Kentucky, Spring 1992, D4739 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/5178			Subjects Folklore Local history. Plants Poems Poets Student works Writing
	Alford, Joyce Armer, Joyce Ballard, Jeff Barrick, Sandie Bean, Jerry Neal Bingham, Shela Bledsoe, Brent Bunch, Steven Carver, Billy Cowan, Angela Decker, Karen Dillahay, Betty Dilley, Debbie			

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 Emmitt, Craig
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 Glover, Michelle
 Gooch, Jeanelle
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 Martin, Sonia
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 Moody, Ila
 Morris, Angela
 Murrey, Loretta Martin
 Myatt, William
 Parker, Judy
 Powell, Dorothean
 Pulanco, Maria
 Rather, Diane
 Reneau, Jennifer
 Rich, LaDarra
 Ritchie, Pam
 Shive, Rickey
 Smith, Terri
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 Taylor, Kimberly
 Taylor, Tim
 Tharlson, Rowland
 WKU Glasgow
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 Williams, Amy
 York, Rita
 Young, Kelli
 Young, Penny

Box 5	14	English (WKU)	1995	Plainsong	
Description	UA1969-269			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems
	Quiet Music: A Plainsong Reader, 1995 The Valley Beneath Words: The Best of Plainsong, 1995				
Box 5	15	English (WKU)		Treasure Chest of Poems	
Description	UA1969-269			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems
	Holloway, Janet, ed. Treasure Chest of Poems, nd				
Box 5	16	English (WKU)	nd	Project Ace	
Description	Qualls, Ann. Project Ace (Awakening Creative Energy): A Procedural Guide to Introducing Poetry Writing to Children			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems

Box 5	17	English (WKU)	nd	You Can Be a Poet	
Description	Miller, Mary & Frank Steele. You Can Be a Poet: A How-To Book by Students, nd			Subjects	Writing Poetry Poems
	Brantley, Laurie Bratton, Chris Burden, Christal Edge, Leona Frye, Lisa Hall, Cary Hollis, Susan Logsdon, Doug MacVeigh, Daniel Medley, Joe Moreau, Del Petty, Carlene Pullen, Terri Ricks, Rebecca Zettlemoyer, Martha				
Box 5	18	English (WKU)	nd	Beginner's Guide to Fiction	
Description	Miller, Mary. A Beginner's Guide to Fiction, nd			Subjects	Writing
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Description	2016 Zephyrus printers copy D4721 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/eng_zeph_mag/1/				
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Description	Dickens Film Festival, 1983, D2934 Robert Penn Warren 3rd Annual Symposium, 1990, D2933			Subjects	Motion picture festivals Posters
	Beaty, Jerome Burgan, Mary Grimshaw, James Heldman, James Thurin, Susan				
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Description	12th Annual Jim Wayne Miller Celebration of Writing, D94				
OS Box 7	2	English (WKU)	1993	Posters	
Description	Robert Penn Warren 6th Annual Symposium, D2723 Robert Penn Warren 7th Annual Symposium, D2722			Subjects	Posters Meetings

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Vol. 1, No. 2, 2015, D4226 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4082/

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