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Biographical/Historical Note: 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 followed by Jane Olmstead in 1996.

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.

Department 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)

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