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Postcard Collection  
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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Title	Postcard Collection, 1900-present.
Extent	.25 linear feet. 1 box.
Arrangement	Postcards are arranged in four series by date, defined by changes in the name of the school. Items are filed within each series chronologically and then alphabetically by subject.
Provenance	Source of the earliest postcards is unknown although many were found in material collected by former alumni director & archivist, Hermann Beckert. Certain individual postcards were donated to the archives by Julia Bartman, Richard Kokoska, and Margaret Allison and a group of postcards from the year 2000 was donated anonymously in 2003.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: <a href="http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/">http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/</a>
Preferred Citation	[Series, Date, Folder description], Postcard Collection, 1900-present. University Archives, J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226
Access points	Willimantic State Normal School Willimantic State Teachers College Willimantic State College Eastern Connecticut State University.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Publications. Photographs.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

The collection contains 43 postcards. The largest part of the collection is picture postcards of the campus between 1900 and 1940. Several of the early cards have correspondence and early postal information. Hermann Beckert is given credit for this collection. He as alumni director wrote many letters appealing to alumni to help in the identification of pictures, memories and donate memorabilia to their Alma Mater.

**SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

Series I – 1900-1937, Willimantic State Normal School

This series offers a collection of images of the school’s first administration building which opened in 1894, the class of 1909, the first residence hall (Burr) which opened in 1921 and the “new” Windham Street Model School where students did practice teaching under the supervision of experienced teachers.

Series II – 1938-1958, Willimantic State Teachers College

This series offers a collection of images of the administration-classroom building of the newly named teacher’s college, the Model School, local Windham High School and the “new” administration-classroom building which replaced the original building which burned in 1943.

Series III – 1959-1967, Willimantic State College

This series offers a photographic postcard of Shafer Hall as the school name changed once again from Willimantic State College to Eastern Connecticut State College.

Series IV – 2000-present, Eastern Connecticut State University

This series offers a collection of photographic postcards of the University at the turn of the century. Images include photographs of Burr Hall, Webb Hall & the campus entrance sign plus new buildings of north campus: Smith Library & Foster Clock Tower, Admissions Building and Baseball Complex.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

N/A

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Related information may be found in the following collections: Facilities Management / Buildings, Photographs / Buildings and the Alumni Affairs Collection.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecs.uconn.edu/archives/s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I - 1900-1937		
1	Children's Play Ground (1)	[1900]
	State Normal School "Dear Alice..." (1)	October 1904
	State Normal School (1) colorized	[1905]
	State Normal School "Nettie..." (1)*	August 1906
	WNS '09, class picture (1)	[1909]
	State Normal School (2) "Dear Susie..." & bark image	1910
	State Normal School (3) colorized	[1910]
	State Normal School (1) colorized "thot you..."	[1912]
	Residence Hall (1) front entrance	1924
	Residence Hall (1) street view (students)	1924
	Normal School (2) Valley Street views (no dome)	[1924]; 1937
	Windham Street Model School (1) main entrance	[1924]
	Burr Hall (1) student room (B. Buell)	1936
	Burr Hall (1) living room	[1936]
Series II – 1938-1958		
	Normal School, entrance (1) "Miss Dorothy Hale..."	February 1939
	Normal School, entrance & interior stairway (2)*	[1939]
	State Teacher's College (6) colorized (no dome)	[1940]
	Model School (1) colorized	[1940]
	Windham High School (1) colorized	[1940]
	Auditorium, State Teacher's College (1) colorized	[1949]
Series III – 1959-1967		
	Classroom Administration Building (1) name change	[1967]
Series IV – 2000-present		
	Eastern Connecticut State University (1) aerial view	2000
	Eastern Connecticut State University (1)	2000
	Burr Hall-Smith Library-Shafer Hall-Admissions	
	Eastern Connecticut State University (3)	2000
	Foster Clock Tower (day & night views) & Smith Library	
	Baseball Complex-Webb Hall-Wickware Planetarium-	2000
	ECSU Sign- Foster Clock Tower in center (1)	