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Quick Facts

- Housed in the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections, Dr. Arnold Shankman's collection includes some 50,000 items.
- Shankman taught history at Winthrop from 1975-83.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The professional papers of the late **Dr. Arnold M. Shankman**, a noted historian and former Winthrop history professor, are available for public research and use through **Dacus Library's Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections**. Supported by a \$6,200 grant from the S.C. State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB), archives has published a detailed [online inventory](#) of Shankman's papers.

The project, which began in 2008, involved rehousing the materials into archival folders and boxes, organizing **Shankman's** records and uploading a finding aid to the library catalog to allow researchers access to the large collection's materials. Gina Price White, archives director, said **Shankman's** papers are "a valuable resource not only for Winthrop students and faculty but for any researcher looking for information pertaining to his area of expertise."

Shankman's extensive scholarship included the Civil War, the Old South, ethnic and immigrant history, southern Jewish history, civil rights and women's history. According to Joyce Plyler, a history graduate student who served as primary processor for the collection, the papers are "a treasure trove of historical research in a variety of areas." Plyler added that **Shankman**, who earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at Emory University, was "a pioneer in the study of how ethnic and immigrant groups viewed each other." In addition, the scholar helped publish the writings of Marion Wright, a crusader for civil rights in the Carolinas during the 20th century.

During his teacher career at Winthrop, **Shankman** published four books and more than 50 articles. His collection in the library's **Archives and Special Collections** features more than 50,000 items, including Winthrop-related articles and papers, photographs, research and lecture notes and Shankman's research into 19th- and 20th-century Southern history.

For more information about the collection, contact White at 803/323-2334 or whiteg@winthrop.edu, or visit the [Archives and Special Collections Web site](#).

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