
Guide to the Ellwood Patterson Cubberley Papers, 1886-1965

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Most of the material in the Cubberley Papers were at one time part of another miscellaneous collection. In 1979 some files from the Cubberley Library were sent to the University Archives. At that time these files were combined with those papers in the miscellaneous collection and were made into an independent collection. The collection was partially processed and a preliminary listing was made. This entire collection was re-processed in 1983. Many of the diplomas and awards are oversize, and for this reason they are kept in the print collection (P205).

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BIOGRAPHY

Ellwood Patterson Cubberley was born in Andrews, Indiana June 8, 1868. In 1891 Cubberley received an A.B. from Indiana University, where he met David Starr Jordan, who was president of the university. Cubberley received an M.A. in 1902 and a Ph.D. in 1905, both from Columbia University. On June 15, 1892 Cubberley and Helen Van Uxem, a student he had met at the University of Indiana, were married. Between 1891 and 1893 Cubberley served as an instructor in physical sciences at Vincennes University in Indiana. He then became president of Vincennes and served from 1893 to 1896. While President, Cubberley brought the university out of debt and established it as an accredited junior college.

From Vincennes Cubberley went to California as the superintendent of the San Diego City Schools. Two years later he accepted an offer from David Starr Jordan, who had become the first president of Stanford University, for the position of assistant professor of education. He became full professor in 1906 and became the dean of the School of Education when it was established in 1917. He served as dean until his retirement in 1933. Cubberley is credited with strengthening the department and building it into an influential School of Education.

Throughout his career Cubberley also did much work lecturing and writing, and served as the head of many school district surveys. Cubberley wrote and edited many books, most notably the Riverside Textbooks in Education.

In 1934, with money they had saved and invested throughout the years, the Cubberleys created a trust fund which was used for the building of the new School of Education. It was completed in 1938.

Cubberley died on September 14, 1941. Helen Cubberley died on January 25, 1952. The Cubberleys did not have children.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains a wide variety of material. This includes correspondence, articles, speeches, clippings, certificates, ephemera, drawings (charts by Cubberley) and other legal and financial documents. This material reflects almost every aspect of Cubberley's life, although the collection is clearly lacking the bulk of Cubberley's office files created while he served as dean of the School of Education.

- Champion in Elocution, Antioch Public Schools,
- **Date:** 1878
- Indiana University: Bachelor of Arts, in Physics,
- **Date:** 1891
(signed by Indiana president, David Starr Jordan, June 1891)
- Columbia University, Teachers College: Masters Diploma in Education,
- **Date:** 1902
- Columbia University: Masters in art,
- **Date:** 1902
- Columbia University, Teachers College: Doctors Diploma in Education,
- **Date:** 1905
- Columbia University: Doctor of Philosophy,
- **Date:** 1905
- Columbia University: Butler Silver Medal for Competence in Educational Theory,
- **Date:** 1915
- Panama-Pacific International Exposition: commemorative medal of bronze for distinguished service,
- **Date:** 1915
- Cubberley Anniversary Fund,
- **Date:** 1923
- Pi Gamma Mu: membership,
- **Date:** 1926
- National Education Association of the United States: Active member for life,
- **Date:** 1933
- National Education Association of the United States: Honorary life member,
- **Date:** 1933
- Letter, William G. Carr to Jesse B. Sears,

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- **Date:** 13 December 1954
re: Cubberley's membership
 - Columbia University: The University Medal,
 - **Date:** 1933
 - Indiana University: Doctor of Laws (honorary),
 - **Date:** 1934
 - State University of Iowa: Doctor of Laws (honorary),
 - **Date:** 1934
2 copies (dummy and original)

CORRESPONDENCE

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Box 1, Folder 14	14. "Report of the Reviewing Committee on the Reorganization and Housing Program of the San Francisco Schools," May 5, 1924. 15. "A Distinctive American Achievement," Educational Progress, vol. 5, no. 2, Jan. 1926 16. "The School Textbook Problem," Education Progress, vol. 6, no. 2, March 1927. 17. "Outgrown District School System Impedes Educational Progress," The Nevada Tax Review, no. 1S May 1928. 18. "What Should be the Professional Relationship Between Teacher and Principal, Principal and Superintendent, and Teacher and Superintendent' Montana Education, Vol VII, no. 7 Mar. 1931
Box 1, Folder 15	19. "Measuring Instruction in History" n.d. 20. "Plan of Supervision of Rural Schools," n.d.

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 Historical Geography, 1891

RIVERSIDE TEXTBOOKS IN EDUCATION

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