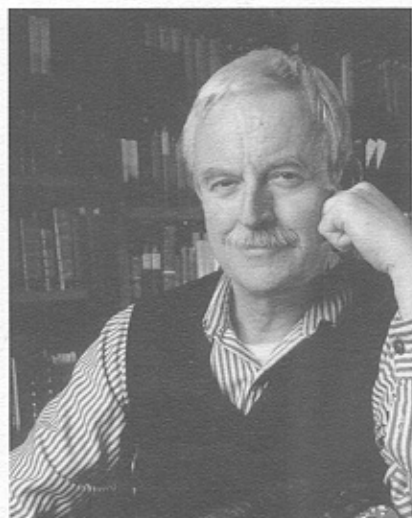


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Brian Rogers

## RETIREMENT OF BRIAN ROGERS

Brian Rogers, Librarian of the College from 1975 to 1994 and Special Collections Librarian since 1994, retired from Connecticut College at the end of the 1998-1999 academic year. Brian's tenure as College Librarian saw many changes, including the installation of the library in a new building in 1976, the adoption of an automated library system in 1985 and the formation of the CTW Consortium with Trinity College and Wesleyan University. Among the highlights of his tenure as Special Collections Librarian are the acquisition of the papers of Eugene O'Neill's biographer Louis Sheaffer and the Linda Lear-Rachel Carson Collection.

The College held a large reception in May to celebrate Brian's retirement. Three Connecticut College presidents, Claire Gaudiani, Charles Shain and Oakes Ames, attended the party. An endowed book fund for Special Collections with a book plate designed by Bruce Campbell was established in Brian's honor. Laurie M. Deredita was named Acting Special Collections Librarian. Laurie has been the Catalogue Librarian at Shain Library since 1985.

*Purchased from a fund  
established in honor of*

**BRIAN D. ROGERS**

*College Librarian*

*1975-1993*



*Special Collections Librarian*

*1993-1999*



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Book plate honoring Brian Rogers



## AGNES BOULTON CORRESPONDENCE ACQUIRED FOR THE SHEAFFER-O'NEILL COLLECTION

Agnes Boulton (1893-1968) was the second wife of Eugene O'Neill, the mother of O'Neill's children, Shane and Oona, and a novelist. The correspondence includes over one hundred letters written to Agnes by her friend James Delaney and her lawyer Harry Weinberger, and cover the period when she and O'Neill separated and divorced. Eugene and Agnes were married from 1918 to 1929. The collection also contains the handwritten first chapter of Agnes' book about her life with O'Neill, *Part of a Long Story*, and the outline of a sequel to the book, which was never written.

There are also two oil paintings by Agnes' father, the artist E. W. Boulton, including a portrait of Shane O'Neill. These papers and other materials, including photographs not already in the Sheaffer-O'Neill Collection, will be of interest to researchers. A recent example of scholarly interest in this period of Eugene O'Neill's life is William Davies King's edition of the correspondence of Agnes Boulton and O'Neill, *A Wind is Rising*, published this year by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press.

Among the papers are a letter dated October 12, 1938, that Agnes wrote to her son Shane, probably when he was a student at the Ralston Creek School in Golden, Colorado. At the top of the letter she writes, "Don't forget your father's birthday." Eugene O'Neill's birthday was October 16.

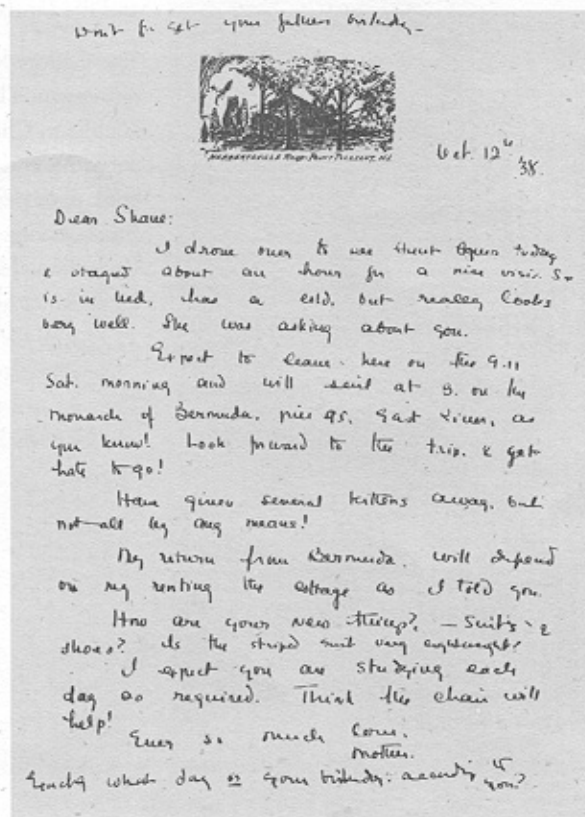
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Letter from the  
Library collection

## LOST AND FOUND: THE INGOLDSBY CRAWFORD LETTERS

Ingoldsby W. Crawford, a native of Union, Connecticut, was the fourth United States Customs Collector for New London, an office that he held for eight years during the 1830's. Crawford left an extensive correspondence, which was later given to the Connecticut College Library. In 1955, the letters were lent to the New London County Historical Society for display in connection with a public program on the New London Custom House. After the Connecticut College Library moved to a new building in 1976, members of the library staff were unable to locate the letters. In May 1999, they were finally rediscovered by Brian Rogers, shortly before his retirement, in a box tucked away on an upper shelf in Special Collections.

The Crawford letters are concerned with customs activities and the maintenance of the Morgan's Point Lighthouse and include several to or from Roger B. Taney, Attorney General and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The fortunate discovery of the letters coincides with the New London Maritime Society's development of a library and archive relating to New London's maritime history. The Society was responsible for the restoration of the Custom House as a museum. Thus it was timely and appropriate that in July the one hundred and seventy-five letters were given to the Society where the originals will be preserved and high-quality photocopies will be made available for research purposes.



*Postcard view of the U.S. Custom House and dock, New London, Connecticut, as it appeared around the turn of the century. (Library collection)*



## SECOND ANNUAL SOUND LAB FOUNDATION LECTURE GOES ON DESPITE HURRICANE FLOYD

An enthusiastic audience of fifty hardy souls braved wind and rain on the night of September 16, to hear U.S. Coast Guard Commander Stephen E. Flynn, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, speak about "Drugs, Thugs and Terrorists: Can Civil Society Survive a World of Open Borders?" at the second annual Sound Lab Foundation Lecture. Flynn is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and holds a M.A.L.D and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. At the Council he directs a national study group in support of his research and book manuscript on "Globalization and the Future of Border Control."

The Sound Lab Foundation Lecture Series is a collaboration between the Sound Lab Foundation and the Connecticut College Friends of the Library. The first Sound Lab Foundation Lecture was delivered in 1998 by G. Pascal Zachary on "Imagining the Future: Mind Machines, Military Research, and the Conquest of Information Overload."

## THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY COMES TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

On November 5 and 6, Marcia Melnyk of the New England Historic and Genealogical Society will teach a genealogy research skills program, Genealogy 101 on the Road, at Connecticut College in the Ernst Common Room under the sponsorship of the Friends of the Library. It the first time that this NEHGS course has been offered outside of Boston. Brochures describing the program and information about registration were sent to Friends of the Library members who live in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

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Since its founding in 1945, the Friends of the Library have sponsored many events such as the Sound Lab Foundation lecture and the New England Historic and Genealogical Society program described in this issue. It has provided funding for hundreds of book and manuscript acquisitions, such as the Agnes Boulton correspondence, which have enriched the library's collections. Contributions from the Friends also support a Library Scholarship which is awarded each year to a Connecticut College senior or alumnus who is pursuing a graduate degree in library science, book conservation or archival management. We hope that by affiliating with our library, you will feel that it is yours as well, whether you use Shain Library or Greer Music Library. As we move into the next millennium, we hope that you will renew your membership or join us for the first time.

Laurie M. Deredita

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