**Sociology**

The first course in Sociology at Davidson College was offered in the 1930s.

Professor Price Gwynn taught sociology along with other courses. In 1947, Charles

Brooks Anderson became the first faculty to specialize in sociology. In 1950 the

first introductory anthropology class was offered within the Department of

Sociology. Sociology remained a one-faculty department until the 1970s, when it

expanded to four faculty. The department name also expanded in 1978-1979, to

become Sociology and Anthropology. In 1986-1987, the department was renamed

Anthropology and Sociology. In 1995, the department had 7 faculty and offered

over 45 courses. The departments separated in Spring 1998. For the 2006-2007

academic year, the Sociology department had four faculty members and 23

course offerings.

**Retention Schedule**

**Correspondence.** Official office or departmental correspondence.

Disposition Instructions: Transfer to College Archives after 6 years for

appraisal and final disposition.

**Departmental Programs File**. Records containing departmental programs

and courses. Files may include committee minutes and reports, course proposals,

syllabi, course enrollment, grants , publicity, newsletters, annual reports, and selfstudies.

Disposition Instructions: Transfer to College Archives after 6 years for

appraisal and final disposition.

**Faculty Personnel Files.** Records concerning departmental faculty. Files may

include honors and awards, biographical information, internal evaluations and

other related records. Files may contain restricted information.

Disposition Instructions: Destroy in office when reference value ends.

**Job Searches.** Records concerning activities of specially-formed search

committees charged with recruiting new or replacement faculty members. Files

may include correspondence, resumes, applications, and other related records.

Files may contain restricted information.

Disposition Instructions: Transfer applications and other records for

individuals hired to appropriate personnel file when individual accepts

position. Destroy applications for individuals not hired 2 years after date of

receipt if no charge of discrimination has been filed. If charge has been

filed, destroy in office 1 year after resolution of charge.