

Gresham Riley president records

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Summary Information

Repository	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
Creator	Gresham Riley
Title	Gresham Riley president records
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Date [inclusive]	1994–1997
Extent	10 document boxes
Location note	
Language	English
Language of Materials note	English
Abstract	Collection of office files generated by the president of PAFA, Gresham Riley. Files cover various subjects involved in operating and managing both the museum and school, including finances, exhibitions, donor relations, events, and marketing.

Preferred Citation note

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Historical note

The position of president was created in the administrative reorganization of 1983. The position is similar to the chief executive officer of a corporation, with department heads for the museum, school, development, and finance reporting to the president. It should be noted that the chairman of the board of directors was referred to as the President of the Academy until 1974.

Gresham Riley, PhD, graduated Baylor University with a B.A. in Philosophy. He received his M.A. and PhD in Philosophy from Yale University. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, and a Danforth Fellowship. In 1968-1969, Dr. Riley served as a research fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He was a Professor of Philosophy at Colorado College, the University of Richmond, and New College.

He was selected to be PAFA's president in 1994, a position he served until his resignation in 1997. Riley maintains that he had finished the work he came to PAFA to complete, such as solidifying finances and increasing enrollment. He and the board agreed that "it is time for new leadership to carry out the [seven-year] strategic plan which I and my staff have been developing."

An interim CEO will be named forthwith, but Riley remained in the position of president until the end of the fiscal year on July 31, 1998.

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Arrangement note

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access note

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