

# A Guide to the Lee Morrison Papers, 1946-2012 SC 0215

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## Revision Description

**2020-01-24** Finding aid added to ASpace with slight alterations to folder titles. Collection was rehoused at this time. No major edits to narrative of the finding aid.

**June 2021** Biographical note updated to place more emphasis on Dr. Morrison's relationship with Dr. Bruce.

## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

SC 0215

**Unit ID**

/repositories/4/resources/635

**Unit Date**

1946-2012

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

The material present in this collection comprise the personal papers of Dr. Lee Morrison. These files contain materials from conferences, speeches, diplomas and awards, photos, reports on women's issues in sports and education, and personal reflections.

**Creator**

Morrison, Lee (Lonnie Leotus), 1926-2015

**Extent**

1.32 cubic feet 4 boxes

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

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**Use Restrictions**

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**Acquisition Information**

Donated by Lee Morrison in October 2012.

**Processing Information**

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in 2017-2019. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 5041.** This collection was rehoused in January 2020 and slight alterations were made to finding aid.

**Preferred Citation**

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## Bio/Historical Note

Dr. Lonnie Leotus "Lee" Morrison (1926-2015) was a professor, coach, and administrator at Madison College starting in 1954 until she retired in 1989. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women in 1948 with a B.S. in Education. She then went on to get her M.A. from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1951. After acquiring the position at Madison College, she received her doctorate at Indiana University in 1964. In 1967, she became the Coordinator of Women's Sports for Madison College. From 1972 until her retirement in 1989 she served as the Associate Director of Athletics for James Madison University. Dr. Morrison dedicated her professional career to promoting equality in collegiate sports. After the passage of Title IX, an educational amendment that banned sex discrimination in any program receiving federal aid, she was still involved in many organizations that fought to end sex discrimination in school athletics. She was a member of the Virginia Association for Girls and Women in Sport and a founding board member of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), for which she later served as president. She worked on numerous committees at the state, regional, and national level for the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport. She also served on President Ronald Carrier's Think Tank on Women's Issues at JMU. Throughout her career she won many awards for her dedication. After retirement, she helped establish the Morrison-Bruce Center for the Promotion of Physical Activity for Girls and Women on the JMU campus. The Morrison-Bruce Center is named in honor of Dr. Morrison and Dr. Patricia Bruce, professor of physical and health education at JMU from 1961-1989. Morrison and Bruce were colleagues, friends, and long-time companions.

## Scope and Content

The Lee Morrison Papers, 1946-2012, comprise the personal and professional papers of Dr. Lee Morrison. These files relate to conferences, speeches, diplomas and awards, photographs, reports on women's issues in sports and education, Title IX, President Ronald Carrier's Think Tank on Women's Issues at JMU, and personal reflections. There are also transcripts of interviews conducted by Chuck Walcott, Virginia Tech professor of political science, with Lee Morrison dated 1996.

## Separated Material

A copy of the brochure "Sexism in Higher Education: The James Madison Perspective" (1990) was separated from the collection and cataloged.

## Keywords

Physical education for girls  
Physical education for women  
College sports for women  
College sports  
Speeches (Documents)  
Photographs  
Letters (correspondence)  
Research (documents)  
Reports  
Madison College -- Faculty -- Correspondence  
Morrison, Lee (Lonnie Leotus), 1926-2015 -- Correspondence  
James Madison University -- Faculty -- Correspondence

## Appraisal

Four boxes of trophies, plaques, awards, and realia were not retained by Special Collections.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the same order in which it was donated.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Portrait photographs

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24637

**Unit Date** 1988-1990, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Class presentations

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24638

**Unit Date** 1998, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Diplomas, awards, and certificates

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24639

**Unit Date** 1946-2008

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Mary Baldwin**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24640

**Unit Date** 2002

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**1990 Honorary Degree**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24641

**Unit Date** 1990

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**ACE Conference Agenda**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24642

**Unit Date** 1989, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Women in Sport - A progress report, Bill Gilbert and Nancy Williamson**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24643

**Unit Date** 1983

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**NA Congress Philly**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24644

**Unit Date** 1983, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Germany October 9-28, 1977**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24645

**Unit Date** 1977-1979

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Caroline Sinclair portfolio**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24646

**Unit Date** 1969-1998

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Honors**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24647

**Unit Date** 1988-2000

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**AIAW president pictures**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24648

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Commencement 8/90**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24649

**Unit Date** 1990

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**UNESCO trip to Paris, France 5/21/78**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24650

**Unit Date** 1977-1978

**Mixed Materials [1000886197]** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Comp. speeches**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24651

**Unit Date** 1974-1975, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Personal resume - L. Leotus Morrison**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24652

**Unit Date** 1962-2009

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**October weekend**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24653

**Unit Date** 2002-2004

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**NACWAA**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24654

**Unit Date** 1988-1999

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Reunion - Florida 2/11-14/09**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24655

**Unit Date** 1982-2009, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**AIAW documents 1974**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24656

**Unit Date** 1973-1980, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Women's Fitness Center**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24657

**Unit Date** 2004-2006

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Poems and thoughts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24658

**Unit Date** 1962-1975, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Speech material**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24659

**Unit Date** 1972-1978, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886198]** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Essay**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24660

**Unit Date** 1959-1982, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Chuck Walcott - AIAW**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24661

**Unit Date** 1996-1999

**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Morrison-Bruce Endowment**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24662

**Unit Date** 2009

**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Other centers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24663

**Unit Date** 2003-2005

**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Morrison-Bruce Center****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24664**Unit Date** 1966-2005**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**LLM - Odds & Ends****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24665**Unit Date** 2008-2011**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Speech - G. Hunt '08****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24666**Unit Date** 2008**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**2011 - Women in Sports****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24667**Unit Date** 2010-2011**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Articles****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24668**Unit Date** 2007-2010**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Title IX research****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24669**Unit Date** 2002-2003**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Title IX - timelines/sport history****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24670**Unit Date** 2004-2007**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24671**Unit Date** 1990-2008**Mixed Materials [1000886199]** 3 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)

**Virginia Hall of Fame**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24672

**Unit Date** 2000

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**AIAW history**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24673

**Unit Date** 1981, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Personal reflections**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24674

**Unit Date** 1978, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Resume**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24675

**Unit Date** 1983-2004

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Smith magazine**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24676

**Unit Date** 2012

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Think Tank on Women's Issues**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24677

**Unit Date** 1988-2007

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Think Tank on Women's Issues**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24678

**Unit Date** 1990-1991

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Think Tank Report**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24679

**Unit Date** 1990

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Binder**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24680

**Unit Date** 1999-2007, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Sweet Briar (2005)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24681

**Unit Date** 2005, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Smith archives**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24682

**Unit Date** 2011

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Odds and Ends**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24683

**Unit Date** 2002-2011

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Women's Colleges and Athletics**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24684

**Unit Date** September 2002

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Title IX under George Bush**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24685

**Unit Date** 2003-2005

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Speeches and articles**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/24686

**Unit Date** 1966-2011

**Mixed Materials [1000886200]** 4 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)