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Abstract

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Creator

Theodore, Crystal, 1917-2012

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Biographical Note

Dr. Crystal Theodore (1917-2012) was a member of James Madison University's art faculty for 26 years including time as the department head. After her retirement in 1983, Theodore continued her advocacy for the arts and was involved in the local Harrisonburg art community. While Theodore's scholarship and involvement in the arts is well documented, her research into religious cuisines is not outside of this manuscript. During World War II, Theodore served in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve as an intelligence officer.

Scope and Contents

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The manuscript is divided into two parts: Celebratory Foods and Recipes. The first part is broken down according to religion - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The recipes are identified according to the religion they are traditionally associated with. Similar to most cookbooks, the recipes are organized according to type of food (e.g. desserts, soups, beverages, etc.).

The manuscript is undated but likely dates between 1983 when Theodore retired as professor emerita and 2012 when she died.

Keywords

Manuscripts (documents)

Recipes

Islamic cooking

Jewish cooking

Cooking -- Religious aspects

Appraisal

A CD-R containing the word document version of the manuscript was not retained due to its duplication of the physical manuscript.

Bibliography

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