

Finding Aid

➤ Glenn Geelhoed Papers ◀
1995-2015

MSS-233

Size: 6 linear feet

Provenance: Received from Dr. Glenn Geelhoed in December 2009

Access: Open

Collection Summary: Much of this collection consists of Geelhoed's travel logs regarding his medical missions to developing countries. His recollections are also presented in the form of emails to friends and colleagues, and photographs.

Subject(s): [Medicine and Health](#); [Philanthropy](#); [Social Welfare](#); [Travel](#)

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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Glenn W. Geelhoed is a widely-published surgeon and professor. A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, he received his B.S. and A.B. cum laude degree from Calvin College and his M.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan. He then moved to Boston to complete his Harvard surgical internship and residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and the Boston Children's Hospital Medical Center. Following his residency, Dr. Geelhoed served as clinical associate and senior investigator at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. After he completed his chief surgical residency, he joined the full-time faculty of the George Washington University Medical Center in 1975, where he remains as a Professor of International Medical Education.

Dr. Geelhoed's interest in global health and developing volunteer surgical services in underserved areas of the developing world led him to complete additional degrees and education, including the Masters degree in International Affairs from the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University (1991); the Masters in Public Health degree in Epidemiology: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (1993); the Master of Arts cum laude degree in Anthropology with special interests in Biological and Medical Anthropology (1994); the Master of Philosophy degree in Human Sciences in the interdisciplinary program at George Washington University (2004); and the Executive Leadership Doctoral Program (2009). In 2006, the University of Toledo awarded Dr. Geelhoed the first honorary Sc.D. degree in Humanitarian Sciences of the Health Sciences program, as well as appointed him Distinguished Global Professor of International Health.

With major clinical interests in endocrine surgery, surgical physiology, oncology, and transplantation, as well as in medical education in academic, professional, and international organizations, Dr. Geelhoed has been a frequent Visiting Professor in most of the United States and on all continents. He is also a member of numerous medical, surgical, and international academic societies, including the Society of University Surgeons and The American College of Surgeons, and is a past president of the Washington Academy of Surgeons. He was selected the James IV Traveling Scholar of 1986, and inducted into the Academie de Chirurgie de Paris in 1990. *George Magazine* named him Humanitarian of the Year in 2000. He has contributed to several books and over 500 published journal articles. Publications include *Out of Assa: Heart of the Congo* and *Surgery and Healing in the Developing World*.

One of his most recent publications, *Mission to Heal*, shares the name of Geelhoed's non-profit organization, founded in 2010. Through Mission to Heal, he leads medical students, residents, and physicians on medical missions to Africa, Asia, South Pacific, and South America. To date, he has made over one hundred missions, many of which he describes in detail in the materials contained within the collection.

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Scope and Content Note

The Glenn Geelhoed Papers consist of travel logs, email communication, and photographs primarily documenting his medical missions to developing countries. He also discusses some personal events in his life, including the birth of his grandchildren and his experience at the National Airport on September 11, 2001. The photographs are digital, thumbnail printouts, mostly black and white, with the exception of an album included on a CD.

The collection is arranged chronologically.

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