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**E. Herman Hespelt Papers,
1910-1916**

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Biographical Note

E. Herman Hespelt was born in Binghamton on September 6, 1886. He received an A.B. from Cornell (1910), and A.M. from Cornell (1917) and a Ph.D. from Cornell (1925). From 1911-1916, he spent time in the Philippine Islands serving the Philippine Bureau of Education. After finishing his Masters Degree, he taught Cornell (1918-1919), Pennsylvania State University (1919-1920), and Elmira College (1921-1926). After earning his doctorate, he taught at New York University (1926-1952).

Hespelt was an associate editor of *Hispania* from 1927-1938 and 1948-1958, editor of *Revista de Estudios Hispánicos*, and associate editor of *Revista Iberoamericana*. He made a number of important contributions to the teaching of Spanish including the preparation of *Outline History of Spanish American Literature* and the accompanying anthology of Spanish American Literature.

Hespelt was consultant for several publishing companies and was one of the principal readers for Norton in the field of Spanish.

E. Herman Hespelt died in Ithaca, NY in 1961.

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Scope and Content Note

Letters to his family, written in German and English, concerning Cornell University, his 1910 trip to Germany, his life in the Philippines, and his personal and professional plans. Also postcards, invitations, photographs, stamps, and memorabilia, chiefly from the Philippines.

Box 1

- Folder 1** Personal Correspondence, 1910
- Folder 2** Personal Correspondence, 1911
- Folder 3** Personal Correspondence, 1912
- Folder 4** Personal Correspondence, 1913

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- Folder 5** Personal Correspondence, 1914
- Folder 6** Personal Correspondence, 1915
- Folder 7** Personal Correspondence, 1916
- Folder 8** Notes for a speech [transcript in German and English]

Box 2

- Envelope 1** 54 cards sent to H. Hespelt from various parts of the world to his residences
- Envelope 2** Travel ephemera (railroad and steamship tickets, brochures, etc.)
- Envelope 3** 9 formal invitations sent to Hespelt while in the Philippines
- Envelope 4** 38 Christmas greetings, 1 place card
- Envelope 5** Ephemera related to Japan and Dutch East Indies
- Envelope 6** Ephemera related to China
- Envelope 7** 68 photographs; 6 postcards
- Envelope 8** 91 photographs
- Envelope 9** 3 photographs of Cornell University; 8 photographs of the Philippines
- Envelope 10** Photographs of the Philippines
- Envelope 11** 9 photo postcards from British North Borneo
- Envelope 12** 63 colored postcards of the Philippines (unused)
- Envelope 13** 8 misc. postcards (unused)
- Envelope 14** 4 hand-made cards; 1 photograph of man in American uniform (WWI)