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Summary Information

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| ABSTRACT | Edward J. Stemmler graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1960. He had a thirty year career at Penn where he rose to the position of Executive Vice President University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. The Edward J. Stemmler Papers document his career as a physician and administrator in Philadelphia, most notably at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center as well as his military service in the 1950s. |

Biography/History

Edward J. Stemmler was born in Philadelphia in February 1929. After earning a B.A. from La Salle College in Philadelphia in 1950, he was drafted and saw military service from 1951 to 1953. He was with the Chemical Intelligence Service of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps in Korea from March 1952 to February 1953, and won a Commendation Medal for his performance in the chemical intelligence

detachment.

In 1956, Stemmler entered the University of Pennsylvania on a medical program and graduated from the Penn medical school with M.D. in 1960. He had both his internship (1960-1961) and residency (1961-1963) at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). He was a Fellow in Cardiology at the Hospital from 1963 to 1964 and served as Chief Medical Resident in 1964. He was appointed Instructor in Medicine the same year, Associate in Medicine in 1966 and Assistant Professor in 1967. He was promoted as Associate Professor in 1970 and Professor of Medicine in 1974. In 1981 he was awarded the Robert G. Dunlop Professorship.

Administratively, Stemmler served as Chief of the Medical Outpatient Department of HUP in the year of 1966-1967 and as Chief of Medicine on the Penn medical service at the Veterans Affairs Hospital of Philadelphia from 1967 to 1973. At the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, he was appointed Associate Dean for Student Affairs in 1973 and then as Acting Dean in 1974. Stemmler held the position of Dean of the Penn School of Medicine from 1975 to 1988. In 1986, he was appointed Executive Vice President of the newly-established University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, which included the School of Medicine, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Clinical Practices of the University of Pennsylvania. He served in that capacity until July 1989. Under his leadership, Penn medical school had remarkable growth in biomedical research as well as in the construction and modernization of academic, research and clinical facilities.

In July 1990 Stemmler was appointed Executive Vice President of the Association of American Medical Colleges and served in that position until 1993.

Beyond his medical and administrative responsibilities at Penn Medical Center and the AAMC, Stemmler was extensively involved in regional and national professional activities. He served on the National Board of Medical Examiners, was elected a Master of the American College of Physicians (1985), and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Scope and Contents

The collection of the Edward J. Stemmler papers has been organized into the following series:

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Correspondence and General files are the two major series. The Correspondence series documents Stemmler's academic and administrative work at Penn medical school and Penn Medical Center from 1972 to June 1990. His correspondence as AAMC Executive Vice President runs from mid 1990 to the end of 1993.

The General files series documents Stemmler's work with all medical and professional institutions, among them the Penn School of Medicine, Penn Medical Center, the Clinical Practices at the University of Pennsylvania, the AAMC, the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American College of

Physicians, Philadelphia General Hospital, etc. It also includes subjects that had significant influence on his career, such as the termination of his service as Executive Vice President of the Penn Medical Center in 1989 and his relationship with his mentor Dr. Francis C. Wood.

The Personal files series includes a bulky folder of material related to Stemmler's military service from 1951 to 1953.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection has been arranged alphabetically by subject.

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PROVENANCE

The Edward J. Stemmler papers were accessioned as a gift to the University Archives in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1999.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- American Board of Internal Medicine.
- American College of Physicians.
- Association of American Medical Colleges.
- Institute of Medicine (U.S.).
- La Salle University. -- General subdivision--Study and teaching.;
- National Board of Medical Examiners.
- University of Pennsylvania. School of Medicine.
- Veterans' Administration Medical Center (Philadelphia, Pa.).

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Appointment books.
- Awards.
- Correspondence.
- Photographs.
- Speeches, addresses, etc.

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| Job transition from Penn to AAMC, 1989-1991. | 6 | 61 |
| Military service documents, 1950-1955. | 7 | 1 |

PHOTOGRAPHS.

ALBUMS.

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| Association of American Medical College, Annual Meeting, 1987. | 11 | 1 |
| Multifarious aspects of a medical dean's job, n.d. | 11 | 2 |
| University of Pennsylvania Medical Alumni Weekend Meeting, 1985. | 11 | 3 |
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| Contact sheets. | 7 | 3 |

FAREWELL PARTY FOR STEMMLER BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR AAMC.

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| 1990, black-white photos of 8 x 10 size. | 7 | 4 |
| 1990, black-white photos of 5 x 7 size (1), 18 photos. | 7 | 5 |
| 1990, black-white photos of 5 x 7 size (2), 20 photos. | 7 | 6 |

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| 1990, black-white photos of 5 x 7 size (3), in two envelopes. | 7 | 7 |
| 1990, black-white photos of 5 x 7 size (4), in two envelopes. | 7 | 8 |
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| Group pictures, seven of size 8 x 10, and seven of size 5 x 7, 1975-. | 7 | 9 |
| La Salle University, 125th anniversary, 1988, six photos. | 7 | 10 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| 1976-1994, size 8 x 10, color or black-white. | 7 | 11 |
| 1985-1992, smaller sizes than 8 x 10, color or black-white. | 7 | 12 |
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| Penn General Alumni Society, alumni award of merit, 1990, four pictures, with citation. | 7 | 13 |
| Penn medical alumni weekend, 1977, seven photos. | 7 | 14 |

PORTRAITS.

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| Eleven, size 8 x 10, black-white, n.d. | 7 | 15 |
| Over two dozens, size 5 x 7, and 3 x 5, mostly black-white, n.d. | 7 | 16 |

SPEECHES AND LECTURES.

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| AAMC/Group on Public Affairs, 1987 Nov. 8. | 7 | 17 |
| Abington Memorial Hospital, 1988 June 1. | 7 | 18 |
| Address at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 1991 Oct. 30. | 7 | 19 |
| Address to the Medical Council, 1973-1974. | 7 | 20 |
| Alpha Omega Alpha lecture at the Hershey Medical Center, 1989 April 19. | 7 | 21 |
| Alpha Omega Alpha lecture at the Medical University of South Carolina, 1993 April 5. | 7 | 22 |
| AMA-AAMC-AHA conference on the medical profession, "Decline in medical school applicants: strategies for the academic community," 1987 Feb. 27. | 7 | 23 |
| American Association of Plastic Surgeons, Kiskadden Lecture, 1991 April 16. | 7 | 24 |
| American Board of Internal Medicine, 1982 Aug. 2. | 7 | 25 |
| American College of Physicians, 1977 Sept. 23 and 1978 Oct. 20. | 7 | 26 |
| American Federation for Clinical Research, 1980 Oct. 17. | 7 | 27 |

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES.

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| "Comments on structure and governance at the Executive Council meeting," 1989 Sept. 27. | 7 | 28 |
| Annual meeting, Flexner Award introduction, 1981 Nov. 2. | 7 | 29 |

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| Council of Academic Societies, "Faculty practice," 1985 March. | 7 | 30 |
| National conference on medical student indebtedness, 1987 June 25. | 7 | 31 |
| National meeting, 1987 Nov. 8. | 7 | 32 |
| National meeting, Gus Carroll lecture, 1988 Nov. 15. | 7 | 33 |
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| Association of the Medical Deans of Europe, 1986 Aug. 31. | 7 | 34 |
| Belmont College address, 1975 May 9. | 7 | 35 |
| Chamberlain Lab, 1982 April 29, with correspondence of 1975. | 7 | 36 |
| Clinical evaluation program, 1985 Sept. 4. | 7 | 37 |
| Council of Academic Societies, 1988 April 13. | 7 | 38 |
| Council of Teaching Hospitals (Denver, Colorado), 1980 May 15. | 7 | 39 |
| "Ensuring physician competence," 1998 and comments on the history of residency education at the AAMC annual meeting, 1994. | 7 | 40 |
| Georgetown University, commencement, 1998 May. | 7 | 41 |
| Health Horizons, 1985 Oct. 3. | 7 | 42 |
| J. Aiken Meigs Medical Association, 1975 Dec. 18. | 7 | 43 |
| Japan Medical Education Foundation, Management workshops for medical school deans and medical center directors, "Reflections on the medical school deanship," 1987 January 27. | 7 | 44 |
| Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Center, 9th annual conference, "The need for more generalists," 1994 Jan. 23. | 7 | 45 |

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| La Salle College, Holroyd Lecture, 1980 April 11. | 7 | 46 |
| Medical College of Georgia, Hooding Ceremony, 1988 June 3. | 7 | 47 |
| Medical College of Wisconsin, 1989 July 17 and 18. | 7 | 48 |
| Medicine in the year 2000, at New York University, 1988 Nov. 18. | 7 | 49 |

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| 1977-1984. | 7 | 50 |
| 1986 May - 1989 March. | 7 | 51 |
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| "Mission of the school of medicine," 1974 Sept. 27. | 7 | 52 |
| Orientation Day, 1977-1983. | 7 | 53 |
| Penn medical school, commencement remarks, 1975-1985. | 7 | 54 |
| Penn Medical School, commencement, 1988 May 16. | 7 | 55 |
| Penn School of Nursing, Candlelight Ceremony, 1975 May 17, and Commencement, 1977 April 21. | 7 | 56 |
| Pepper Medical Society, 1974 Oct. 3. | 7 | 57 |
| Presentation to the Society of Medical Administrators, "Increasing the supply of primary care physicians," 1993. | 7 | 58 |
| "Professionalism in contemporary medicine: can it be measured?" delivered at the 1993 annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards. | 7 | 59 |

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| Remarks at meeting of the Council of Academic Societies, San Diego, 1988 April 13. | 7 | 60 |
| Remarks at Nebraska residency advising symposium, 1991 March 9. | 7 | 61 |
| Remarks at the AAMC Group on Faculty Practice, 1991 Aug. 18. | 7 | 62 |
| Remarks at the dedication of the Robert Austrian Auditorium, 1993 Dec. | 7 | 63 |
| Remarks at the Test Committee Chairmen's retreat of the National Board of Medical Examiners, 1991 August. 17. | 7 | 64 |
| Remarks at the University of Rochester Medical Center Board of Managers retreat, 1991 Oct. 28. | 7 | 65 |
| Remarks at the York Hospital Medical Affairs retreat, 1990 March 2. | 7 | 66 |
| Southern Group on Medical Education, 1984 April. | 7 | 67 |
| State University of New York at Buffalo, 10th year Breakfast Seminar in Higher Education, "Higher education and health," 1984 April 20. | 7 | 68 |
| "Strategies for the academic community," 1987 Feb. 27. | 7 | 69 |
| University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, 1991 Sept. 27. | 7 | 70 |
| University of Pittsburgh, Aaron Brown Lecture, 1983 May 3. | 7 | 71 |
| Ursinus College, Founder's Day, 1977 Oct. 30. | 7 | 72 |
| Washington University, "Control of graduate medical education," 1986 June 17. | 7 | 73 |
| West Jersey Medical Society, 1975 Dec. 12. | 7 | 74 |
| York Hospital Medical Affairs retreat, 1986 Feb. 20. | 8 | 1 |

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| 1990 July - October. | 8 | 2 |
| 1990 Oct. 15 - 1991 Jan. 24. | 8 | 3 |
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| 1991 April 3 - 1991 June 14. | 8 | 5 |
| 1991 June 17 - 1991 Sept. 25. | 8 | 6 |
| 1991 Sept. 26 - 1991 Dec. 18. | 8 | 7 |
| 1991 Dec. 17 - 1992 March 3. | 8 | 8 |
| 1992 March 4 - 1992 May 12. | 8 | 9 |
| 1992 May 12 - 1992 Aug. 20. | 8 | 10 |