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Teller Family Collection, 1949-2001

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Teller, Stephen and Nikki Patrick, Collection, MS 417

Overview of the Collection

Title	The Stephen and Nikki Patrick Teller Collection
Collection Number	MS 417
Creator	Stephen J. Teller, who donated the collection to PSU in 2021.
Dates	1949-2001
Collection Size	5 linear feet
Scope and Content	A collection of science fiction books and magazines.
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access
Languages	English

Biographical Note Stephen James Teller was born in 1940 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Chicago Teachers College and Roosevelt University (Chicago), where he received his A.B., and then earned a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1963 and 1967. He began teaching at the Kansas State College of Pittsburg (today's Pittsburg State University) in the fall semester of 1967, as an assistant professor in the English department. He married Nikki Patrick, a local reporter, in 1976. Dr. Teller spent his entire career at Pittsburg State University, and retired in 2010. His wife, Nikki, passed away from cancer in 2014. In addition to the hundreds of science fiction pulp paperbacks and hardcovers, Dr. Teller collected the vast array of Wizard of Oz books, and was quite an Oz enthusiast. He was also a scholar of the plays of William Shakespeare.

Collection Detail: The Stephen and Nikki Patrick Teller Collection includes over 1600 science fiction novels, mostly mass-market paperbacks, mostly from the 1940s into the 1990s. These have been cataloged and are housed in the Special Collections & University Archives. A listing of these titles can be found by searching "KFPH Teller" in our online catalog. There is also a collection of science fiction magazines, from the 1940s into the 2000s. See below for a listing of these titles within the boxes they are stored. These can also be viewed in the Special Collections & University Archives.

Magazines (incomplete runs):

Box 1: *Fantastic Adventures* (1949-1952); *Locus* (1987-1999; 2001)

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Box 2: *Super Science Stories* (1949-1950); *Thrilling Wonder Stories* (1949-1950); *Future* (1950-1951); *Fantastic Novels Magazine* (1948-1950); *Other Worlds Science Stories* (1955; 1957); *Amazing Stories* (1949-1951; 1991; 1993-1994); *Wonder Story Annual* (1950-1952); *Marvel Science Stories* (1950-1951); *Startling Stories* (1949-1951); *Planet Stories* (1950-1953)

Box 3: *Jungle Stories* (1949-1951); *Science Fiction Age* (1992-1995; 1997); *Aboriginal Science Fiction* (1986-1993; 1997-1998); *Locus*; Miscellaneous individual titles