



Guide to the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology Records, 1973 - 1992

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Summary

Collection Title:

Dept. of Cultural Anthropology records, 1973 - 1992

Creator:

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Abstract:

The Duke University Dept. of Anthropology was formed in the 1972/1973 academic year, after the joint Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, which had existed from 1941 to 1972, split into two separate departments. In July 1988, the disciplines in the Dept. of Anthropology divided into the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and the Dept. of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy. The Dept. of Cultural Anthropology focuses on the study of cultures around the world. Records include two brief subject files including clippings and a newsletter, as well as a few documents relating to the Anthropology Majors Union, from the 1970s. In addition, the records include a syllabus and selected course papers from Cultural Anthropology 105.S01: Campus Politics, taught by Orin Starn in 1992.

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Background

Scope and Content

Department of Cultural Anthropology records include two brief subject files dating from the 1970s, when the Anthropology Department included all cultural and biological subdisciplines in one academic department. The files include clippings and a newsletter, as well as a few documents relating to the Anthropology Majors Union. In addition, the records include a syllabus and selected course papers from Cultural Anthropology 105.S01: Campus Politics, taught by Orin Starn in 1992. Most of the course papers focus on cultural phenomena at Duke University.

Biographical/Historical

The Duke University Department of Anthropology was formed in the 1972/1973 academic year, after the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, which had existed from 1941 to 1972, split into two separate departments. In July 1988, the disciplines in the Department of Anthropology divided into the Department of Cultural Anthropology and the Department of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy.

The Duke Department of Cultural Anthropology offered this description of its undergraduate course of study in 2005: "Cultural anthropology focuses on the study of cultures around the world. Understanding and living with diversity is one of today's urgent challenges. Our planet has grown much more interconnected... Cultural anthropology is the discipline that studies how people create and define... distinct ways of living... The discipline no longer limits itself only to "primitive" lifeways, having expanded to encompass the study of both non-Western and Western societies. Topics of study now range from ethnic and race relations to gender, sexuality, nationalism, law, medicine, and popular culture. New methods and theories have arisen to understand these complex phenomena, influenced by such currents of thought as feminism, postmodernism, political economy, cognitive science, and psychoanalysis. Among the broad concerns of cultural anthropology today are: Under what conditions is culture invented? Under what conditions do cultural understandings gain force, persist, and spread? How does culture intersect with history, economics, and politics?" [<http://culturalanthropology.duke.edu/ugrad/>]

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Encoded by Jill Katte, April 2005

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Related Materials

Related Material

Ernestine Friedl papers. University Archives, Duke University. Weston La Barre papers. University Archives, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

- Duke University. Department of Cultural Anthropology
- Duke University -- Students
- Duke University. Dept. of Anthropology
- Duke University -- Curricula

Collection Inventory

Anthropology Dept.	Box 1
Anthropology Majors Union	Box 1
"Campus Politics," Cultural Anthropology 105S.01, Orin Starn, Fall 1992 Syllabus	Box 1
Student papers Anonymous. "The New Rebels: An Update of Helen Horowitz's Theory as It Applies to Duke University."	Box 1
Anonymous. Untitled (about Jewish students at Duke)	Box 1
Hill, Margaret. "The Model for Romance at Duke."	Box 1

Lash, Alissa. "The Implications of Title IX: A Study of National Policies as They Affect Duke University." Box 1

Littman, Eva. "Duke University Admissions and Scholarship Policies." Box 1

Lotke, Abbie. "Bourbon Street: An Exhibition of Sexism Versus Oversensitivity and a Lack of Communication on Campus." Box 1

Mehta, Neel. "Does the University Discriminate Against International Undergraduates?" Box 1

Nayer, Tracy. "'The University is not an Island,' it's a world for polar bears: The Inequities in the structure of Duke University's Undergraduate Judicial Board." Box 1

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"'The University is not an Island,' it's a world for polar bears..." is CLOSED UNTIL 2062.

Toro, Kim L. "The Silent Vigil." Box 1

Wolfson, Todd. "A Study of Homosexuality at Duke"
Survey forms Box 1

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