

**ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT, RECORDS OF THE,
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History

The Northwestern University Department of Anthropology was among the second generation of anthropology departments in the United States. It was founded in 1938, when it was formally separated from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Melville J. Herskovits, who joined the Sociology Department's faculty in 1927 as Assistant Professor of Anthropology, was instrumental in developing the four-field Anthropology Department at Northwestern (sociocultural, biological, and linguistic anthropology, and archaeology). In 1929 the Department of Sociology was renamed the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Herskovits served as Chair of the Anthropology Department from its founding in 1938 until 1956. The Department awarded its first Ph.D. in 1939 to William R. Bascom, who immediately joined the Northwestern faculty and later served as Chair of the Anthropology Department in 1956-57.

In 1943, Northwestern University purchased the anthropology library of the late Professor Franz Boas, under whom Herskovits had studied at Columbia University. The collection, some 5,000 volumes and 10,000 reprints, was considered one of the largest and most complete collections of its time and was named the Franz Boas Memorial Library in Anthropology at Deering Library.

When Herskovits founded Northwestern's Program in African Studies in 1948, it was the first formally instituted interdisciplinary African Studies program at a university in the United States. Northwestern, with its Herskovits Africana Collection, is now considered one of the nation's leading centers of African Studies. Under Herskovits' direction, and with a generous grant from the Carnegie Corporation, Northwestern established an African Study Center in 1952. Herskovits was appointed Chair of African Studies in 1961. He died in 1963.

For the period covered by these records, the Anthropology Department was headed by the following Chairs and Acting Chairs: Raoul Naroll, Acting Chair, 1964-65; Francis L. K. Hsu, Chair, 1965-69; Paul J. Bohannon, Acting Chair, 1969-70; Ronald Cohen, Chair, 1970-72; and Ethel Albert, Chair, 1972-73.

Description of the Series

The Records of the Anthropology Department, filling five boxes, span the years 1964 to 1973. No records exist for the 1965-66 academic year. The bulk of the records fall between 1964 and 1969 and include, but are not limited to, annual reports, applications for graduate study or employment, budgets, correspondence, curriculum, department memos, faculty *curriculum vitae*, and materials relating to fellowships, the Program of African Studies, research proposals, and summer sessions. The folders are arranged chronologically by academic year, and then alphabetically by subject or correspondent within each academic year. For the years 1964/65 and 1966/67, items are arranged chronologically by date within the alphabetical subject files. For all other years, the order is strictly alphabetical.

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At times, the records' alphabetical designation may not be immediately apparent. Included under the letter "A," for example, are general Anthropology Department records and memoranda, while records related to the Vogelback Computing Center may appear under the letter "V" or "C." Records are comprehensive for the academic years 1964-65, 1966-67, 1967-68, and 1968-69. Records for 1969-70 include only folders labeled S-Z. Box 5 contains subject files, arranged alphabetically by subject, for the years 1968-73, and a final file of miscellaneous records for 1967-70 and 1973.

Provenance: These records were transferred to the University Archives by Michael Culhane, the Anthropology Departmental Assistant, on June 17, 1988 as Accession No. 88-137.

Restrictions: These records may be consulted only with the permission of the University Archivist.

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