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Biographical Note

Sydel Silverman is an anthropologist known for her work as a researcher, writer, academic administrator, and foundation executive. Her career in anthropology began with her graduate studies at the University of Chicago (1952-1957) and Columbia University (1957-63). After graduation she started teaching at Queens College in New York (1962-75) and became Executive Officer of the CUNY Ph.D. Program in Anthropology (1975-86). After leaving CUNY, she moved on to the Wenner-Gren Foundation, serving as president of the Foundation from 1987-99.

Silverman was born on May 20, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. Sydel, the youngest of seven siblings, was raised in the Jewish neighborhood of Lawndale on the west side of Chicago. Silverman credits her Uncle Hirschel for inspiring her to learn about foreign cultures and traditions, writing that her time spent with him reading about mysticism and oriental religions “may have been the beginnings of what became my interest in anthropology” (Silverman 2008).

Silverman graduated from high school in January 1951 and entered the University of Illinois at Navy Pier as a pre-med student. At the end of her second year at the University of Illinois, she entered the University of Chicago’s program in Committee on Human Development, which combined study in biology, psychology, and sociology-anthropology. The program allowed students to enter with only two years of college with a special exam, which Silverman passed. She completed her Masters in 1957 and enrolled in the PhD program in Anthropology at Columbia University, during which she decided to focus her research on central Italy.

Silverman’s first experience in Italy was in 1955 when she spent a year traveling through Europe with her first husband, Mel Silverman. They moved from city to city, beginning in Naples and then Rome, the city that Sydel writes was “the instant beginning of my love affair with Italy” (Silverman 2008). Upon their return from Europe the couple moved to New York. Sydel began working as a secretary but she soon decided to go back to school. She “picked anthropology, because it was the closest thing to being multi-disciplinary while still having a label, and Columbia was the obvious place to go in New York” (Silverman 2008). She was inspired to focus on the Mediterranean for her fieldwork because of Conrad Arensberg’s cultural anthropological work in Europe.

In August of 1960 Sydel left for Italy to conduct a community study of the village Montecastello di Vibio. Silverman confessed in her memoirs that she was “never good at fieldwork,” but she formed relationships with many of the locals who helped her collect data for her dissertation. Her research in Italy was one of the first social- anthropological studies of Central Italy and is known for its description of the traditional agrarian system of that area (the mezzadria) shortly before it was abolished by law. Silverman’s dissertation research resulted in a book, Three Bells of Civilization, and numerous journal articles. She was awarded her Ph.D. in 1963.

Silverman’s subsequent research in Italy included a study of a land reform area in the
South (1967) and several field seasons (1980-85) devoted to a comparative study of competitive festivals in Central Italy. Most notable from this work are her publications on the Palio of Siena.

Silverman's other primary research interest has been in the history and practice of anthropology. She edited Totems and Teachers (1981, rev. 2004), a text about prominent anthropologists, and co-authored One Discipline Four Ways (2005). Her book The Beast on the Table (2002) analyzes twenty-five international symposia that she organized and led while at the Wenner-Gren Foundation and is a record of the living history of anthropology. She later became interested in parallels between the history of anthropology and that of the movies, which she presented as the 2006 Distinguished Lecture to the American Anthropological Association (published in The American Anthropologist Volume 109, Issue 3). In addition, she initiated an effort to save the primary documents of anthropology, co-authoring with Nancy Parezo the book Preserving the Anthropological Record (1992, rev. 1995) and co-organizing CoPAR (the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records).

Silverman's career as an administrator began in 1970 when she was elected as departmental chair at Queens College. In 1975 she was chosen as the Executive Officer of the CUNY Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, and under her leadership the program went from disarray and the threat of elimination to being cited as one of the ten top anthropology doctoral programs in the country. She also led a successful effort to retain full anthropology departments at all the senior CUNY colleges during the New York City budget crises of 1965-76. In 1987 she was appointed president of the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and acted as the spokesperson for the Foundation, overseeing fellowship and grant funding and advocating for the field of anthropology. She retired from Wenner-Gren in 1999.

Sources Consulted

Chronology

1933  Born May 20 in Chicago, Illinois
1951  January: Entered University of Illinois at Navy Pier, pre-med, through August 1952
1952  Entered University of Chicago, Program in Human Development
1953  December 27: Married Mel Silverman
1957  Received M.A. from University of Chicago
       September: Entered Columbia University, Department of Anthropology
1960-1961 Conducted fieldwork in Montecastello di Vibio
1962  September: Began teaching classes at Queens College, CUNY
1963  PhD awarded
1966  Mel Silverman died
1968  Tenure awarded, Queens College
       Fall semester: Acting Chairman, Dept. of Anthro., Queens
1970-1973 Department Chairman, Anthropology, Queens
1972  March 18: Married Eric R. Wolf
1975  Executive Officer of Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate School (through June 1982)
1980-1982 Festival research and travels in Italy: Siena, Perugia, Gubbio, Rome, Florence, Geneva
1982-1983 September: Acting Dean of the Graduate School, CUNY
1987  President of Wenner-Gren Foundation
1999  Eric R. Wolf died
       Retired from Wenner-Gren presidency
Selected Bibliography


1976  Anthropology and the Crisis at CUNY. Anthropology Newsletter 17(10): 7-10.


2002  The Beast on the Table: Conferencing with Anthropologists. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press.
Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the professional papers of anthropologist Sydel Silverman. Included are research materials consisting of field notes, journals, other scholars’ publications, and newspaper clippings; correspondence; postcards; calendars; published and unpublished writings; conference papers and lectures; brochures; itineraries; conference meeting notes; teaching files, including syllabi and reading lists; student files such as class notes and papers from Silverman’s years as an anthropology student; photographs and slides; and sound recordings.

The materials in this collection document Silverman’s travels through Italy while conducting field research, her role as an educator and academic administrator, and her involvement in professional organizations such as the Wenner-Gren Foundation and the American Anthropological Association. Silverman participated heavily in conferences and seminars across the U.S. and internationally. A copious note taker, Silverman recorded her reflections on many of these experiences. Her notes can be found throughout the collection.

Restrictions on Access

Files containing Silverman’s students’ grades and papers have been restricted, as have grant and fellowships applications sent to Silverman to review and her comments on them. For preservation reasons, the computer disks from the Beast on the Table are also restricted.

Restrictions on Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Extent

The total extent of the collection is 23.3 linear feet (58 boxes), plus 1 oversize box. Of the total extent, 1 manuscript box and 11 folders are restricted.

Provenance

These papers were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by Sydel Silverman in April 2011.
Processing Note

Sydel Silverman organized and described her papers for deposit at the National Anthropological Archives. Many of the files were in labeled file folders. Original folder titles were retained. Folder titles assigned by the archivist are indicated by square brackets. Files have been rehoused in acid free folders. The archivist kept existing groupings and organized the collection into ten series. Restricted materials were separated and replaced with notes indicating original and new locations. Oversized materials were separated and placed in an oversize box.
Series Description and Container List

6.88 linear feet

This series contains Silverman’s files from field research she conducted in central Italy throughout her career. It includes field notes, notebooks, journals, diaries, postcards, letters, printed background material, newspaper clippings, interview notes, and census data.

See Oversize Box for [Map-The Commune of Montecastello].

SUBSERIES: MONTECASTELLO DI VIBIO
This subseries documents Silverman’s first field research, which was conducted in the village of Montecastello di Vibio for her dissertation. This material accounts for the majority of this series. Silverman’s trip can be traced through her field notebooks and diaries, while the progression of her research can be seen in note cards. These, along with what she called “MCV Data,” reveal the themes and topics she identified for further study. MCV was Silverman’s acronym for Montecastello di Vibio. She eventually focused on the village’s agrarian system for her dissertation. Arranged chronologically. For related photographs, see Series 9. Photographs.

SUBSERIES: COMPETITIVE FESTIVALS PROJECT
Gubbio and Siena were the main festival sites studied for this project. Silverman presented her research on festivals at conferences and published several articles on the topic. Arranged alphabetically. For related slides, see Series 9. Photographs.

SUBSERIES: LAND REFORM PROJECT

Box 1
Subseries: Montecastello Di Vibio

[Azienda Agraria Notebooks] 1939-1940, 1956
Italy Literature—Contemporary 1959-1960
Dissertation—Abstract, NIMH Grant App. for Diss 1959-1964
Reading Notes and Analysis 1960
History—Documents, Dates, Notes 1960
[Piccole Massaie, Volumes 1 & 2] 1960
MCV Hist. Reprints [1 of 3] 1960
MCV Hist. Reprints [2 of 3]  
Undated

**Box 2**

MCV Hist. Reprints [3 of 3]  
Undated
[Diary of Trip to Israel, 1960]  
1960
Diary, Italy—Aug. 1960-Sept. 28, 1960  
1960
Correspondence from the Field, 1960-1961: Letters  
from Joyce Riegelhaupt [1 of 3]  
1960-1961
Correspondence from the Field, 1960-1961: Letters  
from Joyce Riegelhaupt [1 of 3]  
1960-1961
Correspondence from the Field, 1960-1961: Letters  
from Joyce Riegelhaupt [1 of 3]  
1960-1961
[MCV Mementos 1 of 2]  
1960-1961
[MCV Mementos 2 of 2]  
1960-1961

**Box 3**

MCV Data—Children’s Themes  
1960-1961
MCV Data—Children’s Themes (copied)  
1959-1961
Children’s Themes, originals [1 of 2]  
1961
Children’s Themes, originals [2 of 2]  
1961
Mezzadria (VII)  
1960-1961
Field Analysis (Analytic work of all kinds done  
while in the field)  
1960-1961
Analysis (2)  
1960-1961
MCV Data—Economy (General) (2)  
1960-1961
Data on MCV Study—Historical (2)  
1961
III—Population (IV)  
1961
Migration (V)  
Undated
MCV Data—Agriculture (2)  
1961
MCV Data—Social Data, General (2)  
1961
MCV Data—Social Class (2) & other MCV material  
on Social Class  
1961
MCV Data—Contemporary General (2)  
1961
MCV Data—Religion & Magic  
1961
II—Setting (II)  
Undated

**Box 4**

MCV Data—Local History (III)  
1961
Values and Religion, etc (XI)  
1961
Economy—Agriculture (VI)  
1961
MCV Data—Social Class (VIII)  
1961
Community (IX) 1961
Family (X) 1961
Current Notes, Misc. 1960
Extra Copies of MCV Notes 1961
[MCV Interviews, Notes, and Newsclippings] [1 of 3] 1961
[MCV Interviews, Notes, and Newsclippings] [2 of 3] 1959-1961
[MCV Interviews, Notes, and Newsclippings] [3 of 3] 1960-1961
[Notes on Conversations, Methodology, and Fieldwork] 1960-1961
Original Charts & Graphs & Photostat Negatives from Thesis 1961
Outside Sources, Analysis 1961-1962

Box 5
SFS—Papers and Notes for Italy Book 1961, 1964
[Field Notebooks, Italy] [1 of 3] Undated
[Field Notebooks, Italy] [2 of 3] 1960, 1970
[Field Notebooks, Italy] [3 of 3] 1961
Field Diary I 1961
Field Diary II 1961

Box 6
Field Diary III 1961, 1971
[Diary of Trip to Southern Italy, 1961] 1961
Dissertations—Summaries of Early Versions (& Wagley Comments) 1962-1963
[Census Notebooks, Italy] Circa 1960s
[Population History Notebooks] Circa 1960s
[Istituto Centrale di Statistica, Perugia Province] 1965, 1972-1973
Dates, Charts, etc 1970-1971

Box 7
Notes for Analysis of Data 1973
Field Notes MCV & History, Archives & Reading Notes [1 of 3] 1971-1973
Field Notes MCV & History, Archives & Reading Notes [2 of 3] 1974
Field Notes MCV & History, Archives & Reading Notes [3 of 3] 1974
Newspaper Clippings—Italy, etc 1973-1974
[Correspondence from Comitato Parrocchiale 1983
[Fieldwork Folder Content Descriptions] Undated
Indexes to Field Diaries Undated
[Indexes to Field Diaries] Undated
Italy Literature—History Undated
[MCV Postcards] Undated
Three Bells—misc. notes Undated
Draft of MCV Book—misc notes Undated
Maps of Umbria used for Book Undated

Box 8

[Note Cards 1 of 16] Undated
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[Note Cards 16 of 16] Undated
[Bibliography 1 of 2] Undated
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Subseries: Competitive Festivals Project

Amsterdam 1/27/86: Towards a Pol. Ec & Bergen: Undated
Festival Revitalization in C It & Xavier:
Comparative Study of Festivals
Arezzo—Various 1985
Ascoli Piceno 1985
At the Intersection 1984
Ethnologia Europaea Article 1985
Festival Project [1 of 3] Undated
Festival Project [2 of 3] 1980
Festival Project [3 of 3] Undated
Festivals Projects [1 of 4] 1985

Box 13

[Festivals Research Photocopies] Undated
Festival Project Plans and Applications Undated
Festivals/Italy Research 1987—Clippings 1987
Festivals Paper 1982
Foligno 1984
Gubbio 1979-1982

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[Gubbio Festivals Research] [1 of 2] 1982
[Gubbio Festivals Research] [2 of 2] 1982
Gubbio—Literature Undated
SS MS Gubbio Photocopies 1977
Italy 1980s Research Project/Work,
Correspondence, Sources 1979-1981
Monte dei Paschi 1981

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Clippings—New Festivals, Various 1985
Notebooks, New Festivals [1 of 2] 1985

Series 1. Field Research 13
Newspaper Clippings 1981
Palio 1976-1979
Palio Literature [2 of 2] 1986
Palio—Notes for ch. 2 & 3 & Luchini Notes 1985
Vancouver Paper, Intersection Anth & Hist=Palio 1983
Palio Papers 1993
Palio Translation Project 1993

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Clippings—Pastoria 1985
[Pistoria Field Notebook and Postcards] 1987
Siena Notebooks [1 of 5] 1985

Box 17

Siena—Photocopies 1981
Siena: Fotocopy A.K.C. Isaacs, “Popolo E Monti” Undated
Siena: Cherubini, Zazzeroni (1546) Undated
Siena: Fotocopies (Newspapers, Constitutions Montone & Tartuca) 1984-1986
Siena Fotocopies (Bullethino Senese; Relazioni 1773-80) 1974, 1984
Siena—Clippings—1980 1980
Siena Clippings [1 of 2] 1985
Siena Clippings [2 of 2] 1985

Subseries: Land Reform Project

RE: Land Reform 1967 Study 1967
Land Reform Project 1967-1969

Series 2. Correspondence. 1959-2009
1.46 linear feet

This series contains the bulk of Silverman’s correspondence, however, correspondence can be found throughout the collection filed by subject. This series also contains many items that are not correspondence, such as articles and conference pamphlets that were
filed by Silverman with her correspondence.

Arranged chronologically

**Box 18**

Correspondence—General, 1960-1964 1959-1964
[MCV Correspondence] 1960-1961
Social Class Article Notes 1961-1966
Beals AAA Ethics Study—Medit. Fieldwork Questionnaire 1966
“University of the Air,” Summer 1967 1967
1969 Correspondence inc. Powdermaker 1967-1969
Il Mulino Translation 1967, 1976
Correspondence on Methods Book 1969
Correspondence 1970-73 1969-1973

**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2033.** Grant and fellowship applications and confidential references
Correspondence (London Period) 1973-1974

**Box 19**

Correspondence—1974-75 1973-1975
Correspondence 1976-June 1977 1976-1977
Correspondence 7/1/77-12/31/78 1976-1978
Correspondence 1/1/80-End 1981 1976-1982
AAA Women’s Resolution Data 1977-1981
Correspondence 1/1/79 1978-1979
NEH Summer Seminar Application & Notes 1979-1980
SSPHS 4/11/80 1980

*Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies*
Suicide Article & Notes 1980-1982
Correspondence 1/1/82-84 1981-1984
SS Conference 1982-83 1982-1983
U of Maryland 1983 1983
Derek Freeman 1986-87 1983-1989
APS Grant 1985 1984-1986
Correspondence 1984-1987 1984-1988

Series 2. Correspondence 15
ACLS Fellowship (& Other Apps for Study) 1985 1985
SS Correspondence, 1985-1986 1985-1986

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SS Correspondence (From WA Files) 1987-89 [1 of 2] 1986-1988
SS Correspondence (From WA Files) 1987-89 [2 of 2] 1988-1989
Correspondence (General) 1988-1996 1987-1996
Research Libraries Group Info Assessment Study: SS Comments 1989
SS Correspondence, 1990-99 (From WG Files) 1989-1999
EASA/Portugal (8/31-9/3/90) 1990
Race Conference Ideas 1991 1991
“What They Don’t Teach You…” E. Friedl Paper, AAA 1993
Correspondence 1995-2010
Breast CA Messages, 1996 1996
New School 2/21/97 1996-1997
AIX—Conf. on Med. 1997 1997
AIX Paper 1998

Box 21

SS Correspondence 1997-on 1999-2006
AA Obituary Correspondence (Related Items) 2001-2009
Ag. Org, Soc. Struct & Values in It., A.F. Undated
Toward Anthro of Urbanism—Final Copy (Before Aven’s Editing) & Changes Undated

Series 3. Writings. 1963-2009
3.12 linear feet

This series contains Silverman’s published articles and books; lectures delivered and papers presented at seminars, conferences, and universities; reviews written by Silverman of other scholars’ published and unpublished materials; unpublished writings; and other scholars’ writings marked up by Silverman.

SUBSERIES: ARTICLES
Arranged chronologically

SUBSERIES: BOOKS
This subseries includes volumes written and edited by Silverman, as well as forewords she wrote for other scholars’ books. Arranged chronologically.

**SUBSERIES: LECTURES AND PAPERS**
See also *Series 4. Wenner-Gren Foundation Files* for lectures and papers Silverman presented while President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Arranged chronologically.

**SUBSERIES: REVIEWS**
Arranged chronologically.

**SUBSERIES: UNPUBLISHED**
This subseries primarily includes drafts of Silverman’s dissertation, written at Columbia University. She later published her work under the title *Three Bells of Civilization: The Life of an Italian Hill Town* and in various articles. Arranged chronologically.

**SUBSERIES: OTHER SCHOLARS’ WRITINGS**

**Box 22**

Subseries: Articles

[President’s Publications Inventory]

*Inventory of Silverman’s writings, compiled during her years as President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation*


1976 Commentary on D. Kertzer, “Ethos, Economics and ‘Civilization’ in Rural Italy.” Reviews in Anthropology 3: 561-63


1976 Anthropology and the Crisis at CUNY. Anthropology Newsletter 17 (no 10): 7-10

"On the Uses of History" AE Article 1978-1979


Rituals of Inequality: Stratification and Symbol in Central Italy 1978-1981


Powdermaker Biography 1984-1986

A biographical entry about Hortense Powdermaker, written for a book called Women Anthropologists

At the Intersection of Anthropology and History: Territorial Festivity in Siena 1984-1985, 1993

Anthropological History and Demographic Process in Italy. Peasant Studies 12: 237-44 1985


"Anth + Hist" 1985-1986

"History and Anthropology: A Dialogue, ” published in the journal Historical Methods

Joyce Riegelhaupt Obituary 1986

An obituary written for Riegelhaupt, published in American Anthropologist


The Palio of Siena: Game, Ritual or Politics? 1989-1990

CA Article/Prop. Writing Notes 1989-1991

Notes for Silverman’s Current Anthropology article about writing grants

Current Anthropology Writing Grant Proposals 1991-1993

[Preserving the Anthropological Record] 1993

An article about the importance of preserving anthropological records, which sprang out of conferences and the creation of CoPAR (the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records)
Box 23

Subseries: Books

Methods Book 1969-1970
T & T stands for Totems and Teachers, a book about prominent anthropologists including Margaret Mead, Bronislaw Malinowski, and Stanley Diamond; edited by Silverman
T & T Correspondence, etc 1976-1980
T & T Photos 1980
T & T—Reviews & Comments 1980-1982
1981 ed. Totems and Teachers—Royalties & Business

Box 24

Julian Steward 2003
Correspondence regarding permission to publish a photograph of Julian Steward in Totems and Teachers
T & T—Pub Process 2003
Instructions on the publication process from Silverman’s publisher, Rowman & Littlefield

T & T Photo Requests and Permissions 2003
“Ancestors” Transcripts Undated
Silverman’s introductions during a series of lectures called “Reconsidering the Ancestors: Five Figures in American Anthropology,” based off of the information in Totems and Teachers
[T & T Photo Placement, Captions, and Credit Lines Undated
Conference Ideas—Var. 1987-1993
Ideas for conferences Silverman planned while at...
the Wenner-Gren Foundation; she used this material to work on her book about anthropological conferences, *The Beast on the Table*

- **Book on Conferences** 1987-1999
  - *Notes and outlines for The Beast on the Table*
- **Conferences—General Procedures** 1988-1989
  - *Conference schedules, statements, and invitations*
- **ISP (for book)** 1990-1999
  - *Correspondence and preparatory materials for an AAA symposium*
- **Cabo 125 Conf. Report** 1999-2000
  - *Summaries and papers from a conference called Anthropology at the End of the Century held in Baja California Sur, Mexico in November 1999*
- **[Beast Digital Files]** 1999-2001
  - *RESTRICTED. Contains 6 floppy disks and 3 CDs*

**Box 25**

- **Beast—Development & Texts** 1999-2001
  - *Book prospectus, chapter outlines, and notes*
- **Altamira** 2001
  - *Correspondence with the publisher Altamira regarding the release of The Beast on the Table*
- **Beast: Correspondence with Conference Participants** 2001
- **Beast Photos** 2002
- **Beast—Reviews and Publicity** 2002
- **[The Beast on the Table Manuscript] [1 of 3]** Undated
- **[The Beast on the Table Manuscript] [2 of 3]** Undated
- **[The Beast on the Table Manuscript] [3 of 3]** Undated
- **Culture Forward/Lecture 2000-1** 2001
  - *Draft of forward written for Anthropology Beyond Culture*
- **Anthropology Beyond Culture (Foreword)** 2001-2006
  - *Published copy of the foreword*
- **Human Bio Archives Foreword** 2001-2002
  - *Foreword for Human Biologists in the Archives*
- **Complexities Book** 2001-2002
  - *Book prospectus and drafts for Complexities: Anthropological Challenges to Reductive Accounts of Bio-Social Life, edited by Silverman and Susan McKinnon*
- **Foreword, Genetic Nature/Culture** 2002-2003
  - *Draft of foreword for Genetic Nature/Culture*
- **Foreword, Visionary Observers 2006** 2003
Foreword to the book Visionary Observers, which “explores the relationship between anthropology and public policy”

Visionary Observers MS 2003
Outline and introduction to Visionary Observers

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Subseries: Lectures and Papers

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<td>The Model of Economic Woman: Strategy, Adaptation, and Choice</td>
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<td>“Chicago &amp; New York” Research Notes and Correspondence</td>
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<td>1983 The Ceri of Gubbio: Corporation and Celebration in Central Italy</td>
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<td>U Md Symp. 3/23/84 Notes and pamphlets from a symposium, “Forms of Play In the Early Modern Period,” at the University of Maryland’s Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies</td>
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<td>Paper called “Comments on ‘Anthropology and History,’ which was delivered at a Social Science History Association meeting</td>
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<td>National Character—4/18/85, Amsterdam Commentary on a colloquy on National Character held at the Institute for Cultural and Social Anthropology</td>
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<td>Between Science &amp; The Humanities, or, What is Anthropology Good For? Paper presented at the meeting of the American Anthropological Association in November</td>
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   Summation to a volume published by the American Ethnological Society

“Complexities Project” 2001—on 1998
   Draft of introduction for Complexities

U Michigan 2/21/00 2000
   Paper, “Is an Integrative Anthropology Possible?” presented at the University of Michigan

Binghamton—Mead 2001 2001
   Lecture given at Binghamton University called “Margaret Mead in Retrospect: Some Lessons for our Time”

Mead Centenary Panel NYAS 2001 2001
   Lecture, “Anthropology and its Multiple Publics,” given at Celebrating the Margaret Mead Centenary organized by the Anthropology Forum at the New York Academy of Sciences

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Halle & Culture—6/02 2001-2002
   Lectures on American, British, French, and German traditions in anthropology at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany

Halle—SS Texts 2002 undated
   Lecture given at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle

“Current Trends in Anthro” Talk in Vienna 11/6/02 2002
   A paper, “Current Trends in Anthropology: The View from the Conference Table,” presented at the University of Vienna

Vienna 2002 2002
   Lecture given at the University of Vienna, “Eric Wolf: Notes on a Political Life in Anthropology”

Brazil 2004 2003-2004
   Lecture on the history of anthropology, “Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century”

Brazil Lectures, Eric and C & P 2004
   Lectures given in Brazil—“Eric Wolf: A Political Life in Anthropology” and “Culture and Power in the Work of Eric Wolf”

“Culture and Power in the Work of ERW” Brazil 2004
   “Culture and Power in the Work of Eric Wolf”
NYAS Dec 12, 2005 (H & AA) 2005

“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” lecture given at the Graduate center of CUNY

Hollywood & Amer Anthro, NYAS & Grad Center 2005-2006

“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” lecture notes


Correspondence and notes regarding a presentation on ethics given at graduate student symposium at UMass

AAA Lecture Sources 2006 2006

Notes on Hollywood lecture delivered at the American Anthropological Association

CA History Paper 2009


AAA Talk undated

“American Anthropology in the Middle Decades: A View from Hollywood,” version delivered

“Hollywood & Amer. Anth” undated

“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” draft

[Does Anthropology have a Future?] draft undated


“Does Anthropology Have a Future?” and “On the State of Anthropology, 1993” draft

Anthro Future? draft and notes undated

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“Hollywood & Anthro” Lecture AAA 2006 undated

“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” draft

Brazil/Hollywood Lect. undated

“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” lecture given in Brazil

Between Sci. & Humanities & Identity 1996 undated

“Between Science and the Humanities? Or, What is Anthropology Good For?” draft

Women and the Administrative Hierarchy undated

Presentation, “Women and the Administrative
Hierarchy: Informal Dimensions of Roles
Contrade and Corporations: Towards a Political Economy of Italian Festivals
Competitive Festivals in Central Italy
Biologizing Human Behavior
“On the Biologizing of Human Behavior”
Large Visions and Trivial Pursuits, Reflections in the State of Anthropology
Arensberg’s Culture Areas of Europe
Arensberg’s Culture Areas of Europe: Culture, Community, and the mid-Century Opening up of Anthropology
Restructuring Academia Closing Comments

Subseries: Reviews

1981 Kertzer, D. Comrades and Christians
Herlihy & Klapish - Zuber Review 1985
"Handle With Care," Jaarsma JRAI Review 2002 2002
Richerson & Boyd Review (U Ch P) 2003 2002-2003
“Scottish North America” Review 2002 2002
“Transatlantic Scots” 2004 2004
Boas/Mead Review, AA 2006 2005
Reviews of Franz Boas 1858-1942: An Illustrated Biography and Margaret Mead: The World Ahead, An Anthropologist Anticipates the Future for American Anthropology
Holmes Review
Review of The Mead/Freeman Controversy & Beyond

Series 3. Writings 24
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Diss/Revised Version (not final)        undated
Revised draft of Silverman’s dissertation

Dissertation—Version Submitted for Defense 1963
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Subseries: Other Scholars’ Writings

Notes for Revision of ERW Peasants Book 1977 undated
Silverman’s notes on her husband, Eric Wolf’s book, Peasants

1.46 linear feet

This series contains Silverman’s files from her time as President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation (1987-99), a private foundation that supports anthropological research through its grant funding programs. In addition, the foundation hosts symposiums and conferences and sponsors the scholarly journal Current Anthropology.

As President of Wenner-Gren, Silverman organized many symposiums, reviewed grant and fellowship applications, and was heavily involved in the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Record’s (COPAR) efforts to educate the discipline on the importance of proper recordkeeping and maintenance of records in order to preserve the history of the field. Silverman served as the official voice of the Wenner-Gren Foundation, speaking at universities and conferences on the issue of grant funding and sitting for interviews to discuss the history of the Foundation.

Recommendations and reviews of candidates for grants and fellowship awards are restricted.

Silverman often used the acronym WGF in her files and notes to denote Wenner-Gren Foundation.
See *Oversize Box* for an issue of *Anthropology Newsletter* that includes an article on Silverman’s appointment as president of the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

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AAA Citizenship Panel 12/94 1994
*Notes for panel discussion, “Citizenship, Culture and Class. New Transnational Spaces and Deterritorialized or Reterritorialized Nation State Building”*

AAA Funders Panel 1991 1991
*“Research Issues in the 21st Century: The Relation of Funding and Theory. The View from the Wenner-Gren Foundation” talk as part of a panel discussion*

AAAS Workshop 10/23-25/98 1998
*American Association for the Advancement of Science primatology conference*

AAAS Workshop, Apr 2000 1999-2000
*Draft, “What Can Apes Tell us About Human Behavior (and Vice Versa)”*

Arizona State—2/1/95 1995
*“Research Opportunities Thru the WGF” delivered at Arizona State*


China Oct 1999 1999
*People to People Ambassador Programs: Anthropology Delegation to the People’s Republic of China trip*

April 1995, Reno, NV COPAR 1995
*Conference sponsored by Wenner-Gren and the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records to discuss issues of education and outreach*

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Archiving Anthropology, Werner-Gren Symposia #114, Co-Organizers: Nancy Parezo, Sydel Silverman 1991

“Preserving” Conf II 1992-1993
*Correspondence leading up to the second conference on the preservation of anthropological records*
Preserving the Anthropological Record VI: Workshop on Education and Outreach, Part II 1995-1998
Preserving Book, Notes, Etc 1991-1992
Notes and final report on the conference Preserving the Anthropological Record: Issues and Strategies
Preserving the Anthropological Record: Workshop on the National Anthropological Archives 1997
COPAR 1999— 1999
Reports, bulletins, and metadata standards from the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records
COPAR 2003-2009
Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records
COPAR Workshops—Nov 98 1998
Critiques of Evol. Psychol., mid 1990 1995
WGF ISP #127 “Culture” (General & SS notes)/2000 1998-2000
A Wenner-Gren symposium, “Culture and the Cultural: New Tasks for an Old Concept?”
European Association of Social Anthropologists conference
EASA 1998 Forum 1998
“On the Biologizing of Human Behavior” draft and notes
The Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology, Wenner-Gren Foundation entry
Funders Meeting 1990, Santa Fe 1990
School of American Research “Funding Anthropology” meeting

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Genetics Conf. Concs & Brasilia, June 1999 undated
Grad Students 1987-1999
Correspondence with former graduate students
Ideas for a WGF Symp. on Culture & Power (1979) undated
& For NEH Seminar
Indiana U, Jan 95 1995
“Reflections on the State of Anthropology,” presentation at Indiana
Conference, “Time and Temporalities in the Anthropological Record”  
Italy  
Correspondence about Italy  
MacArthur Fellows Program  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2050. Recommendations of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
MacArthur—General Correspondence  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2054. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
Class of 1995 Notes  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2055. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
[MacArthur Fellows Program Selection Committee Info 9/27/96]  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2056. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
MF—Final 5/96, 1995-1996  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2056. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
[MacArthur Fellows Selection Info June 1997]  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2057. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
April 1998 Meeting [MacArthur Fellows Selection Info]  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2058. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2058. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
[MacArthur Fellows Selection Info] Class of 1999  
**RESTRICTED UNTIL 2059. Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship**  
Memorial for Bill Roseberry 2000  

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“Not in Isolation: Regional Studies in Melanesian Anthropology”  
Wenner-Gren Foundation Working Seminar  
PAAA Conf 9/89  
Conference of African Anthropologists  
Past Correspondence  
Policy Statements—Pres. Reports WG  

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   *Correspondence regarding Hortense Powdermaker*
WGF Public Talks & Statements for Publication 1985-1992
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   *Correspondence with Dr. Gustavo Lins Ribeiro and Dr. Mariza Peirano regarding a cancelled symposium, “Anthropology, One and Many”*
   *Trip to South Africa for a conference*
SFAA Memphis/China Workshop 3/29/92 1992
   *Meeting Chinese colleagues in Memphis for a Society for Applied Anthropology workshop*
SS Credits 1998
   *Congratulations on a WGF President’s Report*
SS Interview on WGF 4/30/98 1998
   *Sydel Silverman’s 1998 interview with Dr. Gerald Creed for Current Anthropology*
UCalif Davis 1992 & UCB 1992
   *Visit to University of California, Davis and Berkeley to discuss grants*
Visions, NYA 9/27/99 1999
   *Lecture at the New York Academy of Sciences, “Large Visions and Trivial Pursuits: Anthropology at the end of the Century”*
Visions Paper undated
WGF—Vorevies Writings & Notes 1993-1998
   *Meeting notes and Silverman’s final President’s Report as President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation*

**Series 5. Professional Activities. 1961-2010**

1.46 linear feet

This series contains records of Silverman’s involvement in anthropological professional organizations, attendance of seminars and workshops, and her participation in reviews of university anthropology departments and programs. Document types include presentations and lectures given at conferences and seminars, award acceptance speeches, correspondence, itineraries of business trips, and committee meeting notes.

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American Anthropological Association Committee to Study the Academic Employment of Women in Anthropology, and AAA election information
AAA Mr. Letter 1983-1984
American Anthropological Association election information
AAA Amazonian Discussion
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AAA Panel 2000 “Anthro United”
“Anthropology United” panel discussion
Anthropological Priorities in the Next Decade and the Role of the AAA
Arensberg AAA 97
Discussion of Conrad Arensberg’s role in developing anthropological research in Europe
“Biography” Session AAA Nov 19, 2003
Discussion session on “The Role of Biography in the History of Anthropology”
Boas Award AAA 1999
Silverman’s acceptance speech of the Franz Boas Award of the American Anthropological Association
AAA 1996/ “BTWN,” “Common Ground”
Panel session on seeking common ground
AAA Nov 1987/Discussant for Fried Symposium
Discussants for Medical Anthropology Session
[AAA]
Discussant for Wagley Mem. Symposium. AAA 1999
Discussion session on the legacy of Charles Wagley
“Knowledge Production” AAA 2009 “Wolf Panel Discussion”
Comments for “Perceptions of Knowledge Production in Cultural Anthropology—Epistemological Traditions and Shifts in the 20th Century” and discussion of the legacy of Eric Wolf
AAA Meetings, 1961 & 1962
“Model of Economic Woman,” AAA 1976 Symposium
Discussion of symposium “Social Structure, Ideology, and Women’s Choices”
AAA Nomination Committee
AAA/RDC/2004-208 (SS Items)
Resource Development Committee notes

AAA 1978—“Social Transformations in Europe” 1977-1978
Session

AAA 2010 Stocking Symp. “Circulation” Session 2010
Discussion of “2010 Stocking Symposium in the
History of Anthropology”

AAA 2007 (Wash) 2007

AAA Women Committee 1970
Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology

AAPA/AES Meetings March 23-27, 1988 1988
APS Grant & ACLS Fellowship 1984-1986
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Bellagio Conference 6/5-9/95 “Paleoanth Resources in Tanzania” 1995
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Trip to Brazil for lectures
Lectures at United Community Centers in Brooklyn and the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry

Brown Univ. Popular Culture Conf. 3/3/78 1978
Cameroon—PAAA 1999 1989, 1999
Pan African Association of Anthropologists meeting in Cameroon

1970 Conference on Stratification, Teeden &
Ptolnicov—SS Notes undated

[Correspondence About Conferences] 1993
CSAS Meeting 1967 1967
Central States Anthropological Society

Funding and Funding Needs in Anthropology: 1994-1995
Current Patterns, Future Prospects
Jonathan Friedman Conference 1987 undated
Seminar on the Mediterranean

Letters of Recommendation/Reviews 2000-2008
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Series 6. Teaching Files. 1958-2005
3.75 linear feet

This series contains Silverman’s files from her years as a faculty member and administrator at the City University of New York (CUNY). It documents her role as a professor at Queens College of CUNY and her role as an administrator in CUNY’s Graduate School. At Queens College, Silverman moved up the ranks from lecturer to instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor. She served at Acting Chairman of the Anthropology Department in 1968 and was elected Chair in 1970.

From 1975-86, Silverman served as the head of the CUNY PhD Program in Anthropology. During this time Silverman oversaw what she called the “Anthro Crisis” that took place at CUNY in the mid-1970s. The Chancellor of the university, Robert J. Kibbee, proposed restructuring the university primarily due to budgetary concerns. Part of the restructuring would involve eliminating anthropology departments from several of the colleges at CUNY. Kibbee did not include anthropology among a list of programs considered “essential to any college offering a baccalaureate in the arts and sciences.” This provoked an outcry in the anthropological community. Silverman and her colleagues were involved in a dialogue with Chancellor Kibbie in an effort to persuade him to reconsider his reorganization plans. In April 1976, the reorganization resulted in a consolidation and merging of community colleges, alteration of admissions acceptance requirements, changes to the academic calendar, and budget cuts to administrative services. Anthropology programs were not dismantled.

Materials in this series consist of lecture notes, reading lists, assignments, exams, correspondence, reports, vision statements, strategic plans, letters of recommendation, meeting minutes, policies, project proposals, and course syllabi. The grades and assignments of Silverman’s students are restricted.

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Mediterranean Seminar, Queens, Spring 1968 1967-1968
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Methods Course Permanent Notes 1969
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  *Correspondence regarding rumors many CUNY Anthropology professors would leave the University*
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  *Press conference where CUNY faculty and other anthropologists discussed Chancellor Kibbee’s proposal to eliminate anthropology programs from several college at CUNY*
Kibbee Report—Copies, CUNY—1975-76 Crisis, other 1976
  *Report on restructuring of CUNY*
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  *Correspondence regarding the elimination of the anthropology research group at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Hammer was the head of this research group and Dr. Sachar was responsible for discontinuing the program*

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U701 Fall 1976 1976-1977
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  *Warren Swidler, Chair of the Dept of Anthropology at Brooklyn College, CUNY*
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  *Prog & Acting Dean 1982-83*
Mich State 5/17/77 1977
Lecture at Michigan State University,  
“Anthropology and the Crisis in the University”  
Politics—NY State (also CUNY Budget 1977-78) 1977-1978  
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Peasants Course Sp 1978 1977-1978  

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NEH Summer Seminar Proposal 1980 1980  
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Correspondence with the Dean of Arts and Science at NYU
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*Press regarding the rank of the CUNY Graduate School*

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*Correspondence regarding the Education Program during Silverman’s tenure as Dean*

GSUC Ratings  

PSC-CUNY Proposal & Report  
*Report on festival research conducted with the financial assistance of a PSC-CUNY grant*

Feminist Network 1982  
*Conference at CUNY on feminist scholarship*

“Creationism” 1982  
*Correspondence regarding the issue of creationism in NYC school textbooks*

Political Economy  
*Discussion of establishing a concentration in political economy at the Graduate School*

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GSUC Transfer 6/25/84  
*Silverman’s transfer of positions within CUNY*

SSRC 1984-1985  
Proposal Seminar—1984—SPs & Work to be Graded  
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Courses/Grades  
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U701—Fall 1986 (Computer Files)  
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CUNY Program Hist Text  
Law Project Idea, 1982  
U701—1986—Supplementary Material  
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Series 6. Teaching Files  
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This series contains Silverman’s personal papers, including her calendars, travel diaries, and a draft of her memoirs.

Arranged chronologically.

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   Article written about Silverman’s participation in a panel on women in Mediterranean cultures
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   Article written about Silverman in Sociologisch Tijdschrift, a Dutch publication
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SS Personal [Curriculum Vitae] undated

Series 8. Student Files. 1949-1965
1.67 linear feet

This series documents Silverman’s years as a student. The majority of the series contains files from her years as a graduate student. Silverman received her MA in Anthropology from the University of Chicago in 1957 and her PhD in Anthropology from Columbia.
University in 1963. Materials primarily consist of course notes; study guides; and assignments, such as papers and exams.

SUBSERIES: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
This subseries consists of Silverman’s undergraduate work.

SUBSERIES: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
This subseries includes Silverman’s graduate coursework at the master’s level. Arranged chronologically

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This subseries includes Silverman’s graduate coursework at the doctoral level. Arranged chronologically

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Subseries: University of Chicago

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2.08 linear feet

This series primarily contains prints, negatives, and slides that Silverman took during her field research in Montecastello di Vibio. Her research on Italian festivals in Gubbio and Siena in the 1980s is also represented.

Box 52

8x10 Variations Undated
[Competitive Festivals Project Prints] Undated
[Competitive Festivals Project Slides 1 of 2] 1982
[Competitive Festivals Project Slides 2 of 2] 1982
MCV, Good [Slides] Undated
MCV Slides Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 1 Undated

“MCV Pix” are prints. Negatives of the prints can be found below under “MCV Negatives.”

MCV Pix—Roll 2 Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 3 Undated
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MCV Pix—Roll 5 Undated
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MCV Pix—Roll 15 Undated
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MCV Pix—Roll 20 Undated
MCV Pix [1 of 5] Undated
MCV Pix [2 of 5] Undated
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- MCV Pix [3 of 5]  
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- MCV Pix [4 of 5]  
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- MCV Pix [5 of 5]  
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- [MCV Photographs 1 of 3]  
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- [MCV Photographs 2 of 3]  
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- [MCV Photographs 3 of 3]  
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- [Photographs of Sydel Silverman]  
  Undated
- Trip to So. Italy, Good [Slides]  
  Undated

**Box 56**

- [Beast Negatives]  
  2002
- [Competitive Festivals Project Negatives]  
  Undated
- MCV Negatives—Rolls 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6  
  1961
- MCV Negatives—Rolls 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11  
  1961
- MCV Negatives—Rolls 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16  
  1961
- MCV Negatives—Rolls 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21  
  1961

**Series 10. Sound Recordings. 1960-1961**

6 sound recordings

This series contains six 5-inch sound reels with recording speeds of 1 7/8 IPS and 3 3/4 IPS. These recordings were made during Silverman’s field research in Montecastello di Vibio. They include conversations, bells, meetings, interviews, processions, proverbs, readings, and songs. The recordings have not yet been examined to confirm the contents, but the information written on the recordings’ labels is included below. Sound recording numbers were added by the archivist.

**Box 57**

- [Sound Recordings 1 & 2]  
  1960-1961
  - Recording 1 #1-Oct 31, 1960-Nov 1, 1960—bells and conversation (3 3/4 IPS)
  - Recording 1 #2-Nov 2, 1960-Nov 7, 1960—communist rally, 4 Nov ceremony, conversation, bells, voting count (1 7/8 IPS)
  - Recording 2 #3-Nov and Dec 1960—meetings, conversations, bells, readings
  - Recording 2 #4-Dec 1960 and August 1961—interviews (1 7/8 IPS and 3 3/4 IPS)
- [Sound Recordings 3 & 4]  
  1961

Series 9. Photographs
Series 10. Sound Recordings
Recording 3 #5-Feb 1961—conversations, children’s party, Carnevale (1 7/8 IPS)
Recording 3 #6- Feb-May 1961—conversations, processions, Carnevale
Recording 4 #7-Aug 4, 1961—Renato Ippoliti: proverbs, reading stornelli (1 7/8 IPS)
Recording 4 #8- April 3, 1961—Procession to Spineta; Procession inside church; Priest talking; Awaiting mass; Mass at Spineta; Outside church, Spineta; 9pm: songs

[Sound Recordings 5 & 6] 1961
Recording 5 #9-June 1961—Bells and singing: procession
Recording 5 #10-May 1961—conversations
Recording 6 Unmarked and unlabeled