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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

Silverman, Sydel. 2008. "Memoirs." Sydel Silverman Papers: Box 42. National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Suitland, MD.

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

1968 Agricultural Organization, Social Structure, and Values in Italy: Amoral Familism Reconsidered. *American Anthropologist* 70: 1-20.

1970 "Exploitation" in Rural Central Italy: Structure and Ideology in Stratification Study. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 12: 327-339.

1975 *Three Bells of Civilization: the Life of an Italian Hill Town*. New York: Columbia University Press.

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

1981 editor. *Totems and Teachers: Key Figures in the History of Anthropology*. New York: Columbia University Press.

1984 Anthropological Perspectives on Suicide. *In* *Suicide: The Will to Live vs. The Will to Die*. Norman Linzer, ed. Pp. 225-233. New York: Human Sciences Press.

1986 Anthropology and History: Understanding the Boundaries. *Historical Methods* 19: 123-126.

1992 with Nancy J. Parezo. *Preserving the Anthropological Record*. New York: Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.

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

Series 1. Field Research. 1939-2002 [Bulk 1960-1987]

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
Correspondence w/ MCV [Montecastello di Vibio]	1953-1954, 1961-1966
[Materials about Mezzadria in Umbria]	1955-1961
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] 2002
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
[Note Cards 2 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 3 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 4 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 5 of 16]	Undated

Box 9

[Note Cards 6 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 7 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 8 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 9 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 10 of 16]	Undated

Box 10

[Note Cards 11 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 12 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 13 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 14 of 16]	Undated
[Note Cards 15 of 16]	Undated

Box 11

[Note Cards 16 of 16]	Undated
[Bibliography 1 of 2]	Undated
[Bibliography 2 of 2]	Undated

Box 12

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

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Festivals Projects [2 of 4]	1985
Festivals Projects [3 of 4]	1995
Festivals Projects [4 of 4]	1985
[Festivals Research Photocopies]	Undated
Festival Project Plans and Applications	Undated
Festivals/Italy Research 1987—Clippings	1987
Festivals Paper	1982
Foligno	1984
Gubbio	1979-1982

Box 14

[Gubbio Festivals Research] [1 of 2]	1982
[Gubbio Festivals Research] [2 of 2]	1982
Gubbio—Literature	Undated
Gubbio Notebooks [1 of 3]	1980-1985
Gubbio Notebooks [2 of 3]	1981-1982
Gubbio Notebooks [3 of 3]	1982
SS MS Gubbio Photocopies	1977
Italy 1980s Research Project/Work, Correspondence, Sources	1979-1981
Monte dei Paschi	1981

Box 15

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

Newspaper Clippings	1981
Palio	1976-1979
Palio Literature [1 of 2]	1977, 1981, 1984
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
Palio July 1995 [1 of 2]	1995

Box 16

Palio July 1995 [2 of 2]	1995
Clippings—Pastoria	1985
[Pistoria Field Notebook and Postcards]	1987
Siena Notebooks [1 of 5]	1985
Siena Notebooks [2 of 5]	1985
Siena Notebooks [3 of 5]	1980-1981
Siena Notebooks [4 of 5]	1980-1981
Siena Notebooks [5 of 5]	1980-1981

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
Our Letters to Riegelhaupts & from, 1961, 1973-1974 Trips	1961, 1973-1974
Social Class Article Notes	1961-1966
Post Correspondence 1963-1967	1963-1969
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
<i>RESTRICTED UNTIL 2033. Grant and fellowship applications and confidential references</i>	
Correspondence (London Period)	1973-1974

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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
AA Review Correspondence, “On Review Articles” (1980)	1977-1980
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
<i>Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies</i>	
Suicide Article & Notes	1980-1982
Correspondence 1/1/82-84	1981-1984
SSRC—1982, W. Eur. Selection	1982
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

ACLS Fellowship (& Other Apps for Study) 1985	1985
SS Correspondence, 1985-1986	1985-1986

Box 20

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	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	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
Craft 1999-2001	1999-2001

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]	1991
<i>Inventory of Silverman's writings, compiled during her years as President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation</i>	
1968 Agricultural Organization, Social Structure, and Values in Italy: Amoral Familism Reconsidered. <i>American Anthropologist</i> 70: 1-20	1967
1970 'Exploitation' in Rural Central Italy: Structure and Ideology in Stratification Study. <i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> 12: 327-39	1970
1974 Bailey's Politics. <i>Journal of Peasant Studies</i> 2: 111-20	1974
1976 Commentary on D. Kertzer, "Ethos, Economics and 'Civilization' in Rural Italy." <i>Reviews in Anthropology</i> 3: 561-63	1976
1976 Ethnicity as Adaptation: Strategies and Systems. <i>Reviews in Anthropology</i> 3: 626-36	1976
1976 Anthropology and the Crisis at CUNY. <i>Anthropology Newsletter</i> 17 (no 10): 7-10	1976
1977 Patronage as Myth in E. Gellner and J. Waterbury, eds, <i>Patrons and Clients in Mediterranean Societies</i> , London: Duckworths, pp 7-19	1977

"On the Uses of History" AE Article	1978-1979
<i>"On the Uses of History in Anthropology: The Palio of Siena" published in American Ethnologist</i>	
[Rituals of Inequality: Stratification and Symbol in Central Italy]	1978-1981
1984 Toward an Anthropology of Urbanism: The View from the Village. In Owen M. Lynch, ed., Culture and Community: Essays in Honor of Conrad M. Arensberg. Delhi: Hindustan, pp 13-35	1984
1984 Anthropological Perspectives on Suicide. In Norman Linzer, ed., Suicide: The Will to Live vs. The Will to Die. New York: Human Sciences Press, pp 225-33	1984
Powdermaker Biography	1984-1986
<i>A biographical entry about Hortense Powdermaker, written for a book called Women Anthropologists</i>	
[At the Intersection of Anthropology and History: Territorial Festivity in Siena]	1984-1985, 1993
1985 Anthropological History and Demographic Process in Italy. Peasant Studies 12: 237-44	1985
1985 Towards a Political Economy of Italian Competitive Festivals. Ethnologia Europaea 15: 95-103	1985-1990
"Anth + Hist"	1985-1986
<i>"History and Anthropology: A Dialogue," published in the journal Historical Methods</i>	
Joyce Riegelhaupt Obituary	1986
<i>An obituary written for Riegelhaupt, published in American Anthropologist</i>	
1986 Anthropology and History: Understanding the Boundaries. Historical Methods 19: 123-26	1986
1987 Obituary of Joyce Firstenberg Riegelhaupt (1936-1986), with Shepard Forman. American Anthropologist 89: 440-41	1986
The Palio of Siena: Game, Ritual or Politics?	1989-1990
CA Article/Prop. Writing Notes	1989-1991
<i>Notes for Silverman's Current Anthropology article about writing grants</i>	
Current Anthropology Writing Grant Proposals	1991-1993
[Preserving the Anthropological Record]	1993
<i>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</i>	

Records)
Current Anthropology 50th Anniv. Introduction Undated

Box 23

Subseries: Books

Methods Book 1969-1970
Methods Book: Tapes & Early Notes (1971) 1970-1971
1975 Three Bells of Civilization: The Life of an Italian Hill Town. New York and London: Columbia University Press 1976-1990
T & T—1981 Contract, Permissions, etc 1973, 1978-1980, 1985
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—New Edition, Text Work, Photos 1977-1981, 1990, 2001-2003
T & T—Permissions & Contracts for New Edition 1979-86, 2002-2003
T & T Photos 1980
T & T—Reviews & Comments 1980-1982
1981 ed. Totems and Teachers—Royalties & Business 1981-1983, 1990-2000

Box 24

T & T 2004—Photos & permits, New Bios & New Text 2002-2003
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
<i>Notes and outlines for The Beast on the Table</i>	
Conferences—General Procedures	1988-1989
<i>Conference schedules, statements, and invitations</i>	
ISP (for book)	1990-1999
<i>Correspondence and preparatory materials for an AAA symposium</i>	
Cabo 125 Conf. Report	1999-2000
<i>Summaries and papers from a conference called Anthropology at the End of the Century held in Baja California Sur, Mexico in November 1999</i>	
[Beast Digital Files]	1999-2001
RESTRICTED. <i>Contains 6 floppy disks and 3 CDs</i>	

Box 25

Beast—Development & Texts	1999-2001
<i>Book prospectus, chapter outlines, and notes</i>	
Altamira	2001
<i>Correspondence with the publisher Altamira regarding the release of The Beast on the Table</i>	
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
<i>Draft of forward written for Anthropology Beyond Culture</i>	
Anthropology Beyond Culture (Foreword)	2001-2006
<i>Published copy of the foreword</i>	
Human Bio Archives Foreword	2001-2002
<i>Foreword for Human Biologists in the Archives</i>	
Complexities Book	2001-2002
<i>Book prospectus and drafts for Complexities: Anthropological Challenges to Reductive Accounts of Bio-Social Life, edited by Silverman and Susan McKinnon</i>	
Foreword, Genetic Nature/Culture	2002-2003
<i>Draft of foreword for Genetic Nature/Culture</i>	
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

1976 The Model of Economic Woman: Strategy, 1976
 Adaptaion, and Choice. AAA Meeting
 Women and the Admin. Hierarchy (1978) & Dutch 1978-1979
 Translation (1979), AAA/COSWA
 “Chicago & New York” (unpub) NYAS 10/22/79 1979
*A paper, “Chicago and New York: Divergent
 Traditions in the Anthropology of Peasantry,”
 presented at the New York Academy of Sciences*
 “Chicago & New York” Research Notes and 1969-1980
 Correspondence
 1983 The Ceri of Gubbio: Corporation and Undated
 Celebration in Central Italy
 U Md Symp. 3/23/84 1984
*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*
 U Md Symp. Article 1984-1985
*Notes and the draft of an article, “The Palio of
 Siena: Game, Ritual, or Politics?”*
 1985 Comments on “Anthropology and History” 1985
 SSHA meeting
*Paper called “Comments on ‘Anthropology and
 History,” which was delivered at a Social Science
 History Association meeting*
 1985 Comments on Panel, “Community and Identity 1985
 in Mediterranean Europe.” AHA Meeting
 National Character—4/18/85, Amsterdam 1985
*Commentary on a colloquy on National Character
 held at the Institute for Cultural and Social
 Anthropology*
 Between Science & The Humanities, or, What is 1996
 Anthropology Good For?
*Paper presented at the meeting of the American
 Anthropological Association in November 1996*

In Search of a Proactive Anthropology 1996-1997 <i>Summation to a volume published by the American Ethnological Society</i>	1996-1998
“Complexities Project” 2001—on <i>Draft of introduction for Complexities</i>	1998
U Michigan 2/21/00 <i>Paper, “Is an Integrative Anthropology Possible?” presented at the University of Michigan</i>	2000
Binghamton—Mead 2001 <i>Lecture given at Binghamton University called “Margaret Mead in Retrospect: Some Lessons for our Time”</i>	2001
Mead Centenary Panel NYAS 2001 <i>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</i>	2001

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Halle & Culture—6/02 <i>Lectures on American, British, French, and German traditions in anthropology at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany</i>	2001-2002
Halle—SS Texts 2002 <i>Lecture given at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle</i>	undated
“Current Trends in Anthro” Talk in Vienna 11/6/02 <i>A paper, “Current Trends in Anthropology: The View from the Conference Table,” presented at the University of Vienna</i>	2002
Vienna 2002 <i>Lecture given at the University of Vienna, “Eric Wolf: Notes on a Political Life in Anthropology”</i>	2002
Brazil 2004 <i>Lecture on the history of anthropology, “Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century”</i>	2003-2004
Brazil Lectures, Eric and C & P <i>Lectures given in Brazil-- “Eric Wolf: A Political Life in Anthropology” and “Culture and Power in the Work of Eric Wolf”</i>	2004
“Culture and Power in the Work of ERW” Brazil 2004 <i>“Culture and Power in the Work of Eric Wolf”</i>	2004

<i>draft</i>	
NYAS Dec 12, 2005 (H & AA)	2005
<i>“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” lecture given at the Graduate center of CUNY</i>	
Hollywood & Amer Anthro, NYAS & Grad Center	2005-2006
<i>“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” lecture notes</i>	
Ethics Lect. UMass Amherst 2006	2005-2006
<i>Correspondence and notes regarding a presentation on ethics given at graduate student symposium at UMass</i>	
AAA Lecture Sources 2006	2006
<i>Notes on Hollywood lecture delivered at the American Anthropological Association</i>	
CA History Paper	2009
<i>Paper written for Cultural Anthropology, “A Social Experiment: Sol Tax, Paul Fejos, and the Origins of Current Anthropology</i>	
AAA Talk	undated
<i>“American Anthropology in the Middle Decades: A View from Hollywood,” version delivered</i>	
“Hollywood & Amer. Anth”	undated
<i>“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” draft</i>	
[Does Anthropology have a Future?]	undated
<i>Draft</i>	
“Future”? SS Paper 1993/1994	undated
<i>“Does Anthropology Have a Future?” and “On the State of Anthropology, 1993” draft</i>	
Anthro Future?	undated
<i>Draft and notes</i>	

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“Hollywood & Anthro” Lecture AAA 2006	undated
<i>“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” draft</i>	
Brazil/Hollywood Lect.	undated
<i>“Hollywood and American Anthropology at mid-Century” lecture given in Brazil</i>	
Between Sci. & Humanities & Identity 1996	undated
<i>“Between Science and the Humanities? Or, What is Anthropology Good For?” draft</i>	
Women and the Administrative Hierarchy	undated
<i>Presentation, “Women and the Administrative</i>	

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

Subseries: Reviews

1971 Lopreato, J. Italian Americans. American Journal of Sociology 77: 170-72. 1971
 1977 Pitt-Rivers, J. The Fate of Shechem, or the Politics of Sex: Essays in the Anthropology of the Mediterranean. Man 12: 558-59. 1977
 1978 Hilowitz, J. Economic Development and Social Change in Sicily. Economic Development and Cultural Change 26: 821-27. 1976-1978
 1978 Weber, E. Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914. Ethnohistory 25. 1976
 1981 Kertzer, D. Comrades and Christians 1981
 1986 Holmes, L.D. Quest for the Real Samoa. New York Times Book Review, November 9. 1986
 Herlihy & Klapisch - 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
 1989 Chubb, J. Patronage, Power and Poverty in Southern Italy: A Tale of Two Cities. Comparative Studies in Society and History 21: 791-92. undated
 Holmes Review undated
Review of The Mead/Freeman Controversy & Beyond

Subseries: Unpublished

Diss/Revised Version (not final) <i>Revised draft of Silverman's dissertation</i>	undated
Dissertation—Version Submitted for Defense (further changed) [1 of 3]	1963

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Dissertation—Version Submitted for Defense (further changed) [2 of 3]	1963
Dissertation—Version Submitted for Defense (further changed) [3 of 3]	1963
Dissertation, Final Accepted Version	1963

Subseries: Other Scholars' Writings

Notes for Revision of ERW Peasants Book 1977 Silverman's notes on her husband, Eric Wolf's book, Peasants	undated
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Series 4. Wenner-Gren Foundation Files. 1985-2009

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
<i>Notes for panel discussion, "Citizenship, Culture and Class. New Transnational Spaces and Deterritorialized or Reterritorialized Nation State Building"</i> | 1994 |
| AAA Funders Panel 1991
<i>"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</i> | 1991 |
| AAAS Workshop 10/23-25/98
<i>American Association for the Advancement of Science primatology conference</i> | 1998 |
| AAAS Workshop, Apr 2000
<i>Draft, "What Can Apes Tell us About Human Behavior (and Vice Versa)?"</i> | 1999-2000 |
| Arizona State—2/1/95
<i>"Research Opportunities Thru the WGF" delivered at Arizona State</i> | 1995 |
| CA Sp. Issue, Inquiry & Debate Selection Process & Notes for Commentary | 1991 |
| China Oct 1999
<i>People to People Ambassador Programs: Anthropology Delegation to the People's Republic of China trip</i> | 1999 |
| April 1995, Reno, NV COPAR
<i>Conference sponsored by Wenner-Gren and the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records to discuss issues of education and outreach</i> | 1995 |

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| Archiving Anthropology, Werner-Gren Symposia #114, Co-Orangizers: Nancy Parezo, Sydel Silverman | 1991 |
| "Preserving" Conf II
<i>Correspondence leading up to the second conference on the preservation of anthropological records</i> | 1992-1993 |

Preserving the Anthropological Record VI: Workshop on Education and Outreach, Part II	1995-1998
Preserving Book, Notes, Etc <i>Notes and final report on the conference Preserving the Anthropological Record: Issues and Strategies</i>	1991-1992
Preserving the Anthropological Record: Workshop on the National Anthropological Archives	1997
COPAR 1999— <i>Reports, bulletins, and metadata standards from the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records</i>	1999
COPAR <i>Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records</i>	2003-2009
COPAR Workshops—Nov 98	1998
Critiques of Evol. Psychol., mid 1990	1995
WGF ISP #127 “Culture” (General & SS notes)/2000 <i>A Wenner-Gren symposium, “Culture and the Cultural: New Tasks for an Old Concept?”</i>	1998-2000
EASA 2 nd Congress, Prague, Aug 28-31, 1992 <i>European Association of Social Anthropologists conference</i>	1992
EASA 1998 Forum	1998
Evol-Psych Paper 1998 <i>“On the Biologizing of Human Behavior” draft and notes</i>	1998
Encyclop WGF 1994 <i>The Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology, Wenner-Gren Foundation entry</i>	1993-1994
Funders Meeting 1990, Santa Fe <i>School of American Research “Funding Anthropology” meeting</i>	1990

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Genetics Conf. Concs & Brasilia, June 1999	undated
Genetics Conf & Paper 1999/2000, Genetics Vol. Foreword	undated
Grad Students <i>Correspondence with former graduate students</i>	1987-1999
Ideas for a WGF Symp. on Culture & Power (1979) & For NEH Seminar	undated
Indiana U, Jan 95 <i>“Reflections on the State of Anthropology,” presentation at Indiana</i>	1995
WGF—ISP “Time” 2000	2000-2005

<i>Conference, "Time and Temporalities in the Anthropological Record"</i>	
Italy	1990-1998
<i>Correspondence about Italy</i>	
MacArthur Fellows Program	1990-1993
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2050. <i>Recommendations of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
MacArthur—General Correspondence	1989-2001
5/4/94 Review/1994 Class	1994
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2054. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
Class of 1995 Notes	1994-1995
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2055. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
[MacArthur Fellows Program Selection Committee Info 9/27/96]	1996
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2056. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
MF—Final 5/96, 1995-1996	1996
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2056. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
[MacArthur Fellows Selection Info June 1997]	1997
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2057. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
April 1998 Meeting [MacArthur Fellows Selection Info]	1998
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2058. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
MacArthur Fel. Nom. By ERW 1998, Heyman, Josiah	1998
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2058. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
[MacArthur Fellows Selection Info] Class of 1999	1999
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2059. <i>Review of candidates for the MacArthur Fellowship</i>	
Memorial for Bill Roseberry 2000	2000

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"Not in Isolation: Regional Studies in Melanesian Anthropology"	1991
<i>Wenner-Gren Foundation Working Seminar</i>	
PAAA Conf 9/89	1989
<i>Conference of African Anthropologists</i>	
Past Correspondence	1989-1998
Policy Statements—Pres. Reports WG	1987-1991

Powdermaker	1991-1997
<i>Correspondence regarding Hortense Powdermaker</i>	
WGF Public Talks & Statements for Publication	1985-1992
Ribeiro/Peirano—ISP Cancelled	1995-1996
<i>Correspondence with Dr. Gustavo Lins Ribeiro and Dr. Mariza Peirano regarding a cancelled symposium, “Anthropology, One and Many”</i>	
S. Af. Trip 1990	1986-1990
<i>Trip to South Africa for a conference</i>	
SFAA Memphis/China Workshop 3/29/92	1992
<i>Meeting Chinese colleagues in Memphis for a Society for Applied Anthropology workshop</i>	
SS Credits	1998
<i>Congratulations on a WGF President’s Report</i>	
SS Interview on WGF 4/30/98	1998
SS Interview for CA, Full Transcript [1 of 2]	1998-1999
<i>Sydel Silverman’s 1998 interview with Dr. Gerald Creed for Current Anthropology</i>	
SS Interview for CA, Full Transcript [2 of 2]	1998
UCalif Davis 1992 & UCB	1992
<i>Visit to University of California, Davis and Berkeley to discuss grants</i>	
Visions, NYA 9/27/99	1999
<i>Lecture at the New York Academy of Sciences, “Large Visions and Trivial Pursuits: Anthropology at the end of the Century”</i>	
Visions Paper	undated
WGF—Vorevies Writings & Notes	1993-1998
<i>Meeting notes and Silverman’s final President’s Report as President of the Wenner-Gren Foundation</i>	

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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AAA <i>American Anthropological Association meeting information</i>	1988-1989
AAA 1983-1984 <i>American Anthropological Association Committee to Study the Academic Employment of Women in Anthropology, and AAA election information</i>	1992
AAA Amazonian Discussion <i>“Rethinking Native Amazonia” panel discussion</i>	1990
AAA Panel 2000 “Anthro United” <i>“Anthropology United” panel discussion</i>	2000
Anthropological Priorities in the Next Decade and the Role of the AAA	1992-1993
Arensberg AAA 97 <i>Discussion of Conrad Arensberg’s role in developing anthropological research in Europe</i>	1997
“Biography” Session AAA Nov 19, 2003 <i>Discussion session on “The Role of Biography in the History of Anthropology”</i>	2003
Boas Award AAA 1999 <i>Silverman’s acceptance speech of the Franz Boas Award of the American Anthropological Association</i>	1999
AAA 1996/ “BTWN,” “Common Ground” <i>Panel session on seeking common ground</i>	1996
AAA Nov 1987/Discussant for Fried Symposium	undated
Discussants for Medical Anthropology Session [AAA]	1989
Discussant for Wagley Mem. Symposium. AAA 1999 <i>Discussion session on the legacy of Charles Wagley</i>	1992
“Knowledge Production” AAA 2009 “Wolf Panel Discussion” <i>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</i>	2009
AAA Meetings, 1961 & 1962	1961-1962
“Model of Economic Woman,” AAA 1976 Symposium <i>Discussion of symposium “Social Structure, Ideology, and Women’s Choices”</i>	1976
AAA Nomination Committee	1977-1978
AAA/RDC/2004-208 (SS Items)	2004-2009

<i>Resource Development Committee notes</i>	
AAA 1978—"Social Transformations in Europe" Session	1977-1978
AAA 2010 Stocking Symp. "Circulation" Session <i>Discussion of "2010 Stocking Symposium in the History of Anthropology"</i>	2010
AAA 2007 (Wash)	2007
AAA Women Committee <i>Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology</i>	1970
AAPA/AES Meetings March 23-27, 1988	1988
Am. Hist Assn. Meeting 12/30/85	1985-1986
APS Grant & ACLS Fellowship <i>American Philosophical Society grant and American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship</i>	1984-1986

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Bellagio Conference 6/5-9/95 "Paleoanth Resources in Tanzania"	1995
Brazil 2004 <i>Trip to Brazil for lectures</i>	2004
Brooklyn Com. Center Lecture, Masters School Lecture <i>Lectures at United Community Centers in Brooklyn and the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry</i>	1975-1977
Brown Univ. Popular Culture Conf. 3/3/78	1978
Cameroon—PAAA 1999 <i>Pan African Association of Anthropologists meeting in Cameroon</i>	1989, 1999
1970 Conference on Stratification, Teeden & Ptolnicov—SS Notes	undated
[Correspondence About Conferences]	1993
CSAS Meeting 1967 <i>Central States Anthropological Society</i>	1967
Funding and Funding Needs in Anthropology: Current Patterns, Future Prospects	1994-1995
Jonathan Friedman Conference 1987 <i>Seminar on the Mediterranean</i>	undated
Letters of Recommendation/Reviews	2000-2008
Los Angeles AAA Europe Panel 1978	1978
SS/NY Psychoanalytic Inst. 1968 Seminar	1968
New School Adv. Comm. <i>New School University committee</i>	2000
NYAS/Conf. on Academia Feb 1996	1995-1996

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NYAS Conf. on Ethics 4/14/00	1999-2000
NYAS: 2001 Crisis Programs pre-2003	2001-2003
<i>Reorganization of the Anthropology Section of the New York Academy of Sciences</i>	
NYAS/SS as Co-Chair 2003-2005	2003-2005
NYAS/Wade Article Controversy 2006	2006
<i>Correspondence and discussion surrounding an article, "The Twists and Turns of History, and of DNA," written by Nicholas Wade in the New York Times</i>	
NYAS 2006-09 (& crisis)	2006-2008
NYU Oct 2008/2009	2008-2010
<i>NYU Advisory Board meeting</i>	
Prof. Activities and Invites	1992-1997
Professional Activities 1980 (Tax Purposes)—83	1979-1983
Recommendations [1 of 2]	1982-1998
Recommendations [2 of 2]	1988-1999
Rome Patronage Conference 1974	1968-1975
<i>Changing Forms of Patronage in Mediterranean Society seminar in Rome</i>	
Seminars & Professional Activities, Various	1976-1978
SSRC—Reports & Impt. Items (1984-87)	1986-1988
<i>Social Science Research Council</i>	
Stone Age Inst.	2004-2008
<i>Stone Age Institute in Bloomington, Indiana</i>	

Box 36

SUNY Binghamton Review, May 2001	2001
Teaching Evolution, History & Orgs, Conf. NYAS	2005-2006
<i>Teaching Evolution and the Nature of Science conference</i>	
Teaching Evolution Symp NYAS Grants & Finances	2005-2006
Teaching Evolution Talk 4/22/06 NYAS	2006
Culture Factor in Human Evolution 2006, "Teaching Evol Conf"	2006
Toronto 6/19-21/86	1986
<i>Workshop on Field Methods in Modern Europe</i>	
Travels & Foreign Anthropologists met During WG Years	1987-1998
UMass Oct '94	1994
<i>"Reflections on the State of Cultural Anthropology"</i>	
Univ. of Maryland Evaluation	1978

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 as 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 Kibbee 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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Queens—302—Grad Course in Socialization	1958, 1964-1965
Seminar on Research Design—Sp 1979 & 1980	1960-1984
Anthro 1—Exams, Reading Lists, Handouts	1962-1972
Employment—Queens College	1962-1973

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Anthro 1a & b—Anthro Lecture Notes	1963-1966
Anthro 1A	1964
Latin Amer. 1964, Fall 1966, 1967, Queens	1964-1966
An. 1—Revision Debate, Past Syllabi	1964-1970
Anthro 1—1967-68—A & B	1964-1970
Anthro 1 Exams	1964-1972
Anthro 1.1 74-75, Lectures, Cultural	1964-1974
Amerinds, Queens, Spring 1965-67	1965-1967

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Anthro 5—Intensive Intro	1965-1971
Queens Fall 1967, Peasant Course Notes	1966-1967
U701 Fall 1981 (& Other Old Material)—& Earlier	1966-1981
Mediterranean Seminar, Queens, Spring 1968	1967-1968
Queens & CUNY Historic Business Worth Keeping	1967-1976
[Loose Calendars, Pre 1980] [1 of 2]	1967, 1973, 1976-1978
[Loose Calendars, Pre 1980] [2 of 2]	1974-1975
Social Org. Course, Lectures, Queens	1968
Anthro 1—Cultural	1968-1970
Europe Course, Queens, 1972, 1975	1968-1975
Methods Course 1969	1969

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Methods Course Permanent Notes	1969
Calendars/Diaries, pre-1980: Mainly SS, Some JT, a few ERW [1 of 2]	1969-1972
Calendars/Diaries, pre-1980: Mainly SS, Some JT, a few ERW [2 of 2]	1973-1975
Mediterranean Studies Plans, CUNY	1970
[CUNY Reading Lists]	1970-1980
1970 Graduate Ethnology Course	1970-1971
NEH Fellowship	1973-1974
Intro 1.1—F74—Outline, Handouts, Special Notes, Exams & ACE	1974-1975
Rural-Urban Seminar	1975
U701 Fall 1975 Reading List, etc	1975-1976
Core Bibliogs & for First Exam	1975-1977
U702 Spring 1976, 1977, 1981	1975-1981
Grade Records	1975-1986
<i>RESTRICTED UNTIL 2048. Student grades</i>	

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Anthro Crisis 1974-75, Misc	1975
1975-76 Crisis Misc	1975
CUNY Crisis—General 1976	1975-1976
Brain Drain 1976	1976
<i>Correspondence regarding rumors many CUNY Anthropology professors would leave the University</i>	
Anthro Crisis—Consolidation 1976 [1 of 2]	1976
Anthro Crisis—Consolidation 1976 [2 of 2]	1976
AAA Report on CUNY	1976
Press Conference March 11, 1976	1976
<i>Press conference where CUNY faculty and other anthropologists discussed Chancellor Kibbee's proposal to eliminate anthropology programs from several college at CUNY</i>	
CUNY—Kibbee Fiasco, Kibbee Report [1 of 2]	1976
CUNY—Kibbee Fiasco, Kibbee Report [2 of 2]	1976
Kibbee Report—Copies, CUNY—1975-76 Crisis, other	1976
<i>Report on restructuring of CUNY</i>	
CUNY Crisis, Clippings	1976-1977
Hammer/Sachar 1977	1976-1977
<i>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</i>	
SS—Policy Statements & Position Papers, 1975, 1976, 1977	1976-1977

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U701 Fall 1976	1976-1977
W. Swidler	1976-1978
<i>Warren Swidler, Chair of the Dept of Anthropology at Brooklyn College, CUNY</i>	
U702 Syllabi	1976-1981
U702—Strat & Ethnicity (Spring 81)	1976-1982
U702—Exams, Bibliogs, Etc	1976-1982
Core Course, Various Years 701	1976-1983
U702 Lecture—Peasants/Commtty Studies (Sp 82)	1976-1984
CUNY—Misc Prior to 1986	1976-1986
Dept & Administrative Business/E. O. CUNY PhD Prog & Acting Dean 1982-83	1976-1986
Mich State 5/17/77	1977

<i>Lecture at Michigan State University, "Anthropology and the Crisis in the University"</i>	
Politics—NY State (also CUNY Budget 1977-78)	1977-1978
Catalyst 2/5/77	1977-1978
<i>"Catalyst Model Staff Training Program" about gender stereotypes</i>	
Peasants Course Sp 1978	1977-1978

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Program Seminar 1977-78: Core & Periphery [1 of 2]	1977-1978
Program Seminar 1977-78: Core & Periphery [2 of 2]	1977-1978
Library Research Class & Wenner-Gren Conf	1977-1981
Correspondence, Recommendations, & Evaluations Thru 1984	1977-1987
SS Reading Logs 1978	1978
Maryland Report 1978	1978
<i>Report on the state of the anthropology department at the University of Maryland</i>	
HJH	1978-1979
<i>Evaluation of the CUNY PhD program in anthropology</i>	
Seminar on Religion (1978-79)	1978-1979
Academic Planning (5-year plan), Fall 81	1978-1981
Peasants Course Material	1978-1982
"On the Uses of Anthro" 1979	1979
Program Seminar 1979-80, State Formation	1979-1980

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U701 Reading Lists (Several Years) 1977-1981	1979-1981
U702—Reading Lists (Various) 1981	1979-1982
Core Course Fall 1983/Fall 1984, 701	1979-1984
[Research Design Course] [1 of 2]	1980-1984
[Research Design Course] [2 of 2]	1979-1984
CUNY Program Seminar Presentation 1980 (SS & Joyce Riegelhaupt)	1980
State Formation 16 th C It/Reading Notes, Seminar Materials, 1980	1980
NEH Summer Seminar Proposal 1980	1980
CUNY Grant Finances—SS, 1980-1982	1980-1982
SS—Recommendations and Evaluations, 1982—	1980-1985
U701 Exams	1980-1986
NYU	1981
<i>Correspondence with the Dean of Arts and Science at NYU</i>	

Budget—GSUC	1981-1984
<i>The Graduate School and University Center</i>	

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Dean Files (Various)	1982-1984
Credits 1983	1983
<i>Press regarding the rank of the CUNY Graduate School</i>	
Education	1983
<i>Correspondence regarding the Education Program during Silverman's tenure as Dean</i>	
GSUC Ratings	1983
PSC-CUNY Proposal & Report	1982
<i>Report on festival research conducted with the financial assistance of a PSC-CUNY grant</i>	
Feminist Network 1982	1982
<i>Conference at CUNY on feminist scholarship</i>	
“Creationism” 1982	1982
<i>Correspondence regarding the issue of creationism in NYC school textbooks</i>	
Political Economy	1982-1983
<i>Discussion of establishing a concentration in political economy at the Graduate School</i>	
701—Fall 1985 & 1986 [1 of 2]	1983-1986
701—Fall 1985 & 1986 [2 of 2]	1977-1987
GSUC Transfer 6/25/84	1984
<i>Silverman's transfer of positions within CUNY</i>	
SSRC 1984-1985	1984-1985
Proposal Seminar—1984—SPs & Work to be Graded	1984-1985
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2047. <i>Student grades</i>	
Courses/Grades	1984-1986
RESTRICTED UNTIL 2048. <i>Student grades</i>	
U701—Fall 1986 (Computer Files)	1986
SSRC—1987	1986-1987

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CUNY Program Hist Text	2005
Law Project Idea, 1982	Undated
U701—1986—Supplementary Material	Undated
Library Resources	Undated
Newsletter on Letters of Ref	Undated

Series 7. Biographical Files. 1961-2008

0.83 linear feet

This series contains Silverman's personal papers, including her calendars, travel diaries, and a draft of her memoirs.

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Jobs (Looking for First Job)	1961-1964
Binghamton Conference 1967	1967
<i>Article written about Silverman's participation in a panel on women in Mediterranean cultures</i>	
[Pocket Calendars, 1979-1981]	1979-1981
[Calendar]	1982
<i>See Oversize Box</i>	
[Pocket Calendars, 1982-1985]	1982-1985
Eric's Party 1982	1982-1983
Amsterdam Article (Interview)	1984
<i>Article written about Silverman in Sociologisch Tijdschrift, a Dutch publication</i>	
[Calendar]	1985
<i>See Oversize Box</i>	
[Pocket Calendars, 1986-1989]	1986-1989
[Pocket Notebooks, Conferences]	1987-1991

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[Travel Diaries]	1989, 1991
[Pocket Calendars, 1990-1993]	1990-1993
[Pocket Calendars, 1994-1997]	1994-1997
[Pocket Calendar, 1998]	1998
Memoirs	1998, 2008
[Pocket Calendars, 1999-2004]	1999-2004
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

SUBSERIES: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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

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Subseries: University of Illinois

U. of Ill. Navy Pier—Geography, Rhetoric and Grt. Ideas 1949-1951

Subseries: University of Chicago

U of Chicago—1953-54—Human Development Yr. Long Course 1951, 1953-1954
U of C—Program of Studies in H. D. 1952
U of C—1952-53—Psychology 1952-1953
U of C 1952-1953 Culture, Society of the Individual 1952-1953
U of C 1952-1954—Scope and Methods of the Social Sciences (incl. part by Slotkin & Statistics) 1952-1954
U of C—1953, Contemp. Communities, W. J. Warner 1953
U of C—1953—Social Psychology, A. Strauss 1953
Papers, Sociology 220, Sociology 330 1953-1954
Various '55 Papers—U of C 1953-1954
Anthro 27—Exams, Etc. 1953-1957

Box 49

Life Patterns in Retrospect: Two Case Studies of Late Adulthood 1954
Dramatic Play in the Nursery School 1956
["The Female Climacterium" Master's Thesis
Written While at U of Chicago] 1957

Subseries: Columbia University

Community Studies, Arensberg Class Notes	1956-1958
Field Methods [1 of 2]	1956, 1960
Field Methods [2 of 2]	1957
Columbia—101-102 Course Notes	1957-1958
Archaeology Study Notes	1957-1959
Linguistics, Weinreich Course Notes, 1957-59	1957-1959

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History of Theory Course Class Notes, Columbia 1957-1959	1957-1959
Columbia Course Bibliographies	1957-1960
Socialization in the Middle Eastern Village	1958 January 27
Social Strat. in Yucatan, SS—1958 (oral presentation) [1 of 2]	1958
Social Strat. in Yucatan, SS—1958 (oral presentation) [2 of 2]	1958
Social Org Class Notes, Columbia	1958-1959
FRIED Course Notes, Columbia	1958-1959
Examinations, Columbia (55 dia)	1958-1959, 1963
Course Notes, Columbia	1958-1960
The Age System of the Masai: An Institutional Analysis [1 of 2]	1959

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The Age System of the Masai: An Institutional Analysis [2 of 2]	1959
Economy, Polity, and Values: A Comparison of Three Market Systems	1959
[Academic Papers Written at Columbia, Correspondence About Papers]	1959
Course Notes, Comparative Institutions (Arensberg), Europe (Ethnology)	1959
Documents & Letters of Intro, MCV Year	1959-1960
Course in Ethnography, Conklin, II/60	1960
[Academic Notes About Doing Fieldwork]	1960
Methods Course—Mead—Sp 1960	1960
Grant & Fellowship Applications & Award Business, NIMH	1960-1965
Prep Notes for Comp Exams, Columbia	Undated
Misc Reading Notes (Columbia)	Undated
Physical Anthropology Study Notes	Undated

Series 9. Photographs. 1961-2002

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.

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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
<i>“MCV Pix” are prints. Negatives of the prints can be found below under “MCV Negatives.”</i>	
MCV Pix—Roll 2	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 3	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 4	Undated

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MCV Pix—Roll 5	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 6	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 7	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 8	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 9	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 10	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 11	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 12	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 13	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 14	Undated

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MCV Pix—Roll 15	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 16	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 17	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 18	Undated
MCV Pix—Roll 19	Undated
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]	Undated
MCV Pix [4 of 5]	Undated
MCV Pix [5 of 5]	Undated
[MCV Photographs 1 of 3]	Undated
[MCV Photographs 2 of 3]	Undated
[MCV Photographs 3 of 3]	Undated
[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
<i>Recording 1 #1-Oct 31, 1960-Nov 1, 1960—bells and conversation (3 3/4 IPS)</i>	
<i>Recording 1 #2-Nov 2, 1960-Nov 7, 1960—communist rally, 4 Nov ceremony, conversation, bells, voting count (1 7/8 IPS)</i>	
<i>Recording 2 #3-Nov and Dec 1960—meetings, conversations, bells, readings</i>	
<i>Recording 2 #4-Dec 1960 and August 1961—interviews (1 7/8 IPS and 3 3/4 IPS)</i>	
[Sound Recordings 3 & 4]	1961

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

1961