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## **Finding Aid to the Ruth McDonald Boyer papers, 1935-1987 (bulk 1955-1981)**

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### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Ruth McDonald Boyer papers

**Date (inclusive):** 1935-1987

**Date (bulk):** 1955-1981

**Collection Number:** BANC MSS 2012/188

**Creator:** Boyer, Ruth McDonald

**Extent:** 5 cartons, 9 boxes10 linear feet

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**Abstract:** The Boyer papers include publications by Dr. Boyer, publications collected by Dr. Boyer, teaching materials, reference files, notes (including field notes) and photographs.

**Languages Represented:** Collection materials are in English

### Access Information

Collection is open for research.

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Ruth McDonald Boyer Papers, BANC MSS 2012/188, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley

### Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog

Boyer, Ruth McDonald, 1918--Archives

University of California, Berkeley--Department of Decorative Art--Faculty.

Folk art

Robert H. Lowie Museum of Anthropology

Textile crafts

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University of California--Faculty

The Ruth McDonald Boyer Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by the California College of the Arts in 2012. Additional materials were transferred from the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum in 2013.

No additions are expected.

#### **Processing Information**

Processed by Bancroft Library staff in 2014.

#### **Biography/Organization History**

Ruth Boyer received her B.A. in Fine Art from U.C. Berkeley in 1950 and her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the same institution in 1962. She started teaching at U.C. Berkeley in the Department of Decorative Art in 1962. While at U.C. Berkeley she taught History of Textiles, History of Costume, Folk Art and Modes of Communication. Dr. Boyer was Assistant Curator of Textiles at the R.H. Lowie Museum of Anthropology in Berkeley from 1964-1972. Dr. Boyer began teaching at the California College of Arts and Crafts in the spring of 1973. During her first semester she taught Historic Textiles of the New World, Oceania and Africa and A Survey of Historic Textiles in Asia, India and Europe. She was the Chair of the Textile Department starting in 1978. Dr. Boyer published regularly from 1964-1983. She also gave talks on both psychological anthropology and textiles.

#### **Scope and Content Note**

The Boyer papers include publications by Dr. Boyer, publications collected by Dr. Boyer, teaching materials, reference files, notes (including field notes) and photographs.

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carton 1, folder 1	<b>Correspondence- personal 1946-1975</b>
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carton 1, folder 3	<b>Correspondence- Kashmir Shawl 1973-1975</b>
carton 1, folder 4	<b>Correspondence- Rorschach Protocols</b>
	<b>Writings</b>
carton 1, folder 5	<b>Narrow Band Weaving of the Yoruba of Oyo 1959</b>
carton 1, folder 6	<b>Socialization Processes in Polynesia 1959</b>
carton 1, folder 7	<b>Yoruba Textiles 1964</b>
carton 1, folders 8-9	<b>Various 1962-1968</b>
carton 1, folder 10	<b>Writings on Smocks undated</b>
carton 1, folders 11-21	<b>Teaching Materials 1951-1965</b>
carton 2, folders 1-8	<b>Teaching Materials 1962-1981</b>
box 8	<b>Lecture Notes</b>
	<b>Subject Files</b>
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carton 2, folder 10	<b>Camel hair</b>
carton 2, folder 11	<b>Cloth- miscellaneous</b>
carton 2, folder 12	<b>Colcha stitch</b>
carton 2, folder 13	<b>costume</b>
carton 2, folder 14	<b>Dolls</b>
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carton 2, folder 16	<b>Embroidery</b>
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**Shawls**

**Silk**

**Textiles**

**Textile preservation**

**Tunics**

**Twining**

**Weaving**

**Various**

**Various**

**Culture Group- Eskimo/ Athabascan**

**Culture Group- Maori**

**Culture Group- Native American**

**Region- Africa**

**Region- Asia**

**Region- Central/ South America**

**Region- Egypt**

**Region- Europe**

**Region- Europe**

**Region- India**

**Region- Indonesia**

**Region- North America**

**Region- Russia/ Soviet Union**

**Publications**

**Hands On!/ The World in Stiches publications 1981-1987**

**Hands On!/ The World in Stiches publications 1987**

**The Community House of Lamet 1943**

**Notes and Working Papers**

**Pitjandjara articles 1935-1974**

**Pitjatjatjara**

**The Dark People of Bourke: A Study of Planned Social Change 1978**

**Géza Róheim's Contribution to Australian Ethnography**

**Handouts circa 1988**

**The Yolgnu**

**Notecards**

**Group network notes**

**Concepts About Religion**

**Concerning Childbirth**

**Data on Manic Patients**

**Forms of Folklore**

carton 5, folder 20	<b>Guidelines for Collecting Information to Accompany Rorschach Tests</b>
carton 5, folder 21	<b>Hmong- articles and field notes</b>
box 8	<b>Research Notes</b>
box 9	<b>Research Notes</b>
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
carton 5, folder 22	<b>Alaska Native Ivory carvings- photographs 1974</b>
carton 5, folders 23-27	<b>Slides</b>
carton 5, folder 28	<b>Personal</b>
box 6	<b>Address cards</b>
carton 5, folder 29	<b>Research Information</b>
carton 5, folder 30	<b>Psychology</b>
Boxes 1-7	<b>Bibliographical Reference Cards</b>