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## **Finding aid of the Laud Humphreys Papers, 1951-1988 Coll2007-012**

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**Abstract:** Drafts, correspondence, journal articles, notes, newspaper clippings, surveys, legal documents, memoranda, transcripts, speeches, course curricula, subject files, ephemera, photos, and an audiocassette tape created or collected by sociologist and Episcopalian priest, Laud Humphreys, who is best known for his book, *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places*--the first publication to examine the social and sexual behaviors of men who perform sex acts with other men in public restrooms. The majority of the collection consists of manuscripts, correspondence, lecture material, surveys, journal articles and newspaper clippings relating to Humphreys' career--from his doctoral work in 1968 until his death in 1988--and research in the field of sociology and, more specifically, homosexuality and criminology. The collection also contains personal papers including correspondence, documents and clippings related to his experience as an Episcopalian priest from 1955 to 1965, an altercation with a professor at Washington University in 1968, and his trial and subsequent imprisonment for an antiwar demonstration in Illinois in 1970.

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**Biography**

Born on October 16, 1930 in Oklahoma, Robert Allan (Laud) Humphreys is a pioneer researcher in the study of homosexual behavior, combining academic study with political activism.

Humphreys graduated from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois in 1955. He took the name of "Laud" from William Laud, a seventeenth-century Archbishop of Canterbury, and as "Laud" was ordained an Episcopalian priest. In 1960, Humphreys married Nancy Wallace. In 1965, Humphreys undertook graduate work in sociology at Washington University in St. Louis. His doctoral dissertation on male-male sex in St. Louis-area public restrooms--known in gay slang as "tearooms"--was published as *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places* to much controversy in 1970. The book won the C. Wright Mills Award of the Society for the Study of Social Problems but was frequently denounced as covert research and condemned for its invasion of the privacy of those having sex in a public place. Humphreys moved on to teach at Southern Illinois University. On May 5, 1970, he led an antiwar demonstration that invaded a draft board office, where he destroyed a picture of President Richard Nixon. He was subsequently convicted of destroying government property. He served three months of a one-year prison sentence in the summer of 1972. While in jail, he was hired by Pitzer College, one of the Claremont Colleges in Southern California, where he became a full professor of sociology in 1975. In 1972, Humphreys published *Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation*, one of the first scholarly accounts of the emerging gay liberation movement. In 1980 Humphreys left his wife and two children to live with his protégé, Brian Miller. Also in 1980, Humphreys earned California certification as a psychotherapist and established a private counseling

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practice. In his final years, he served as a consultant to police forces and frequently provided expert testimony in court cases. He also retained his position at Pitzer College. Humphreys died from complications of lung cancer on August 23, 1988 in Sherman Oaks, California.

Source: Stephen O. Murray, "Humphreys, Laud (1930-1988)," *An Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Culture*, [http://www.glbtc.com/social-sciences/humphreys\\_l.html](http://www.glbtc.com/social-sciences/humphreys_l.html), last accessed June 20, 2007.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

Drafts, correspondence, journal articles, notes, newspaper clippings, surveys, legal documents, memoranda, transcripts, speeches, course curricula, subject files, ephemera, photos, and an audiocassette tape created or collected by sociologist and Episcopalian priest, Laud Humphreys, who is best known for his book, *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places*--the first publication to examine the social and sexual behaviors of men who perform sex acts with other men in public restrooms. The majority of the collection consists of manuscripts, correspondence, lecture material, surveys, journal articles and newspaper clippings relating to Humphreys' career--from his doctoral work in 1968 until his death in 1988--and research in the field of sociology and, more specifically, homosexuality and criminology. The collection is divided into four series: (1) Research, (2) Teaching and Administration, (3) Professional Activities, and (4) Personal.

The first series, Research, compiles material related to research that Humphreys has conducted throughout his career. This series is divided into (1) Writings, (2) Subject Files, and (3) Reference Materials. The bulk of the Writings subseries contains manuscripts and notes for Humphreys' published and unpublished material. This includes manuscripts for *Tearoom Trade*, *Sex & Righteousness* and other articles, including an interview with Evelyn Hooker. The Subject Files comprise mostly newspaper clippings and journal articles related to homosexuality. The Reference Materials include surveys, interview transcripts and legal papers used in Humphreys' research.

The second series, Teaching and Administration, consists of student papers, lectures, notes, memoranda and course administration documents related to Humphreys' work teaching sociology courses at Southern Illinois University (1968-1970), State University of New York at Albany (1970-1972) and Pitzer College (1972-1986).

The third series, Professional Activities, includes peer reviews, speeches, memoranda, minutes, flyers, newsletters and clippings related to Humphreys' activities outside of the university. This includes consultations and presentations at professional conferences, such as the Society for the Study of Social Problems. This series also includes documents related to his professional involvement in such organizations as Alternative Lifestyles and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

The fourth and final series, Personal, contains personal papers, including correspondence, documents and clippings related to his experience as an Episcopalian priest from 1955 to 1965, an altercation with a professor at Washington University in 1968, and his trial and subsequent imprisonment for an antiwar demonstration in Illinois in 1970.

### **Separated to the ONE periodical collection**

Chicago Gay Alliance, v.1, no.7 (May 1971).

MANDRAKE Society of Greater Saint Louis, v.1, no.1 (March 1970).

Southern California Physicians for Human Rights (February 1982).

### **Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Homosexuality -- Psychological aspects

Homosexuality -- Religious aspects

Homosexuality -- Research

Homosexuality -- Social aspects

Gay activists -- California -- Los Angeles

Gay liberation movement -- United States -- History

Homosexuality and education

Sociology

Sociology -- Methodology

Humphreys, Laud

Hooker, Evelyn Caldwell

Humphreys, Laud

Miller, Brian James

**Research Series 1. 1966-1988****Physical Description:** 3.6 Linear Feet**Series Scope and Content**

This series contains publications, typescripts, correspondence, notes, surveys, transcripts, legal papers, subject files, news clippings, and an audiocassette tape compiled throughout Humphreys' career and related to research he has conducted in sociology, criminology, homosexuality and health-related issues. The series is divided into three subseries: (1) Writings, (2) Subject Files and (3) Reference Materials.

**Writings Subseries 1.1. 1965-1988****Physical Description:** 1.6 Linear Feet**Subseries Scope and Content**

This subseries consists of typescripts, notes, publications, and newspaper clippings related to Humphreys' published and unpublished works. This includes the manuscripts and notes to his published book, *Tearoom Trade*, as well as his unpublished third book, *Sex and Righteousness*, (which has also been referred to as *Immoral Crusaders*.) Also included are several newspaper and journal articles written by and about Humphreys, such as Humphreys' interview with Evelyn Hooker (see "Journal Articles" folder).

***Sex & Righteousness* c. 1970 - 1988**

Box 1, Folder 1-2  
Box 1, Folder 3  
Box 1, Folder 4  
Box 1, Folder 5  
Box 1, Folder 6  
Box 1, Folder 7  
Box 1, Folder 8  
Box 1, Folder 9  
Box 2, Folder 1  
Box 2, Folder 2  
Box 12, Folder 1

**Manuscript c. 1970 - 1988****General notes c. 1970 - 1988****"Introduction - Moral Crusaders" c. 1970 - 1988****"Crusaders with Clay Feet" c. 1970 - 1988****"Sex, Celibacy and Right-Wing Politics" c. 1970 - 1988****"The Impersonality of Public Sex" c. 1970 - 1988****"The Bible on the Table...And Footsie Under It" c. 1970 - 1988****"Secrets in the Sacristy" c. 1970 - 1988****"Righteous Killers" c. 1970 - 1988****"Ayatollahs on the Left and Right" c. 1970 - 1988****"Moral Crusaders" clippings 1963 - 1988****Physical Description:** [1 oversize folder]***Tearoom Trade* 1967 - 1982**

Box 11, Folder 6 -  
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Box 14,  
Folder 9-11  
Box 14, Folder 12  
Box 2, Folder 3  
Box 13, Folder 5  
Box 13, Folder 6

**Manuscript 1968****Manuscripts and drafts 1970-1974, undated****Aldine administrative and editorial records 1967-1982****General notes 1967 - 1970****Article reprints circa 1970-1975****Research material circa 1968****Other publications by Laud Humphreys 1965 - 1983**

Box 2, Folder 4  
Box 2, Folder 5  
Box 2, Folder 6  
Box 2, Folder 7  
Box 11, Folder 8

**Journal articles by Laud Humphreys 1970 - 1979****Book reviews 1970 - 1980****Letters to the editor 1978 - 1979****Co-authored articles 1980 - 1982****"An Assessment: How Sociology Values Studying Homosexuality" August 1979****Scope and Contents**

A working paper prepared for the Task Force on Homosexuality and the Profession.

Box 11, Folder 9

**"Being Odd--Against All Odds" 1978**

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Box 11, Folder 10	<p><b>"The County Jail: Feasible Reform" August 1972</b>  <b>Scope and Contents</b>                  A special report with recommendations for change at the Albany County, New York Jail, written with Martin D. Schwartz.</p>
Box 11, Folder 11	<p><b>"Freeze-Dried Sigma: Cybernetics and Social Control" 1979, undated</b>  <b>Scope and Contents</b>                  Written with Glenn A. Goodwin.</p>
Box 15, Folder 4	<p><b>"Homosexuality and Crime," article and administrative records 1982-1983</b>  <b>Scope and Contents</b>                  Written with Anthony Russo for inclusion in <i>Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice</i>.</p>
Box 13, Folder 1	<p><b>"Identities in the Emerging Gay Culture" 1977-1980</b>  <b>Scope and Contents</b>                  A chapter written for Judd Marmor's book <i>Homosexual Behavior</i>.</p>
Box 13, Folder 4	<p><b>"Keeping in Touch: Maintaining Contact with Stigmatized Subjects" 1979</b>  <b>Scope and Contents</b>                  Written with Brian Miller.</p>
Box 13, Folder 2	<p><b>"Male Homosexuality in England and the United States" August 1965</b>  <b>"Misogyny as the Source of Homophobia" 1979</b>  <b><i>Out of the Closets, Prentice-Hall administrative records 1970-1973</i></b>  <b>Miscellaneous manuscripts 1966 - 1967</b>  <b>Reviews and articles about Laud Humphreys c. 1968 - 1988</b>    <b><i>Update column 1982-1983</i></b></p>
Box 13, Folder 3	
Box 15, Folder 2	
Box 2, Folder 8	
Box 2, Folder 9 - 10	
Box 13, Folder 7	

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**Subject Files Subseries 1.2. 1966-1987**

**Physical Description:** 1.3 Linear Feet

**Subseries Scope and Content**

This subseries includes newspaper and journal articles compiled by Humphreys and related to topics that include AIDS, gay victimization and violence, and male prostitution.

Box 2, Folder 11	<b>AIDS c. 1983 - 1988</b>
Box 2, Folder 12	<b>Ethics of Research Dispute 1979-1980</b>
Box 14, Folder 3	<b>Gay Activist Alliance 1973-1974</b>
Box 14, Folder 4	<b>Gay Liberation Front 1971</b>
Box 15, Folder 3	<b>Gay Rights and Legislation 1970-1972</b>
Box 3, Folder 1 - 5	<b>Gay Victimization and Violence c. 1966 - 1988</b>
Box 3, Folder 6 - 7	<b>Homophobia c. 1966 - 1988</b>
Box 15, Folder 1	<b>"Human Rights Law," Washington, D.C. 1971-1975</b>
Box 12, Folder 2 - 3	<b>Male Prostitution (Hustlers) [OS] 1966-1987</b>
Box 14, Folder 5	<b>Mandrake 1969-1970</b>
Box 14, Folder 6	<b>Phoenix 1967-1970</b>
Box 14, Folder 7	<b>Religion 1971-1985</b>
Box 14, Folder 8	<b>Sex 1971</b>
Box 3, Folder 8	<b>The Vatican and Homosexuality c. 1966 - 1988</b>
Box 4, Folder 1 - 2	<b>Miscellaneous Journal Articles &amp; Newspaper Clippings c. 1966 - 1988</b>

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**Reference Materials Subseries 1.3. 1966-1987****Physical Description:** 0.7 Linear Feet**Subseries Scope and Content**

This subseries consists of correspondence as well as surveys and studies related to health, crime, and homosexuality. It also includes interview transcripts and court case documents.

**Studies and Surveys 1966 - 1987**

Box 4, Folder 3  
Box 4, Folder 4  
Box 4, Folder 5  
Box 4, Folder 6  
Box 4, Folder 7  
Box 4, Folder 8 - 9  
Box 5, Folder 1

**Criminal Population Hopper 1966 - 1969****Forensic Psychologists 1980 - 1987****Gay Relationships Survey 1979 - 1980****Hepatitis B Gay Male Vaccine Study 1984****Homicide Study Sampling 1968 - 1980****Study of Lesbians & Gay Men in Pre-Professional Training 1979 - 1980****Systematic Observation Sheet 1967****Court Cases 1982, 1986**

Box 5, Folder 2 - 5  
Box 5, Folder 6  
Box 5, Folder 7

**Preliminary Hearing Transcripts 1982****California v. Michael Miller Discovery Motion 1986****Interviews 1967****Teaching and Administration Series 2. 1968-1988****Physical Description:** 0.6 Linear Feet**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of student papers, lectures, notes, memoranda and course administration documents related to Humphreys' work teaching sociology courses at Southern Illinois University (1968 - 1970), State University of New York at Albany (1970 - 1972) and Pitzer College (1972 - 1986).

**Course Administration 1966 - 1988**

Box 6, Folder 1  
Box 6, Folder 2  
Box 6, Folder 3  
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Box 6, Folder 5  
Box 6, Folder 6  
Box 6, Folder 7  
Box 6, Folder 8  
Box 6, Folder 9  
Box 6, Folder 10 -  
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Box 14, Folder 1  
Box 6, Folder 12

**Southern Illinois University Employment 1968 - 1970****Credit Union Managers Course 1976 - 1980****Claremont Graduate School Criminal Justice Program 1979 - 1983****Dr. Joseph Harry Faculty Appointment Papers 1974 - 1979****Graduate School Recommendations 1984 - 1985****Pitzer College Course Schedule 1987 - 1988****Crime in Mass Society Course 1966 - 1986****Occupations & Subcultures Course 1976 - 1988****Crime and Criminal Justice Course 1985 - 1986****Sociology of Sexual Interaction Course 1987****The Sociology of Homosexuality Colloquium 1970****Miscellaneous Course Administration and Memoranda 1985 - 1987****Student Papers 1969 - 1988**

Box 6, Folder 13  
Box 7, Folder 1  
Box 7, Folder 3  
Box 7, Folder 4  
Box 7, Folder 5

**Occupations & Subcultures Student Papers 1976 - 1988****Occupations & Subcultures Student Papers 1976 - 1988****Chris Macauley's Dissertation Undated****Mason Sommers' Dissertation 1982****Miscellaneous Student Papers 1969 - 1978****Professional Activities Series 3. 1967-1987****Physical Description:** 0.8 Linear Feet**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of peer reviews, speeches, memoranda, minutes, flyers, newsletters and clippings related to Humphreys' professional activities. Included in this series are presentations and consultations he conducted as well as his involvement on committees and boards of directors for such professional associations as the International Academy of Sex Research and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

<p>Box 7, Folder 6                  Box 7, Folder 7                  Box 12, Folder 4                  Box 7, Folder 8                  Box 7, Folder 9                  Box 7, Folder 10                  Box 8, Folder 1                  Box 12, Folder 5 -                  6                  Box 8, Folder 2                  Box 8, Folder 3                  Box 8, Folder 4 - 5</p>	<p><b>Peer Reviews 1973 - 1987</b>  <b>Patrick Biernacki: Addicts &amp; Snowball Sampling 1979</b>  <b>Brian Casey Study Undated</b>  <b>Gerald P. Jones Papers [OS] 1978 - 1981</b>  <b>Mary R. Laner Papers 1979</b>  <b>J. Robert Lilly Papers 1977 - 1980</b>  <b>Charles H. McCaghy Papers 1979 - 1983</b>  <b>David P. McWhirter &amp; Andrew M. Mattison Papers 1978</b>  <b>Stephen O. Murray Papers [OS] 1978 - 1984</b></p> <p><b>Ken Plummer Paper 1978</b>  <b>Richard P. Smith Paper Undated</b>  <b>Miscellaneous Peer Reviews 1973 - 1987</b></p> <p><b>Conference Presentations, Speeches &amp; Consultation 1969 - 1984</b>  <b>Predicting the Unpredictable Presentation [OS] 1974</b>  <b>University of Oklahoma Speech 1980 - 1981</b>  <b>Psychological Rape Film Consultation 1983</b>  <b>Sociology papers and other writings 1971, undated</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Scope and Contents</b>                  Includes papers by Harold Nelson and Roger O'Toole.</p>
<p>Box 12, Folder 7                  Box 8, Folder 6                  Box 8, Folder 7                  Box 14, Folder 2</p>	<p><b>Miscellaneous Academic Presentations 1969 - 1984</b>  <b>Committees, Boards and Professional Associations 1967 - 1987</b>  <b>Alternative Lifestyles 1977 - 1983</b>  <b>Gay Academic Union 1978 - 1983</b>  <b>International Academy of Sex Research 1981 - 1987</b>  <b>National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties [OS] 1979 - 1980</b>  <b>P.L.E.A. - Incest Survivors 1987</b>  <b>Society for the Study of Social Problems 1967 - 1982</b></p>
<p>Box 8, Folder 8</p>	<p><b>Personal Series 4. 1951-1988</b>  <b>Physical Description:</b> 1.6 Linear Feet  <b>Series Scope and Content</b>                  This series consists of correspondence, ephemera, legal papers, newspaper clippings, vitae, manuscripts and photographs from Humphreys' personal files. Material in this series relates to his political activism, experience as an Episcopalian priest, altercation with a Washington University professor, trial and subsequent imprisonment for leading an antiwar demonstration. Also included are biographical material and miscellaneous personal papers.</p>
<p>Box 8, Folder 9                  Box 8, Folder 10                  Box 8, Folder 11                  Box 12, Folder 8                  Box 8, Folder 12                  Box 8, Folder 13</p>	<p><b>Correspondence 1951 - 1988</b>  <b>1951 - 1959</b>  <b>1960 - 1969</b>  <b>1970 - 1979</b>  <b>1980 - 1988</b>  <b>1980 - 1988</b>  <b>No Date</b></p> <p><b>Political Activism 1975 - 1985</b>  <b>"CBS Reports: Gay Power, Gay Politics" 1980</b>  <b>Los Angeles Black &amp; White Men Together 1981 - 1984</b>  <b>Newsletters 1978 - 1985</b>  <b>Ephemera Undated</b>  <b>Newspaper Clippings 1975 - 1983</b>  <b>Address books undated</b>  <b>Biographical Material and Vitae 1952 - 1987</b>  <b>Trinity Episcopal Church 1955 - 1965</b>  <b>Washington University Incident 1968</b></p>
<p>Box 8, Folder 14                  Box 8, Folder 15                  Box 9, Folder 1 - 4                  Box 9, Folder 5 - 6                  Box 10, Folder 1                  Box 10, Folder 2</p>	<p><b>Political Activism 1975 - 1985</b>  <b>"CBS Reports: Gay Power, Gay Politics" 1980</b>  <b>Los Angeles Black &amp; White Men Together 1981 - 1984</b>  <b>Newsletters 1978 - 1985</b>  <b>Ephemera Undated</b>  <b>Newspaper Clippings 1975 - 1983</b>  <b>Address books undated</b>  <b>Biographical Material and Vitae 1952 - 1987</b>  <b>Trinity Episcopal Church 1955 - 1965</b>  <b>Washington University Incident 1968</b></p>
<p>Box 10, Folder 3                  Box 10, Folder 4                  Box 10, Folder 5                  Box 10, Folder 6                  Box 10, Folder 7                  Box 13, Folder 8                  Box 10, Folder 8                  Box 10, Folder 9                  Box 11, Folder 1 -                  2</p>	<p><b>Political Activism 1975 - 1985</b>  <b>"CBS Reports: Gay Power, Gay Politics" 1980</b>  <b>Los Angeles Black &amp; White Men Together 1981 - 1984</b>  <b>Newsletters 1978 - 1985</b>  <b>Ephemera Undated</b>  <b>Newspaper Clippings 1975 - 1983</b>  <b>Address books undated</b>  <b>Biographical Material and Vitae 1952 - 1987</b>  <b>Trinity Episcopal Church 1955 - 1965</b>  <b>Washington University Incident 1968</b></p>

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**Washington University student notebooks 1965-1967**

**United States v. Robert Allan Laud Humphreys Trial & Appeal [OS] 1970 - 1972**

**Advocate Experience 1981**

**Burglary 1984 - 1985**

**Personal Papers 1952 - 1987**

**Photographs undated**

**Physical Description:** [2 photographic prints]

**Scope and Contents**

One image of a New York pride parade and one image of Humphreys with Brian Wilson.