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Abstract: The papers document Donald C. Stone's work with Ornstein and Swencionis on the est Outcome Project, and the development of his doctoral research, including his various publications on the human potential movement, up to the completion of his doctoral dissertation.
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**Biography**

Donald C. Stone, Jr., while a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley, 1972-1981, was a teaching assistant for sociologist, Robert Bellah. Stone also worked with psychologist, Robert Ornstein, and psycho-physiologist, Charles Swencionis, at the University of California San Francisco Medical School, on their est Outcome Study. They were interested in demonstrating statistically a relationship between the graduates of Erhard Seminars Training [est] and their physical and mental well-being.

Stone writes, "I had the good fortune to be at the center of conceptualizing and carrying out the est Outcome Study which gave me the opportunity to investigate the experience of est graduates with not only the est training but also with religious, quasi-religious, and other human potential movement trainings. And having gained the confidence of Werner Erhard [founder of est] that I was a competent survey researcher and could be trusted to oversee an objective study was given unusual access as an unpaid volunteer to the est organization and to a random sample of est graduates who I interviewed in depth, 2-4 hours. Werner really wanted to know what happened to est graduates during and after the training, both good and bad outcomes, and I was delighted to carry out my mandate to be scrupulously objective. When the est Outcome survey was complete, I then turned to my own research and in-depth interviews of est graduates." [See Box 2, Folder 37, for Stone's autobiographical account.]

**Scope and Content**

The papers document Stone's work with Ornstein and Swencionis on the est Outcome Project, and the development of his doctoral research, including his various publications on the human potential movement, up to the completion of his doctoral dissertation.

They include, correspondence, annotated manuscripts and transcripts of interviews, handwritten and typed research notes, notebooks, questionnaires, agendas and minutes of meetings, drafts of manuscripts, reports, surveys, printouts, published materials, clippings, audiovisual materials including data tapes and audiocassettes of lectures and panels, flyers and other ephemera.

Of note is Stone's set of interviews of est graduates, which were coded to secure confidentiality, materials on Erhard Seminars Training at its beginnings, including rare audiocassette recordings of Werner Erhard, and Stone's notes and annotations throughout his papers.

**Arrangement**

The collection is organized into eight series: Doctoral Dissertation; Correspondence; Methodology and Planning; Interviews; Writings and Publications; Erhard Seminars Training; Related Research; and Related Resources.

**Indexing Terms**

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

- Erhard, Werner, 1936-
- Est, an Education Corporation--History--Sources
- People's Temple--History--Sources

**Series I**

**Doctoral Dissertation, 1981**

**Physical Description:** Box 1:1-6

**Scope and Content Note**

This series is the published doctoral dissertation of Donald C. Stone, Jr.

**Arrangement**

The arrangement is as published.

**Box-folder 1:1-6**

*Enlightenment American Style: The Personal and Social Significance of est and the Human Potential Movement. Department of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1981*
Series II Correspondence, 1973-1983

Physical Description: Box 1:7-17

Scope and Content Note
This series contains correspondence.

Arrangement
The outgoing correspondence is arranged chronologically. The incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

Box-folder 1:7-11 Correspondence, Out-going, 1973-1983
Box-folder 1:12-17 Correspondence, In-coming, 1973-1977

Series III Methodology and Planning, ca. 1971-1981

Physical Description: Box 1:18-34

Scope and Content Note
This series contains the project methodology and plans, including project correspondence, handwritten notes, notebooks, drafts of forms, reports, surveys, questionnaires.

Arrangement
The material is arranged by process.

Box-folder 1:18-34 Methodology and Planning.

Series IV Interviews, ca. 1971-1983

Physical Description: Box 1:35-49, Box 2:1-25

Scope and Content Note
This series includes Stone's set of interviews of est graduates, which were coded to secure confidentiality.

NOTE: Interview #38 is restricted to the year 2035.

Arrangement
Interviews #30, #35, #36 are missing.

Box-folder 1:35-49 Interview #1 to Interview #15
Box-folder 2:1-25 Interview #16 to Interview #29, 31-34, 37-43[?]


Physical Description: Box 2:26-37

Scope and Content Note
This series contains drafts, reviews, published interviews and publications. Also included is Stone's autobiographical statement.

Arrangement
The material is arranged chronologically.

Box-folder 2:26 "These lines from a song written by a 'graduate' of the est training" [rough draft], 1974
Box-folder 2:27 "Erhard Seminars Training"[draft], 1974
Box-folder 2:28 Spiritual and Political Interests of Encounter Group Participants: Results from the Psychology Today Questionnaire [draft], 1974-1975
Box-folder 2:29 "Seeking Transcendence in Human Potential Groups" [draft], 1975
Box-folder 2:30 Evaluation of the est Experience by a National Sample of Graduates, by Earl Babbie and Donald C. Stone, Jr., 1977
Box-folder 2:31 The Awareness Trap: Self-Absorption Instead of Social Change (Book Review), 1978
Box-folder 2:33 Donald C. Stone's transcript of his People's Temple interview, 1979
[See also, Series VIII, Folder 25-31.]
Box-folder 2:34 Social Consciousness in the Human Potential Movement, 1981
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Box-folder 2:36  
*The Human Potential Movement*, n.d.

Box-folder 2:37  
Biographical Statement, 1977, 2001

**Series VI  Erhard Seminars Training, 1971-1981**

Physical Description: Box 2:38-41; 3:1-8

Scope and Content Note

This series contains information on the formation of the est advisory committee, accreditation committee, taped lectures by Werner Erhard, est Graduate Survey and taped Hunger Project interview by Will Noffke.

Arrangement

The material is arranged alphabetically by format.

Box-folder 2:38  
*Ad hoc Steering Committee Meeting re: Formation of an est Advisory Board, Summary Reports, 1973*

Box-folder 2:39  
est Advisory Board Steering Committee, Agenda, 1973

Box-folder 2:40  
est Accreditation Committee, 1973

Box-folder 2:41  
Lectures by Werner Erhard (9 audiocassettes), 1973, 1975

Box-folder 2:42  
Interview, seminar with Werner Erhard (4 audiocassettes), 1976

Box-folder 3:1  
Lectures by Werner Erhard, #34 (7 ½ inch magnetic tape), 1973

Box-folder 3:2  
Lecture on Love by Werner Erhard, #35 (7 ½ inch magnetic tape), 1973

Box-folder 3:3  
Lectures, #36 (7 ½ inch magnetic tape), 1971

Box-folder 3:4  
Lectures, Interview with Erhard, Bartley, Fuller, #37 (7 ½ inch magnetic tape), 1976

Box-folder 3:5  
Lecture by Werner Erhard at Masonic Auditorium, #39 (7 ½ inch magnetic tape), 1974

Box-folder 3:6  
Hunger Project interview of Werner Erhard by Will Noffke, New Horizons, KPFA-FM (script), 1979

Box-folder 3:7  
est Graduate Survey, 1981

Box-folder 3:8  
Articles by Others about est, 1972-1978

**Series VII  Related Research, 1973-1984**

Physical Description: Box 3:9-36; 4:1-10

Scope and Content Note

This series contains research and in-depth interviews of est graduates conducted after the completion of the est Outcome Study.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by process.

Box-folder 3:9-10  
"est Outcome Study" (draft), 1975

Box-folder 3:11-12  
Self-Report Survey, Preliminary Study of Participants in Erhard Seminars Training, 1975

Box-folder 3:13-35  
est Outcome Study

Methodology and Planning, 1973-1974

Project notes by Stone, 1973-1975

Report on Second Questionnaire Pre-Test, 1973

Evaluation, 1973-1974

Preliminary Survey of Results, 1974

Monthly Bulletin Project, ca.1974

Research Retrospective, 1974-1975

Notes by Others, ca.1975

Discussion, 1975

Master, n.d.

Notebook I-IV, ca. 1973-1975

Box-folder 3:36  
Questionnaire, CATLA, Judaica Group, n.d. [legal size]

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**Series VIII Related Resources, ca. 1971-1974**

- **Physical Description:** Box 4:11-38
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - This series contains related research resources.
- **Arrangement**
  - The material is arranged alphabetically.

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Note: This work was done as part of Stone's participation in the Center for the Study of New Religious Movements at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. See the Center's Collection: GTU 91-9-3.

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| Box-folder 4:32 | Questionnaires, 1971 |
| Box-folder 4:33 | Radical Therapy, 1971-1974 |
| Box-folder 4:34-35 | Reported Changes in Personality, Self-Concept, and Personal Problems following Erhard Seminars Training (est). Doctoral dissertation by Jeffrey Weiss, 1977 |
| Box-folder 4:36 | Scientology, 1973-1974 |
| Box-folder 4:37 | Stillson Judah, lectures on Hare Krishna (2 audiocassettes), ca. 1974 |
| Box-folder 4:38 | Transcendental Meditation, 1972-1975 |