
Inventory of the Bennet M. Berger Papers

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Creator: Berger, Bennett M.

Title: Bennett M. Berger Papers

Date: 1950-2005

Date (bulk): (bulk 1970-1979)

Extent: 5.8 linear feet

Abstract: Academic writings of Bennett Berger during his career as a professor at UC Davis and UC San Diego. Includes correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and articles on his work on suburbia, counter-culture, and communes. Also included is his collection of other authors' correspondence, manuscripts, notes, and publications related to Berger's research subjects.

Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

Repository: University of California, Davis. General Library. Dept. of Special Collections.

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Collection number: D-441

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Biography

Bennett Berger was born in 1926 in Brooklyn, New York. He grew up in the Bronx and he served as a Marine during World War II in the Pacific. He did his undergraduate work in sociology at Hunter University then received his Ph.D. at UC Berkeley. After receiving his Ph.D., he served as a faculty member in the School of Communication at the University of Illinois from 1959 to 1963. In 1963, he left the university to assume the chairmanship of the Sociology Department at UC Davis. Ten years later, he left UC Davis and joined the faculty of UC San Diego until his retirement in 1991. During his career, Berger researched and wrote on several different subjects such as suburbanization, youth culture, counter-culture, and communes. He published *Working-Class Suburb: A study of Auto Workers in Suburbia* in 1960, *Looking for America: Essays on Youth, Suburbia and Other American Obsessions* in 1973, *The Survival of a Counter-Culture: Ideological Work and Everyday Life Among Rural Communards* in 1981, and several dozen articles and book reviews. He died in 2005.

Scope and Content

The Bennett M Berger papers spans 1950-2005, with the bulk of material from 1970-1971. This collection contains to Berger's correspondence, manuscripts, notes and articles relating to his work on suburbia, counter-culture, and communes. This collection includes several manuscripts that deal with the deconstruction of sexuality and age-difference among children living in communes.

Also included is his collection of other authors' correspondences, manuscripts, and notes related to Berger research subjects.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged into three series: 1. Bennett M. Berger; 2. Other Authors; 3. Audio Visual.

Related Collections

The following collections at Special Collections may also be of interest:

D-425, Edwin McCarthy Lemert Papers, 1936-1996: This collection contains correspondence and subject files relating to Lemert's research on social issues such as stuttering, check forgery, alcoholism, and juvenile justice.

D-473, John Lofland Papers, 1977: This collection contains research materials on demonstrations in or near the California State Capitol building in 1977.

Indexing Terms

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

Berger, Bennet M.--Archives.

University of California, Davis--Faculty--Archives.

Communal living.

Counterculture.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Processing Information

Michael Rodriguez, Special Collections intern, processed the collection and created the finding aid under the direction of Elizabeth Phillips, Manuscript Archivist.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Jane Berger, 2006.

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Series 1 **Bennett M. Berger 1950-2005**

Physical Description: 3 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged in four subseries: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Notes, and Articles.

Series 1.1 **Correspondence 1969-2005**

Physical Description: 0.8 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Includes correspondence between Bennett Berger and book publishing companies, the National Institute of Mental Health, university presses, community colleges, and colleagues. Arranged chronologically.

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Quadrangle Books, Inc. 1969-1971

NIMH Documents 1970

Correspondence re: communes 1970-1977

Correspondence 1971 1974 1977

University of California Press and Correspondence 1971-1972 1974 1976-1977

Correspondence: McClung, William J. 1972

Correspondence: UCLA 1973

Institute of Human Values Booklet and Letter 1975

Correspondence: Coast Community College 1975

Bennett Berger's 50th Birthday Celebration 1976

Commune Work of Students, Assistants, etc. 1974-1975

Commune Notes, Papers, Correspondence 1974-1975

Pacific Consultants Papers and Letters 1976

Correspondence, Susan Rags 1977

American Pastoralism Manuscript; Critiques; Correspondence 1977

Ruth, David J., Correspondence and Manuscript 1977-1978

Untitled Manuscript and Correspondence 1979

Bruce Hackett Retirement and Misc. 1987-2003

Correspondence 1989-2000

Adolescent Psychology Conference 1991-1992

Correspondence 1995-1999

Fetzer Conference 1995-1996

UC Press Correspondence 1996-2000

"Fragments: A Series" and Correspondence 1999-2002

Correspondence: Horowitz, Irving Louis 2002-2004

Correspondence: West Virginia University; Manuscript 2004-2005

Series 1.2 **Manuscripts 1950-2004****Physical Description:** 1.2 linear feet**Scope and Content Note**

Includes Berger's manuscripts of books drafts, conference papers, and essays. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 1:1-2	Proletarian Suburb: A Study of a Working Class Version of Suburbia 1950 1959
Box/Folder 1:3	Remarks at Pacific Sociology Meetings 1972
Box/Folder 1:4-5	Age Grading in Rural Communes: American Pastoralism 1974
Box/Folder 1:6	Manuscript for USA and T.V. 1976
Box/Folder 1:7	Definitions and Validity Issues in Field Research on Fad Drugs 1977
Box/Folder 1:8-9	Essay (Berger, Bennett) 1980 1987-1988 1993
Box/Folder 1:10-11	Recent Manuscripts 1993
Box/Folder 2:1	Attention Deficit Disorder 1998-2003
Box/Folder 2:2	Generation Talk 1999
Box/Folder 2:3	ICL Talk 2004
Box/Folder 2:4	Manuscript: Ideological Work in Counterculture Communes (incomplete) undated
Box/Folder 2:5	Child Rearing Practices of the Communal Family (Draft) undated
Box/Folder 2:6-9	Manuscript Draft undated
Box/Folder 2:10-11	Book Manuscript Fragments undated
Box/Folder 2:12	Unidentified Manuscript (incomplete) undated
Box/Folder 2:13	[Chapters] From Unknown Manuscript undated
Box/Folder 2:14-15	Untitled Manuscript undated
Box/Folder 2:16	"Models" undated
Box/Folder 2:17	American Pastoralism, Suburbia, and the Commune Movement (incomplete) undated
Box/Folder 3:1	"Introduction to the Transaction Edition" undated
Box/Folder 3:2	Progress Report to NIMH undated
Box/Folder 3:3	The Journal of a Counter Culture undated
Box/Folder 3:4	Pastoralism Manuscript Drafts undated
Box/Folder 3:5	Decline of Age Grading in Rural Communes undated
Box/Folder 3:6	Miscellaneous Manuscripts 1998-2004
Box/Folder 3:7	Guggenheim Draft Application 1977
Box/Folder 3:8	Communes in the Counter-Culture - Book Review by Berger undated
Box/Folder 3:9	"Country Life" undated
Box/Folder 3:10	"Introduction" undated
Box/Folder 3:11	"The More Things Change" undated
Box/Folder 3:12	First Drafts of Chapters undated
Box/Folder 13:1	Book Layout undated

Series 1.3 **Notes 1954-2004****Physical Description:** 0.6 linear feet**Scope and Content Note**

Includes index cards, outlines, questionnaires, bibliographies, interview transcripts, and photocopies of Berger's journal. Also includes a folder containing information about friend's memorial. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 4:17	Index Cards: Notes 1954-1971
Box/Folder 4:18	"Abstracts of Papers on Youth..." 1960
Box/Folder 4:19	Commune Grant: Official Documents 1967-1971
Box/Folder 4:20	Outlines; Organizations 1970
Box/Folder 5:1	Field Notes; Commune Research 1976
Box/Folder 5:2	Table Mountain Papers; Notes 1970

Box/Folder 5:3	Field Notes: TMR 1971
Box/Folder 5:4	Questionnaires 1972
Box/Folder 5:5	Commune Study Notes 1970-1976
Box/Folder 5:6	Application for Senior Fellowship 1973
Box/Folder 5:7	Commune Bibliography 1973
Box/Folder 5:8	Notes 1994
Box/Folder 5:9	Curriculum Vita 1998
Box/Folder 5:10	Michael Rizzo Memoriam 1999
Box/Folder 5:11	Pacific Sociological Association 2000
Box/Folder 5:12	Notepads undated
Box/Folder 5:13	Bibliography undated
Box/Folder 5:14	Miscellaneous Papers and Notes undated
Box/Folder 5:15	Notes re: Communes undated
Box/Folder 5:16	Notes on Commune Book undated
Box/Folder 5:17	Children's Rights Notes undated
Box/Folder 5:18	Unknown References undated
Box/Folder 5:19	French Lessons undated
Box/Folder 5:20	Interview Transcript undated
Box/Folder 5:21	[Journal Photocopies] undated

Series 1.4 **Articles 1970-2003**

Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Includes various drafts of published articles that Berger wrote over a thirty year period. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 4:1	"The Lands" 1970
Box/Folder 4:2	"Sinatra" 1998
Box/Folder 4:3	"'Patch Adams' and the Movies" 1998
Box/Folder 4:4	"The Evolution of 'Cool'" 1999
Box/Folder 4:5	"Well" 1999
Box/Folder 4:6	"Enron: Conspiracy and Other Clichés" 1995-2002
Box/Folder 4:7	"It's the Categories, Stupid" 2000
Box/Folder 4:8	Counter Culture Definition for <i>Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences</i> 2000
Box/Folder 4:9-10	"Who Is a Jew" 2001
Box/Folder 4:11	"Go Figure" 2003
Box/Folder 4:12-13	"Geezer Talk: An Emeritus Professor Looks Back" 2004
Box/Folder 4:14	"Counterculture" undated
Box/Folder 4:15	"I Hear Ringing and There's No-One There" undated
Box/Folder 4:16	"The Aging of Popular Music" undated

Series 2 **Other Authors 1963-2003**

Physical Description: 2.3 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

Arranged into three subseries: Correspondence, Manuscripts, and Notes and Publications.

Box/Folder 12:9 Series 2.1 **Correspondence 1976**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Content Note

Includes correspondence between Dr. Stephen M. Pittel and Joan Dunne Rittenhouse concerning a Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Field Report on fad drugs.

Series 2.2 **Manuscripts 1963-2003****Physical Description:** 1.2 linear feet**Scope and Content Note**

Includes manuscripts from other authors: essays, articles, theses, and field report studies. Arranged chronologically.

Box/Folder 7:17	Master's Thesis 1963
Box/Folder 7:18	Mungo, Raymond, "Total Loss Farm" 1970
Box/Folder 7:19	Coran, Sheri, "The Joys of Childhood" 1970
Box/Folder 7:20	Hackett Papers 1970
Box/Folder 8:1	Kanter, Rosabeth Moss, "Getting It All Together" 1971
Box/Folder 8:2	Paul Kagan Papers 1971
Box/Folder 8:3-4	Sherri Caran 1970-1971
Box/Folder 8:5	Youth Subculture 1972 1975
Box/Folder 8:6	Other's Manuscript 1973
Box/Folder 8:7	Preliminary Case Report II 1972-1973
Box/Folder 8:8	Annual Report: Structure, Function, and Impact of Urban Communes 1972-1973
Box/Folder 8:9	laFargue, Michael, "The Redbird Commune" 1972-1973
Box/Folder 8:10	Kanter, Rosabeth and Bronfman, Joan "The Ravensreet Commune" 1972-1973
Box/Folder 8:11	Lofland, John, "Diversity in Reporting Qualitative Field Research" 1973
Box/Folder 8:12	McDermott, Richard "The Magpie Street Commune" 1973
Box/Folder 8:13	Zablocki, Benjamin, "Communes and the Future of America" 1973
Box/Folder 8:14	Progress Report to NIMH: Rosabeth Moss Kanter 1973
Box/Folder 8:15	Jaffe, Dennis T., "The First Four Long Years of a Family Commune" 1975
Box/Folder 8:16	Field Study Report: PCP as a Fad Drug 1976
Box/Folder 8:17	PCP Report for Pacific Consultants 1976
Box/Folder 8:18	Wallis, Roy, "Sex, Marriage and the Children of God" 1977
Box/Folder 8:19	Hawkins, J. David, Dissertation and Correspondence 1978
Box/Folder 8:20	Gardner, Hugh, "Children of Prosperity" 1977
Box/Folder 9:1	[Vinod's] Contacts 1971
Box/Folder 9:2-3	Yolanda Cohen Project 1989-1993
Box/Folder 9:4	Damiell, Joseph, "This is a Think-Piece About Bennett Berger" 1991
Box/Folder 9:5	Sabbatical Request 2002
Box/Folder 9:6	Caran, Sherri, "Hippies of the Redwood Forest" Outline undated
Box/Folder 9:7-9	[Millar] Manuscript undated
Box/Folder 9:10	Jaffe, Dennis T. undated
Box/Folder 9:11	[...in Rural Hippie Communes] undated
Box/Folder 9:12	Hawkins, David J., "Dynamics of Conformity in Communal Groups undated
Box/Folder 10:1	"Against Essentialism" 1999
Box/Folder 10:2	Others' Work 2001-2002
Box/Folder 10:3	Zablocki, Benjamin, "The Genesis of Normative Systems in Rural Hippie Communities" 1973
Box/Folder 10:4	Untitled Others' Work undated
Box/Folder 10:5	Book Proposal undated
Box/Folder 10:6	Christopherson, "Free Shchool" undated
Box/Folder 10:7	Cononer, "Alternate Institutions and Alternate Society" undated
Box/Folder 10:8	Hall, John R., "The Ways Out..." undated
Box/Folder 10:9	Miller, Henry, "On Drugs, Hippies, and the Radical Left" undated
Box/Folder 10:10	Poney, Walter W., "A Comparative Analysis of 19th and 20th Century Communes" undated
Box/Folder 10:11	Unidentified Author, "The Acquisition of Sexual Identity" undated
Box/Folder 10:12-14	Kagan, Paul, "Search for Community" undated

Series 2.3 **Notes and Publications 1999-2002**

Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Scope and Content Note

Includes another author's interview transcript as well as newspaper and magazine publications. Arranged chronologically.

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Interview Transcript undated

Articles, Newspaper Clippings 1998-2000 2002

Articles, Book Reviews 1992 1997-1999

Synanon Foundation Literature 1968

"This is the Farm Book" 1974

Communal Societies in America 1970-1971

Newspaper Clipping Photocopies (Sociology Interest) undated

Power and Civility: Elias, Norbert 1982

Playboy 1976 1981

New York Times Book Review: Article by Berger undated

Directory of Intentional Communes 1978

Communities: Journal of Cooperative Living 1977

Film Ad 1978

Ogilvy, Jay and Heather, "Communes and the Reconstruction of Reality" undated

Article/Newspaper Clippings undated

International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge 1978

Humboldt Journal of Social Relations 1975

Publication: Think 1970

Jaffe, Dennis J., "The Healer, The Community, or the Bureaucrat" 1974

Greene, Felix, "Visit to a Rural Commune" undated

Jerome, Judson, "All in Common" undated

Series 3 **Audio Visual 1985-2004**

Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Content Note

Includes two video cassette tapes as well as photographs of Berger and his family.

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Box/Folder 12:11
Box/Folder 13:2

Video: Culture Cross Cultural Communications 2002

Video: Culture Identity Behavior 2004

Photographs of Berger and His Family 1985-1997