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 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.

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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.

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**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.

- Box/Folder 6:2: NIMH Documents 1970
- Box/Folder 6:3-5: Correspondence re: communes 1970-1977
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- Box/Folder 6:12-13: Bennett Berger's 50th Birthday Celebration 1976
- Box/Folder 7:1: Commune Work of Students, Assistants, etc. 1974-1975
- Box/Folder 7:2: Commune Notes, Papers, Correspondence 1974-1975
- Box/Folder 7:3: Pacific Consultants Papers and Letters 1976
- Box/Folder 7:4: Correspondence, Susan Rags 1977
- Box/Folder 7:5: American Pastoralism Manuscript; Critiques; Correspondence 1977
- Box/Folder 7:6: Ruth, David J., Correspondence and Manuscript 1977-1978
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- Box/Folder 7:8: Bruce Hackett Retirement and Misc. 1987-2003
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- Box/Folder 7:11: Correspondence 1995-1999
- Box/Folder 7:12: Fetzer Conference 1995-1996
- Box/Folder 7:13: UC Press Correspondence 1996-2000
- Box/Folder 7:14: "Fragments: A Series" and Correspondence 1999-2002
- Box/Folder 7:15: Correspondence: Horowitz, Irving Louis 2002-2004
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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
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Manuscript for USA and T.V. 1976
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Definitions and Validity Issues in Field Research on Fad Drugs 1977
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Manuscript: Ideological Work in Counterculture Communes (incomplete) undated
Box/Folder 2:5
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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
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Communes in the Counter-Culture - Book Review by Berger undated
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"Country Life" undated
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"Introduction" undated
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Box/Folder 3:13:1
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
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Series 1.3 Notes 1954-2004

Box/Folder 5:3 Field Notes: TMR 1971
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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
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Box/Folder 4:7 "It's the Categories, Stupid" 2000
Box/Folder 4:8 Counter Culture Definition for Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences 2000
Box/Folder 4:9-10 "Who Is a Jew" 2001
Box/Folder 4:11 "Go Figure" 2003
Box/Folder 4:12 "Geezer Talk: An Emeritus Professor Looks Back" 2004
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Box/Folder 4:14 "I Hear Ringing and There's No-One There" undated
Box/Folder 4:15 "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.

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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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Box/Folder 11:6  Directory of Intentional Communes 1978
Box/Folder 11:7  Communities: Journal of Cooperative Living 1977
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Box/Folder 12:2  Article/Newspaper Clippings undated
Box/Folder 12:3  International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge 1978
Box/Folder 12:4  Humboldt Journal of Social Relations 1975
Box/Folder 12:5  Publication: Think 1970
Box/Folder 12:6  Jaffe, Dennis J., "The Healer, The Community, or the Bureaucrat" 1974
Box/Folder 12:7  Greene, Felix, "Visit to a Rural Commune" undated
Box/Folder 12:8  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.

Box/Folder 12:10  Video: Culture Cross Cultural Communications 2002
Box/Folder 12:11  Video: Culture Identity Behavior 2004
Box/Folder 13:2  Photographs of Berger and His Family 1985-1997