

Guide to the Frank Cancian Photographs for Main Street UCI AS.154

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Date (inclusive): 2009-2011

Language of Collection Materials: Collection materials are in English.

Abstract: This collection consists of ephemera and photographs taken by University of California, Irvine anthropology professor emeritus Frank Cancian from 2009-2011. The photographs, consisting of more than 3000 photographs taken over seventy-five sessions, document the people, events, and spaces in the Ring Mall on the UC Irvine campus, and were compiled by Cancian into a project and exhibit entitled "Main Street UCI."

Creator: Cancian, Frank

 <http://ucispace.lib.uci.edu/handle/10575/2092>

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Frank Cancian, 2012.

Processing History

Processed by Audra Eagle Yun, 2012.

Historical Background

Frank Cancian is an anthropologist, photographer, and professor at the University of California, Irvine. His scholarly interests have focused on comparative social inequality. He also has worked on issues in economic anthropology, peasant studies and Mexican studies, as well as documentary and ethnographic photography.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 2 series:

Series 1. Digital photographs

Series 2. Ephemera and field notes

Scope and Content Summary

This collection consists of ephemera and photographs taken by University of California, Irvine anthropology professor emeritus Frank Cancian from 2009-2011. The photographs, consisting of more than 3000 photographs taken over seventy-five sessions, document the people, events, and spaces in the Ring Mall on the UC Irvine campus, and were compiled by Cancian into a project and exhibit entitled "Main Street UCI."

In February 2009, Cancian stopped in the Ring Mall plaza at UC Irvine to take pictures of a student campaigning for homecoming queen. Two weeks later, he found traveling evangelists in the plaza and photographed them and the students interacting with them. Cancian continued to photograph life on the Ring Mall, primarily between the Social Sciences buildings and the Student Center, until early 2011. The photographs were displayed in exhibitions at the Irvine Fine Arts Center (2011) and the UC Irvine Student Center (2012) and was curated into four groups: Protests, Along the Street, Play and Performance, and God.

Main Street UCI illustrates campus life at UC Irvine, featuring images of protests and demonstrations, vendor activities, religious activities, food sales, dance and other performances, campus scenes, and campus organizations.

More information about Main Street UCI may be found at <http://sites.uci.edu/mainstreetuci/>. The digital photographs are available for research at [UCISpace @ the Libraries](#) .

Subjects and Indexing Terms

University of California, Irvine -- Students..

Students -- California -- Irvine -- Photographs

Students -- California -- Orange County

Digital photographs Series 1. 2009-2011

Physical Description: 3084.0 images.(3084 digital photographs)

Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of 3083 digital photographs taken over seventy-five sessions, documenting the people, events, and spaces at the Ring Mall on the UC Irvine campus, compiled by Cancian into a project and exhibit called "Main Street UCI." Main Street UCI illustrates campus life at UC Irvine, featuring images of protests and demonstrations, vendor activities, religious activities, food sales, dance and other performances, campus scenes, and organizations.

Other Finding Aids note

These files can be searched and accessed through [UCISpace @ the Libraries](#) .

Ephemera and field notes Series 2. 2009-2011

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear feet(2 boxes)

Scope and Content Summary

This file consists primarily of clippings, business cards, postcards, and other ephemera collected by Cancian as he walked around the Ring Mall on campus at the University of California, Irvine as part of the "Main Street UCI" project. Most of the ephemera includes handwritten notations by Cancian and one folder includes field notes written by Cancian.

Arrangement

Folders are organized according to a date scheme created by Cancian which correspond to the digital photographs taken during the project.