Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Eshref Shevky served in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of California Los Angeles. He contributed to dozens of research studies related to California land use policy and social area analysis, including the Central Valley Project prepared for the California Housing and Planning Association, and the "Los Angeles Neighborhood Study" prepared for the American Council of Race Relations and the Haynes Foundation. The collection consists of materials related to his extensive research about population, crime, employment and housing in Los Angeles in the 1940s and 1950s, including research files, drafts of his written work, census analysis and land use maps, and meeting minutes and planning documents from the Committee for the Study of Intercultural Tensions and the California Housing and Planning Association.

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Biography
Eshref Shevky served in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of California Los Angeles. He contributed to dozens of research studies related to U.S. domestic and foreign policy, as well as California land use policy and social area analysis. He worked on the Central Valley Project (exploring water reclamation, flood control and the impacts of the Shasta and Friant dams on local communities) prepared for the California Housing and Planning Association, and on the "Los Angeles Neighborhood Study" prepared for the American Council of Race Relations and the Haynes Foundation. He served on the "Mayor's Special Committee on the Housing Emergency" in 1945 and conducted extensive research about population, crime, employment and housing in Los Angeles in the 1940s and 1950s. His published books include "The Social Areas of Los Angeles: Analysis and Typology" (1949), "Your Neighborhood, A Social Profile of Los Angeles" (1949) and "Social Area Analysis: Theory, Illustrative Application and Computational Procedures." (1955).

Scope and Content
Collection consists of research materials, mostly regarding the socio-economic history of Los Angeles and the Central Valley of California, drafts of his written work, correspondence, meeting minutes, and several maps and area studies he produced. Includes research materials and manuscripts related to his work with the Central Valley Project (exploring water reclamation, flood control and the impacts of the Shasta and Friant dams on local communities) prepared for the California Housing and Planning Association, minutes and papers from his work with the Committee for the Study of Intercultural Tensions, and research materials and manuscript drafts related to the "Los Angeles Neighborhood Study" prepared for the
American Council of Race Relations and the Haynes Foundation. Also includes journals and periodicals related to the study of anthropology, and articles and clippings about foreign affairs.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Shevky, Eshref--Archives.
McWilliams, Carey, 1905-. .
John Randolf Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation--Officials and employees--Archival resources.
Los Angeles (Calif.)--Social conditions.

**Box 1**

**Anthropology Materials (Box 1 of 2) ca.1950s**

*Scope and Content*

Articles about ethical and methodological questions related to the study of anthropology and a copy of manuscript "Indian Land Use and Occupancy in California" prepared by professors from UCLA, the Rand Corporation, University of Indiana, University of Illinois and Columbis University.

**Box 2**

**Anthropology Materials (Box 2 of 2) 1950s**

*Scope and Content*

Copies of sections of "Indian Land Use and Occupancy in California," course materials from "Sociology 117," various articles on anthropology and foreign affairs, research on farm policy and Los Angeles health districts, and meeting minutes from June 18th, 1952 meeting with Drs. Harvey Hoijer, Andrew Martinet, Brew, Forde and Lounsbury

**Box 3**

**Research Materials - Los Angeles County (Box 1 of 3) 1944-1970**

*Scope and Content*

twelve Congressional Reports and Studies issued 1960 to 1961; studies from Farm Security Administration and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, studies of land use in the Central Valley and hospital and health care access in Los Angeles County c. 1970, and population and land use in Los Angeles county; maps of "The Near East" (Burma, Thailand, Indochina, Malaysia) and areas in Washington state

**Box 4**

**Research Materials - Los Angeles County (Box 2 of 3) 1950-1970**

*Scope and Content*

Congressional studies from 1960 to 1961 about unemployment, debt management, housing problems and the economy; pamphlets published by the World Almanac and the Journal of Educational Sociology; County of San Bernardino, Probation Department's Annual Report (1969); and issues of the Bi-Monthly Review of Urban America about the riots in Newark (1967)

**Box 5**

**Research Materials - Los Angeles County (Box 3 of 3) 1947-1972**

*Scope and Content*

Studies from "Poverty and Human Resources Abstracts," course materials and student dissertation "Adherence to Work Rules: A Case Study of Professional Theatrical Actor in the Los Angeles Area" by Kenneth Louis Lloyd (1972), issues of "Scientific Monthly" and "City - Magazine of Urban Life and Environment"
Box 6  
**Research Materials - Race Relations in Los Angeles (Box 1 of 2) 1945-1957**  
**Scope and Content**  
Correspondence regarding policies at the UCLA faculty center; "The White Reaction Study" (analysis of reactions to the Watts riots of 1965) by Richard T. Morris and Vincent Jeffries 1967; research documents related to the Central Valley including tax returns and land ownership records. Also includes meeting minutes and correspondence from Shevky's work with the Committee for the Study of Intercultural Tensions including a letter from member Carey McWilliams about the community of Belvedere and studies of "social violence" by member Jakob Zeitlin (1945), and meeting minutes and research materials from Shevky's work with the Mayor's Special Committee on the Housing Emergency, including studies of restrictive covenants and public housing by the American Council of Race Relations and Shevky's analysis of area census tracts, crime rates, school districts, employment and housing.

Box 7  
**Research Materials - Central Valley Project 1944-1945**  
**Scope and Content**  
Research materials related to the Central Valley Project, conducted on behalf of the California Housing and Planning Association, 1944-1945. Includes correspondence with the Haynes Foundation, Carey McWilliams, Louis Barlett, George P. Moran, and the California Housing and Planning Association, research notes and clippings, articles and notes about legislation of public utilities in California, planning meetings minutes, and clippings and population statistics about the Central Valley and drafts of various memos and reports written for the Project, including "Outline of an Economic Survey of the Los Angeles Industrial Area with Emphasis Upon the Problems of Post-War Readjustment." Also includes a series of maps about land and water use in the Central Valley created by Shevky.

Box 8  
**Research Materials - Race Relations in Los Angeles (Box 2 of 2) c. 1940s**  
**Scope and Content**  
Box contains research materials about minority populations and neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Includes compiled statistics about the spatial distribution of minority populations, compilations of demographic data about various minority populations (age, gender ratios, ethnicity), and other research materials. Box also contains correspondence, drafts and research materials related to two studies in which Shevky was involved: the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's Research Committee (1947) and the American Council of Race Relations' "Los Angeles Neighborhood Study." Box also contains several maps, including "An Industrial Survey of the City of Los Angeles and Contiguous Territory" from 1909.