Guide to the Karen Tei Yamashita papers

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Date (bulk): 1980-2014
Abstract: Karen Tei Yamashita (January 8, 1951) is a novelist, short-story writer, playwright, and professor, known for her works of Asian American literature and magic realism, including I Hotel (2010), which was a finalist selection for the National Book Award. This collection documents her creative life, reflecting the biographical, academic, literary, and theatrical aspects of Yamashita's professional career. The collection primarily contains material relating to correspondence, story publication, theatrical productions, and research, with some papers relating to professional activities, speaking events, and living abroad.

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Acquisition Information
Biography
Karen Tei Yamashita (January 8, 1951) is a novelist, short-story writer, playwright, and professor. Although born in Oakland, California, Yamashita spent most of her childhood in Gardena, Los Angeles County, California. From 1969 to 1973, Yamashita attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and spent her junior year abroad at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. Yamashita graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1973 with Bachelors of Arts degrees in English and Japanese literature. A year later, contemplating a career in anthropology, Yamashita received the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship and traveled to Sao Paulo in 1975 to research Japanese immigrant communities in Brazil. Yamashita would remain in Brazil for nine years, where she met and married artist and architect Ronaldo Lopes de Oliveira, with whom she has had two children. In 1984, the family moved to Gardena, California, where Yamashita worked for twelve years as an Executive Assistant at KCET, one of the local PBS stations in Southern California. In 1997, Yamashita became a Professor at the University of California Santa Cruz, relocating to Santa Cruz after a six-month stay in Seto, Japan.
Yamashita’s literary career began during her first months in Brazil when she wrote and submitted the short story “The Bath” (1975), which would become her first professional publication. “The Bath” was followed by other short stories, some award-winning and published in multiple translations, including “Asaka-no-Miya” (1979) and “The Orange” (1991). Additional short works by Yamashita include “Madama B” (1993) and “The Dentist and the Dental Hygienist” (1995). Yamashita’s short stories explore a diverse set of topics, including the Japanese diaspora and technology, and consider the intersections of race, gender, love, and stereotype. At the same time she wrote short stories, Yamashita composed performance pieces including Omen: An American Kabuki (1978), Hannah Kusoh: An American Butoh (1989), Tokyo Carmen vs. L.A. Carmen: A Performance Collaboration (1990), and Noh Bozos: A Circus Performance in Ten Amazing Acts (1993). Many of these were performed around Los Angeles in the 1980s and 1990s. Yamashita’s other scripts include the collaborative musical Rock Candy (1987) and the multimedia-inspired Jan Ken Pon (2012). Much of Yamashita’s performance work is experimental, using music, dance, videoclips, and imaginative sets and costumes to playfully explore race and gender with attention to the collaborative nature of performance. Selected plays, written from the 1980s through the 2010s, were published in the collection Anime Wong: Fictions of Performance (2014).

Yamashita began work as a critically-acclaimed novelist after returning from Brazil to Southern California in the 1980s. Her first two novels, Through the Arc of the Rain Forest (1990) and Brazil-Maru (1992), take place in Brazil and are influenced by her time in that country. Arc is a story of environmental destruction in the rainforest, while Brazil-Maru tells the story of early twentieth century Japanese immigrants in Brazil. Both Arc and Brazil-Maru have been translated into Japanese, and Arc was also published in Portuguese translation under the title Matacao, uma lenda tropical (2003). Yamashita’s next novel, Tropic of Orange (1997), is set in Los Angeles and Mexico and follows a diverse cast of characters in an unsettled future where the Tropic of Cancer is moving northwards. Circle K Cycles (2001), a collection of short stories that was inspired by Yamashita’s six-month stay in Japan and based on web journals written during that stay, reflects on Japanese-Brazilian experiences in Japan at the end of the twentieth century. Yamashita’s most recent novel, I Hotel (2010), is an extensively-researched exploration of the Asian American Movement in the San Francisco Bay Area in from the 1960s to the 1970s, told through ten distinct yet interrelated novellas.

Throughout her more than three-decade writing career, Yamashita has received numerous awards, grants, and recognitions. Yamashita received awards including the Rockefeller Playwright-in-Residence Fellowship in 1977, the Japan Foundation Artist Fellowship in 1997, and the United States Artists Ford Foundation Fellowship in 2011. In addition to winning several short story contests early in her career, Yamashita received an American Book Award in 1991 and a Janet Heidinger Kafka Award in 1992 for Arc, while Brazil-Maru was voted one of The Village Voice’s 25 best books of 1993. Tropic was a finalist for the Paterson Fiction Prize in 1998, and I Hotel was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2010. I Hotel received extensive additional recognition including a California Book Award (2010), American Book Award (2011) and an Asian American Literary Award (2011).

Yamashita began her career as an educator in 1997 at the University of California Santa Cruz, where she is a Professor of Literature and Creative Writing affiliated with Latin American and Latino Studies, East Asian Studies, and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies. She has been a visiting scholar and guest lecturer at universities around the world. Yamashita’s commitment to education and diversity has been recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award (2001), the Chancellor’s Award for Diversity (2009), and an appointment as the co-holder of the UC Presidential Chair for Feminist Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (2012-2015).

She currently resides in Santa Cruz with her husband and continues writing to this day.

1951 Born 8 January, Oakland, California
1952 Moved to Gardena, Los Angeles County, California
1969 Enrolled at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota
1971 Spent a year abroad at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan
1973 Graduated with a B.A. from Carleton College
1974-1977 Received the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
1975 Moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil
1977 Married Ronaldo Lopes de Oliveira
1978 Play performed: Omen: An American Kabuki
1984 Moved with family to Gardena, California
1986 Co-authored the film Kusei: An Endangered Species
1990 Published Through the Arc of the Rainforest

Plays performed: Hannah Kusoh and Tokyo Carmen vs. L.A. Carmen
1991  Musicals performed: *Godzilla Comes to Little Tokyo*
1992  Published *Brazil-Maru*
1993  Multimedia performance: *Noh Bozos*
1997  Published *Tropic of Orange*
      Received the Japan Foundation Artist Fellowship
      Spent six months in Seto, Aichi Prefecture, Japan
      Published pieces for the web journal CafeCreole
      Moved to Santa Cruz, California
      Began work as a professor at the University of California Santa Cruz
2001  Published *Circle K Cycles*
2010  Published *I Hotel*
2011-2012 Received a United States Artists Ford Fellowship
2012  Appointed as a co-holder of the UC Presidential Chair for Feminist Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
2014  Published *Anime Wong: Fictions of Performance*
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1975  Moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil
      Published first short story "The Bath"
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1984  Moved with family to Gardena, California
      Play performed: *Hiroshima Tropical*
1986  Co-authored the film *Kusei: An Endangered Species*
1990  Published *Through the Arc of the Rainforest*
      Plays performed: *Hannah Kusoh* and *Tokyo Carmen v.s. L.A. Carmen*
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**Scope and Content of Collection**

This collection documents the creative life of Yamashita, reflecting the biographical, academic, literary, and theatrical aspects of her professional career. The holding contains large amounts of correspondence as well as publication, production, and research materials generated from writing Yamashita's major works, with some papers relating to her professional activities, speaking events, and living abroad. Correspondence primarily includes handwritten and typed letters, cards, email printouts, and mainly addresses specific works and personal greetings. Correspondents include organizations, publishers, colleagues, friends, and family writing mainly in regards to research, draft feedback, publication, publicity, and recognition. Publication and production materials mostly comprise manuscripts at different stages, cover or poster art and illustrations, props, set and costume designs, contracts, and copyright documents, with some original publicity clippings and photocopies of mass market and independent newspaper reviews and articles. In addition are articles, essays, and interviews with Yamashita. Accumulated background research for her works primarily include clippings, handouts and other forms of ephemera related to the topics of Japan, Brazil, Asian diaspora, the arts, and...
teaching. Some media exists across the collection, such as videocassettes, audio cassettes, floppy disks, and compact discs (CD). Furthermore, some photographic images and materials exist as well. The collection also includes digital files pertaining to a variety of Yamashita's literary works and her professional career.

**Arrangement**

There was some original order to Yamashita's papers, with the collection being organized by individual works. Final arrangement was influenced by this original organization. The arrangement of the collection is as follows:

**Series 1: Biographical, 1968-2013:**

1. Subseries 1.1: Correspondence, 1968-2013
3. Subseries 1.3: Research, 1987-2013
5. Subseries 1.5: Speaking Events, 1990-2010

**Series 2: Books, 1907-2014:**

2. Subseries 2.2: *Through the Arc of the Rain Forest*, 1980s-2004
5. Subseries 2.5: *I Hotel*, 1907-2011

**Series 3: Dramatic Works, 1978-2013:**

7. Subseries 3.7: *GilAwrecks, aka Godzilla Comes to Little Tokyo*, 1985-1993

**Series 4: Other Writings, 1970s-2012**

**Processing Information**

This collection contains unprocessed materials. The processed portion of the collection is stored in boxes 1-84. There are 18 boxes of unprocessed materials.

Manuscript portion of the collection processed by Annie Tang, with assistance from Melissa Poulsen, graduate fellow in the Center for Archival Research and Training (CART) at UC Santa Cruz. Machine-readable finding aid by Annie Tang.

Digital portion of the collection partially processed by Kate Dundon in 2018. Digital files were received from Karen Yamashita on 22 3.5-inch floppy disks, 10 5.25-inch floppy disks, 34 CDs, 2 zip disks, 1 USB flash drive. With the exception of 5.25-inch floppy disks, files were transferred from original carriers in 2018. Original carriers were retained and are included in the collection. Duplicate files, student and employment records, and other out of scope files were not retained. Files were not reformatted, and file names are original to the creator. Digital materials were integrated into their corresponding series based on content. The original order of the files has been retained.

**Additional Collection Guides**

See the following guides for inventories of processed digital files:
Series 1: Biographical 1968-2013

Physical Description: 25 boxes
Physical Description: 0.617 GB (1,044 digital files)

Scope and Content
This series broadly reflects Yamashita's general career as a writer, playwright, and lecturer, with some papers regarding her personal life. The bulk of the Biographical series consists of correspondence, publication, and research materials, but more distinctly includes papers from her organizational activities and speaking engagements. Organizational activities, such as mentorship and committee work in PEN America and PEN International, resulted in the accumulation of publication catalogs, conference fliers, and copies of short works by others like introductions and articles. Also included are papers related to teaching in the United States and abroad, research and notes on pedagogy, and course syllabi. Materials related to speaking engagements, such as readings, guest lectures, speeches, and panels were originally organized by Yamashita into subject files composed of correspondence, brochures, fliers, programs, research, and speaking notes.

Subseries 1.1: Correspondence 1968-2013

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box-folder 1:9 1996
box-folder 2:1-3 1997
box-folder 2:4-5 1998-1999
box-folder 2:6 2000-2001
box-folder 2:7-8 2002-2003
box-folder 3:1-2 2004-2005
box-folder 3:3 2006-2007
box-folder 3:4 2008-2009
box-folder 3:5 2010-2011
box-folder 3:6 2012-2013
box-folder 3:7 undated

Subseries 1.2: Publication 1987-2013

Physical Description: 5 boxes

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| 4:3       | Photocopies of book reviews 1990s |
| 4:4       | Writings about Yamashita by others 1992-2012 |
| 4:5       | Printouts of interviews with Yamashita 1994-2010 |
| 4:6       | Writings, events, and interviews with Yamashita 1995-2010 |
| 4:7       | Clippings primarily about Yamashita 1997 |
| 4:8       | Critical essays about Yamashita; interviews; class syllabi including Yamashita works 1998-2001 |
| 5:1       | Printouts of reviews 2006-2012 |
| 5:2       | Coffee House Press catalogs 1993-1999 |
| 5:3       | Writings about Yamashita 2006-2010 |
| 5:4       | Yamashita writings excerpted in publications 2009 |
| 5:5       | Writings, syllabi about Yamashita's writings 2002 |
| 5:6       | Writings about Yamashita; interviews 2005-2010 |
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| 5:11      | Writings about Yamashita early 2000s |
| 5:12      | Photocopies of reviews early 2000s |
| 5:13      | Clippings on award to Yamashita 2001 |
| 5:14      | Articles, programs, fliers about Yamashita 2001-2006 |
| 5:15      | Programs and Coffee House brochures 2002-2004 |
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| 5:17      | Graduation program; commencement speech by Yamashita; faculty materials 2002-2006 |
| 5:18      | Write-ups; UCSC brochure on writing program; fliers about Yamashita events 2005-2006 |
| 5:19      | Printout of scanned images from Yamashita plays 2013 |
| 5:20      | Literary agency agreement with Jeremy Solomon, First Arts Management; annotated 1991 |
| 5:21      | "Saudade" 2001 |
| 5:22      | Writings about Yamashita 2001-2003 |
| 5:23      | Writings about Yamashita 2007-2010 |
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|           | Physical Description: Audio cassette |
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|           | Physical Description: Audio cassette |
| 5:26      | "University of Missouri" radio station interview, copy 2, February 1992  
|           | Physical Description: Audio cassette |
| 5:27      | Yamashita segment on National Public Radio 29 December 1992  
|           | Physical Description: Audio cassette |
| 5:28      | "LA ATV EC" 20 October 1993  
|           | Physical Description: Audio cassette |
| 5:29      | "Bookshelf: Karen Yamashita" 7 May 2000  
|           | Physical Description: Audio cassette |
box-folder 8:8  British Broadcasting Company Radio documentary segment: "Asian Diasporas - Family" 8 June 2002
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

   Physical Description: Audio cassette

   Physical Description: Audio cassette

box-folder 8:11  "ABEA Sao Paulo talk, Traveling Saudades" ms0465_med_0002 2007
   Physical Description: One CD
   General
   See Subseries 1.6: Digital Files for information about content and access.

box-folder 8:14  "Abacus" ms0465_med_0001 circa 1991
   Physical Description: One 5.25-inch floppy disk.
   Conditions Governing Access
   This item contains unprocessed digital files. Contact Special Collections to request access.

Subseries 1.3: Research 1987-2013
   Physical Description: 7 boxes

box 9  Clippings, articles, and ephemera 1987-2008
box 10 Clippings, articles, and ephemera 1991-2002
box 11 Clippings, articles, and ephemera 1994-2006
box 12 Clippings, articles, and ephemera 1996-2003
box 13 Clippings, articles, and ephemera 2002-2012
box 14 Clippings, articles, and ephemera 1988-2002
box-folder 84:5 Autographed Li-Young Lee author event poster November 2013
box-folder 84:9 "Golden Pool, Asian/Pacific American Perspective" photography exhibition poster 1990
   Scope and Contents
   Distributed by the City of Los Angeles, Cultural Affairs Department.

box-folder 84:10  "Reforma Agraria: Por Um Brasil Sem Latifundio!" poster 2000

Subseries 1.4: Activities 1991-2012
   Physical Description: 4 boxes

box-folder 15:1 Teaching materials 1999-2000
box-folder 15:2 Teaching materials 2000-2001
box-folder 15:3-4 Teaching materials 2011
box-folder 15:5 Teaching materials 1998-2000
box-folder 15:7 Teaching materials 2005-2012
box-folder 15:8 Teaching materials circa 2002
box-folder 16:1 Teaching materials 1999
box-folder 16:2 Teaching materials 1998-2000
box-folder 16:3 Organizational involvement 1996-1997
box-folder 16:4-5 Organizational involvement 1991-1992
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### Series 1: Biographical 1968-2013

**Subseries 1.4: Activities 1991-2012**

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Subseries 1.6: Digital Files Series1.6_Digital_Files 1996-2009

Physical Description: 0.617 GB (1,044 digital files)

Conditions Governing Access
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Scope and Contents
This subseries includes syllabi, notes, presentations, and other files related to courses Yamashita taught as Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Also included are files related to grants, administrative activity in the Creative Writing and East Asian studies programs, and speaking engagements beyond UCSC.

Processing Information
These files were originally stored on 11 CDs, most of which also contained files related to Yamashita's book, *I Hotel* or other publications. As such, many of these disks were labeled "I Hotel etc" but contained a mixture of content related to Yamashita's writing and teaching career. Digital files unrelated to her publications were transferred from these disks and arranged together this subseries at the end of Series 1: Biographical. Files remain in original order within each CD. The original CDs are stored in box 60.

Additional Collection Guide
For a complete inventory of files, see Subseries 1.6: Biographical Digital File directory.

Series 2: Books 1907-2014

Physical Description: 45 boxes

Physical Description: 0.074 GB (1,487 digital files)

Scope and Content
This series reflects Yamashita's career as a novelist, primarily consisting of papers directly related to her six published books, starting with *Brazil-Maru* (1992) and ending with her latest major work *Anime Wong: Fictions of Performance* (2014), with each subseries representing a novel's title in her canon. Subseries 2.4: *The Circle K Cycles* (2001) distinctly has an extra category titled "Japan", referring to materials gathered from Yamashita's time abroad in the country. Overall, there is prolific correspondence between the author and her primary publisher, Coffee House Press.

Subseries 2.1: Brazil-Maru 1953-2006

Physical Description: 10 boxes

Correspondence

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Publication

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  - Statement of purpose; resume; notes 1986-1990
  - Typed manuscript, Part I (1 of 3); copyright registration 1988-1990
  - Typed manuscript, Part II (2 of 3) 1988-1990
  - Typed manuscript, Part III (3 of 3) 1988-1990
  - Copyright registration; publishing agreement amendment 1990, 1997
  - Reader critiques of manuscript circa 1990
  - Typed manuscript, Part I (1 of 3), annotated circa 1991
  - Typed manuscript, Part II (2 of 3), annotated circa 1991
  - Typed manuscript, Part III (3 of 3), annotated circa 1991
  - Early electronic manuscript, chapters: 1-14b; 15-26; 27-39 1980-1990s
    - Physical Description: Three 5.25-inch floppy disks
    - This item contains unprocessed digital files. Contact Special Collections to request access.

- box-folder 27:1
  - Proof, annotated (1 of 2); mock-up of dust jacket 1992

- box-folder 27:2
  - Proof, annotated (2 of 2) 1992

- box-folder 27:3
  - Coffee House Press publishing agreement 1992

- box-folder 27:4
  - Photocopies, clippings of reviews 1992-1993

- box-folder 27:5
  - List of bookstore locations for signings, events circa 1992

- box-folder 27:6
  - Clippings, primarily of reviews 1992

- box-folder 27:7
  - Typed manuscripts of epilogue and afterword for Portuguese translation, annotated (2) 2006

- box-folder 28:1-5
  - Background music for live readings 1990s
    - Physical Description: 5 audio cassettes

Research

- box-folder 28:6
  - Interview recording of Yuba Isamu 6 July 1975
    - Physical Description: Audio cassette
    - Scope and Contents
      A character is based on this interviewee.

- box-folder 28:7
  - Slide circa 1970s
    - Physical Description: 35mm slide

- box-folder 29:1
  - Notebooks I-XI circa 1975-1977
    - Physical Description: 11 notebooks

- box-folder 29:2
  - Notecards on interviews 1975-1977

- box-folder 29:3
  - Images of Japanese-Brazilian life 1975-1977
    - Physical Description: Primarily black-and-white photographic prints. Total: 41.

- box-folder 29:4
  - Cut-up contact prints of Japanese-Brazilian life 1975-1977
    - Physical Description: Total cut-ups of contact prints: 21.

- box-folder 30:1
  - Notebooks, unlabeled circa 1975-1977
    - Physical Description: 6 notebooks

- box-folder 30:2
  - Notes on family trees 1975-1977

- box-folder 30:3
  - Photocopied essays; pamphlets 1975-1977
  Scope and Contents
  Includes only 3 images

box-folder 31:1  Photocopies of essays 1953-1977
box-folder 31:2  Clippings and photocopies of essays 1953-1977
box-folder 31:3  Booklets, brochures on Japanese-Brazilian religious life 1966-1981
box-folder 31:4  Notebook, notes, clippings 1970s
box-folder 31:5  Essays, articles 1970s
box-folder 31:6-7  Photocopied essays and articles 1970s
box-folder 31:8  Notes on Japanese immigration early 1970s-1980s
box-folder 31:9  Transcriptions, notes on interviews 1970s-1981
  Scope and Contents
  Includes interviews of Hiramatsu Tomiko, Iwasa Kikuno, Hiramatsu Ai, Iwasa Ishita.

box-folder 31:10  Transcriptions, notes on interviews mid-1970s
box-folder 31:11  Bibliographic research; essays mid-1970s
box-folder 31:2  Typed manuscripts of "Japanese Brazilians" (4) article, coauthored by
box-folder 31:2  Images of Japanese-Brazilian life circa 1977

box-folder 32:3  Clippings and articles 1978
box-folder 32:4  Clippings, essays circa 1970s-1980s
box-folder 32:5  Yamashita translations of Pagina Um articles 1979-1982
box-folder 32:6-7  Essays, notes late 1980s-1990s
box-folder 32:8  Clippings, essays late 1980s
box-folder 32:9  Rafu Magazine supplement with "Japanese Brazilians" article (2); note 1989
box-folder 32:10  Clippings 1979-1981
box 33  Photo albums from time abroad in Brazil approximately 1975-1976
  Physical Description: 3 albums

box 34  Notes, timeline on oversize graphing paper circa 1970s

Subseries 2.2: Through the Arc of the Rain Forest 1980s-2004
  Physical Description: 5 boxes

Correspondence
box-folder 35:1  1987
  Scope and Contents
  Kurt Vonnegut letter included.

box-folder 35:2  1988
box-folder 35:3  1989-1990
box-folder 35:4  1990
box-folder 35:5  1991-1992
box-folder 35:6  1993-1994
box-folder 35:7  1995-1997
box-folder 35:8  2002
box-folder 35:9  2003
Publication
box-folder 8:2  "Arc interview by Stan Yogi, KFPA, Oakland" 24 September 1990
  Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:8 "ARC Demo, parts I & II, rough mix" 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:9 Background music for Arc readings, I 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:10 Background music for Arc readings, II (1 of 2) 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:11 Background music for Arc readings, II (2 of 2) 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:12 Background music for Arc readings, III 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:13 Background music for Arc readings, IV 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:14 Background music for Arc readings, V 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:15 Background music for Arc readings, VI 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:16 Background music for Arc readings, VII 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 28:17 Background music for Arc readings, VIII 1990s
   Physical Description: Audio cassette

Box-folder 36:1 Early electronic manuscripts and some research ms0465_med_0007-0010 circa 1980s
   Physical Description: Five 5.25-inch floppy disks
   Conditions Governing Access
   This item contains unprocessed digital files. Contact Special Collections to request access.

Box-folder 36:2 Typed manuscript of some chapters circa 1980s
Box-folder 36:3 Cover design by Oliveira late 1980s
Box-folder 36:4 Typed manuscript, 1986 (1 of 2); proposal and outline 1986, 1987
Box-folder 36:5 Typed manuscript, 1986 (2 of 2) 1986
Box-folder 36:6 Copyright registrations 1987-1989
Box-folder 36:7 Typed manuscript, includes Author's Note (1 of 2) 1989
Box-folder 36:8 Typed manuscript, includes Author's Note (2 of 2) 1989
Box-folder 36:9 Clippings of reviews, write-ups 1990
Box-folder 36:10 Clippings of reviews, write-ups; American Book Award program recognition 1990-1991
Box-folder 37:1 Coffee House Press catalogs; production checklists; notes 1990
Box-folder 37:2 Reader copy, September 1990, with annotations 1990
Box-folder 37:3 Publishing agreements; author biography; production checklist; list of reviewers 1990-2002
Box-folder 37:4 Typed manuscript of Portuguese translation 28 April 2003
Box-folder 37:5 Clippings, publicity on Portuguese translation 2003-2004
   Research
   Notes, clippings, ephemera late 1980s
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**Correspondence**

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**Physical Description:** Photographic prints, stored in sleeve. Total: 3.

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**Physical Description:** Color photographic prints. Total: 7
Subseries 2.4: Circle K Cycles 1990s-2003

Physical Description: 7 boxes

Correspondence

box-folder 42:1 1997
box-folder 42:2 1998
box-folder 42:3 1999
box-folder 42:4 2000

Physical Description: Also includes photographic prints of author, portrait-style, taken in a photobooth. Total prints: 3

box-folder 42:5 2001
box-folder 42:6 2002-2003
box-folder 42:7 undated

Japan

box-folder 42:8-9 Projects 1994-1996
box-folder 42:10-11 Projects 1995
box-folder 42:11, 43:1 Travel 1996-1997
box-folder 43:2-3 The Japan Foundation Fellowship application 1996-1997
box-folder 43:4-5 Brazilians in Japan 1996-1997
box-folder 43:6 35 mm photographic negatives from time in Japan circa 1996-1997

Physical Description: 5 sleeves of negatives

box-folder 43:7 Correspondence on Japan, trip 1997-2000

Publication

box-folder 44:1 Typed manuscripts of CafeCreole travel blog; outline for book 1990s
box-folder 44:2 Writings by Yamashita, influenced by CafeCreole circa late 1990s
box-folder 44:3 Interview by CafeCreole's Ryutu Imafuku 1996-1998
box-folder 44:4 Printouts of CafeCreole blog pages by Yamashita 1998
box-folder 44:5 Coffee House publishing agreements, annotated 2000
box-folder 44:6 Typed manuscript early 2000s
box-folder 44:7 Reader copy of Circle K Cycles early 2000s
box-folder 44:8 Proof, annotated 6 March 2001
box-folder 44:9 Clippings of reviews 2001-2002
box-folder 44:10 Portuguese translations of chapters approximately 2001
box-folder 45:1 Reader copy; chapter excerpts approximately 2001
box-folder 45:2 Coffee House Press author questionnaire; contact list circa 2001
box-folder 45:3 Proof pages of chapter; typed manuscript of preface circa 2001
box-folder 45:4 Typed manuscript circa 2001
box-folder 45:5 Typed manuscript; page of notes circa 2001
box-folder 45:6 Publicity write-ups, fliers for readings 2002

Research

box-folder 45:7 Journal 1992
box-folder 45:8 Handouts, newsletters, magazine 1992-1997

Scope and Contents
Magazine contains erotic images.

box-folder 45:9 Excerpts, clippings, pamphlets 1997-2003
box 46-47 Travel ephemera 1990s
box 48 Travel ephemera circa 1997
Subseries 2.5: *I Hotel* 1907-2011

**Physical Description:** 17 boxes

**Physical Description:** 0.074 GB (1,487 digital files)

**Arrangement**

This subseries is arranged into four subgroups: Correspondence, Publication, Research, and Digital Files.

**Correspondence**

box-folder 49:1 1993
box-folder 49:2 1994
box-folder 49:3 1995
box-folder 49:4 1996
box-folder 49:5 1997
box-folder 49:6 1998
box-folder 49:7 1999
box-folder 49:8 2000
box-folder 49:9 2001
box-folder 49:10 2002
box-folder 49:11 2003
box-folder 49:12 2004
box-folder 49:13 2005
box-folder 49:14 2006
box-folder 49:15 2007
box-folder 49:16 2008
box-folder 50:1 2009
box-folder 50:2 2010
box-folder 50:3 2011
box-folder 50:4 Undated

**Publication**

box-folder 50:5 Typed manuscript of Introduction (2) by Yamashita for excerpt in *Amerasia* 2006
box-folder 50:6 Typed manuscript of Introduction, Acknowledgments; notes, book structure approximately 2006-2009
box-folder 50:7 Greeting cards designed by Leland Wong (3) circa 2007
box-folder 50:9 Typed manuscript of novellas 2-6. October 2008
box-folder 50:10 Typed manuscript of novellas 7-10. October 2008
box-folder 51:1 Printouts of: chapter illustrations by Leland Wong, Sina Grace; cover designs by Linda Koutsky 2009
box-folder 51:2 Proof of Introduction and novella 1, annotated 22 June 2009
box-folder 51:3 Proof of Introduction and novella 1, annotated, 22 June 2009; typed manuscript of novella 1, chapter 2. 2009
box-folder 51:4 Proof of novella 6, annotated 22 June 2009
box-folder 51:5 Proof 22 June 2009
box-folder 51:6 Typed manuscript of Contents, book structure, chapter 5 of novella 4. 27 February 2009
box-folder 52:1 Coffee House Press author questionnaire; interviews 2009
box-folder 52:2 Proof of novella 4, with annotations circa 2009
box-folder 52:3 Proof of title page to novella 2, chapter 1 circa 2009
box-folder 52:4 Typed manuscript of novellas 1, 2, and 3 circa 2009
box-folder 52:5 Typed manuscript of novellas 4, 5, and 6 circa 2009
box-folder 53:1 Typed manuscript of novellas 8, 9, 10, with annotations circa 2009
box-folder 53:2 Proof from title page to novella 4, chapter 3, annotated 2010
box-folder 53:3 Proof of novellas 1-3, annotated 7 January 2010
box-folder 53:4 Proof of novellas 4-6. 7 January 2010
box-folder 53:5 Proof of novellas 7-10, annotated 7 January 2010
box-folder 54:2 I Hotel project budget 2010
box-folder 54:3 Reviews, publicity write-ups, programs for Yamashita readings 2010-2011
box-folder 53:2 Coffee House Press publishing agreement, annotated 2009-2010
box-folder 54:4 David Palumbo-Liu essay for I Hotel Project, annotated 2010

Research

box-folder 54:5 Period images of Manilatown, International Hotel circa 1977-2000s

Physical Description: Total: 5 photographic prints, 1 contact sheet

box-folder 54:6 "Ipaglaban Ang International Hotel" [Fight for the International Hotel] button circa 1977
box-folder 54:7 Clippings, essays, ephemera circa 1993-2008
box-folder 54:8 Essays, ephemera, demolition protest poster 1994-2000s
box-folder 54:9 Clippings, notes, ephemera 1995-2006
box-folder 54:10 Clippings, articles, fliers, notes, and notebook on Asian/American social movements and Asian/American history in 1960s and 1970s. early 1996-2000s

box 55 Brick from the International Hotel building circa 1907
box 56 Canvas rice bags (6) circa 1950
box-folder 57:1 Essays, newsletters, ephemera 1996-2004
box-folder 57:2 Clippings 1996-2006
box-folder 57:3 Images of Angel Island, San Francisco, UC Santa Cruz 1998

Physical Description: 4x6" color photographic prints. Total: 8.

box-folder 57:4 Clippings, essays, ephemera early 1998-2000s
box-folder 57:5 Clippings, notes, ephemera 1998-2006
box-folder 57:6 Essays and ephemera 1999-2005
box-folder 57:7 Images of Delano and San Francisco, California; Ephemera 1999-2006

Physical Description: Two sleeves of photographic prints. Sleeve 1: 18 prints, Sleeve 2: 5 prints.

box-folder 57:8 Essays 2000-2007
box-folder 58:1 Clippings, essays, ephemera circa 2000
box-folder 58:2 Photocopies of early Asian American Studies course materials circa 2000
box-folder 58:3-5 Essays circa 2000s
box-folder 58:6 Essays and bibliographies circa 2000s
box-folder 58:7 Clippings early 2000s
box-folder 59:1 Notebooks (4) 2001-2004
box-folder 59:2 International Hotel and Yellow Power Movement images early 2000s

Physical Description: Photographic reprints. Total: 2.

Scope and Contents

Original photographs possibly taken by Nikki Arai.

box-folder 59:3 Photocopies of 1970s course materials for "Asian Women in America" UCLA class early 2000s
box-folder 59:4 Photocopy of 1971 "Asian Women" reader; Interview transcript of Pat Sumi early 2000s
box-folder 59:5 Photocopies of: International Hotel newsletter, Pagkakaisa, 1972; "Fight Demolition!" flier early 2000s
box-folder 59:6 Portfolio materials by Jerome Reyes and David Palumbo-Liu early 2000s-2010
box-folder 59:7 Event programs from eviction commemorations 2001-2002
box-folder 60:2 HK Yuen Archive index and notes circa 2002
box-folder 60:3 Story outlines, maps, room sketches 2004
box-folder 60:4 Articles and contacts 2009
box-folder 60:5 Photocopied clippings early 2000s
Box 61-62 Recordings copied mainly from 1960s to 1970s HK Yuen Archive early 2000s

Physical Description: 37 audio cassettes

box 63 Essays, clippings, notes, and ephemera circa 2000-2004
box 64  
box-folder 84:1  
**Essays, clippings, notes, and ephemera 2001-2008**  
Image of people at lobby desk, with room key cupboard in background circa early 2000s  
Physical Description: 11x14" black-and-white photographic reprint of 1970s image.

box-folder 84:2  
**Laminated brochure for 1996 Tule Lake Pilgrimage 1996**

box-folder 84:3  
**Butcher paper map of Manilatown, International Hotel circa 2000**

box-folder 84:4  
"The Ness Aquino Benefit" poster circa 2000s

box-folder 84:6  
"I Witness" Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California event poster 2008

box-folder 84:8  
"Kathleen Chang and Frank Chin in 'Wedding at Rush Hour" poster 1972

Scope and Contents
Likely a wedding invitation stylized as a movie poster, informing the reader of Chang and Chin's wedding event information.

I Hotel CDs
Physical Description: 23 items23 CDs
General
See I Hotel Digital Files subseries for information about content and access.

Box 60  
**I Hotel Digital Files** Subseries2.5_Digital_Files 2000-2009

Physical Description: 0.074 GB (1,487 digital files)

Conditions Governing Access
Digital files are available in the UCSC Special Collections and Archives reading room. Some files require reformatting before they can be accessed. Technical limitations may hinder the Library's ability to provide access to some digital files. Contact Special Collections and Archives in advance to request access to digital files.

Scope and Contents
This series includes chapter and manuscript drafts, notes, photographs, and other research-based documentation Yamashita created in writing *I Hotel*.

Processing Information
Files were originally stored on 23 CDs, which have been retained and are stored in box 60.

Additional Collection Guide
For a complete inventory of files, see Subseries 2.5: I Hotel Digital Files directory

Subseries 2.6: Anime Wong: Fictions of Performance 2000-2014

Physical Description: 3 boxes

box-folder 65:1  
**Correspondence 2000-2013**

box-folder 65:2  
Production: Typed manuscript, includes introduction 8 July 2008

box-folder 65:3  
Production: Typed manuscript, includes introduction 8 August 2008

box-folder 65:4-6  
Production: Early manuscript, compiled from photocopied scripts circa 2008

box-folder 65:7  
Production: Typed manuscript of afterword by Hong Sohn, annotated circa 2008

box-folder 65:8, 66:1  
Production: Typed manuscript, includes acknowledgements 12 August 2012

box-folder 66:2  
Production: Typed manuscripts (2) of afterword by Stephen Hong Sohn, annotations by Yamashita 2012

box-folder 66:3-5  
Production: Typed manuscript 8 August 2012

box-folder 66:6  
Production: Coffee House Press publishing agreement and drafts 2012-2013

box-folder 66:7  
Production: Author questionnaire and printout of interview 2012-2013
Guide to the Karen Tei Yamashita papers

Series 2: Books 1907-2014
Subseries 2.6: Anime Wong: Fictions of Performance 2000-2014

- box-folder 66:8 Production: Typed manuscript of initial introduction by Stephen Hong Sohn, annotations by Yamashita circa 2012
- box-folder 66:9-10 Production: Photocopy of galley proof 30 October 2013
- box-folder 67:2 Production: Typed manuscript 2014
- box-folder 67:3 Research: Lucy Burns proposal on science fiction project; Yamashita notes on Anime Wong circa 2008

Series 3: Dramatic Works 1978-2013
Physical Description: 15 boxes
Physical Description: 0.02 GB (3 digital files)
Scope and Content
This series represents Yamashita's career as a playwright and occasional work as a screenwriter and performance artist. Dramatic Works includes materials from her earliest performed play *Omen: An American Kabuki* (1978) to her most recent multimedia performance art piece, *Jan Ken Pon* (2012), a PowerPoint presentation--with each subseries representing a specific work's title. Series 3 distinctly includes production materials for each play, which primarily include: typed drafts of scripts; production schedules; budgets and contracts; cast lists and biographies; props and design plans; videocassette recordings of performances; audio cassette recordings of background music; photographic material of performances and readings; programs and publicity fliers; and original artwork and designs. Some production materials are on VHS, audio tape cassettes, CDs, and U-matic tapes. Correspondents mainly include theatre organizations, such as East West Players, and performers.

Physical Description: 2 boxes
- box-folder 67:4 Correspondence 1977
- box-folder 67:5 Production: Photocopy of typed script; playbill from performance approximately 1976-1977
- box-folder 67:6 Production: Photocopies of typed scripts (2) 1976
- box-folder 67:7 Production: Copyright registration 1979
  Physical Description: U-matic videocassette
  Physical Description: U-matic videocassette
  Physical Description: U-matic videocassette
- box-folder 68:4 Production: Video recording of rehearsal segment approximately 1981
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Subseries 3.2: *Asaka-No-Miya* 1980s-1984
Physical Description: 1 box
- box-folder 67:8 Production: Typed script 1984
- box-folder 67:9 Research: Notes outlining play structure early 1980s
Subseries 3.3: O Kage circa 1980s

Physical Description: 1 box

- box-folder 67:10: Production: Performance proposal, annotations included circa 1980s
- box-folder 67:11: Research: Photocopied articles and notes circa 1980s

Subseries 3.4: Xina circa 1980s-1985

Physical Description: 1 box

- box-folder 67:12: Correspondence 1983-1985
- box-folder 67:13: Production: Copyright registration 1981
- box-folder 67:14: Production: Typed scripts (2) and proposal to East West Players 1981-1983
- box-folder 67:15: Research: Notes and clippings early 1980s

Subseries 3.5: Hiroshima Tropical early 1980s-1989

Physical Description: 1 box

- box-folder 67:16: Correspondence 1983-1985
- box-folder 67:17: Production: Typed scripts, with lists of cast and crew, annotated 1983
- box-folder 67:18: Production: Typed script; copyright registration ms0465_med_0047 1983, 1985

Conditions Governing Access
This item contains unprocessed digital files. Contact Special Collections to request access.

Scope and Contents
Includes one 5.25-inch floppy disk with electronic version of script.

- box-folder 67:19: Research: Notes and clippings early 1980s


Physical Description: 5 boxes

Correspondence

- box-folder 69:1: 1988
- box-folder 69:2: 1989
- box-folder 69:3: 1990-1993

Production

- box-folder 68:6-7: Video recording of performance 1990

  Physical Description: VHS videocassettes

- box-folder 69:4: Program from performance; grant proposal; leaflets 1988-1989
- box-folder 69:5: Typed scripts (4), some annotated approximately 1988-1989
- box-folder 69:7: Original art and designs (1 of 2) 1989

  Physical Description: Includes sleeve with character hairstyles: 17 small sheets.

- box-folder 69:8: Original art and designs (2 of 2) 1989
- box-folder 69:9: Clippings of reviews 1989
- box-folder 69:10: Publicity fliers; leaflets; storyboard of video which used in play 1989
- box-folder 69:11: Photographs and images from performance 1989


- box-folder 69:12: Theater contract; background proposal 1989-1990
box-folder 69:13  Cast lists; publicity fliers and releases; production schedule; music scores; notes 1989-1990
box-folder 69:14  Clippings and photocopies of reviews 1989-1990
box-folder 69:15  Photographic negatives of performance, personal life approximately 1989-1990
box-folder 69:16  Typed script, master copy 10 December 1990
box-folder 70:1  Video recording of performance at Highways theater, Santa Monica 30 March 1990
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
box-folder 70:2  Video recording of other works by Yamashita, used for grant proposal 1989
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette; includes recording of Kusei performance
box-folder 70:3  Video recording of performance, for grant funding agency 1990
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
box-folder 70:4-6  Audio recording of interview with Yamashita, from Crossroads radio show, copies 1-3, 1990
  Physical Description: 3 audio cassettes
box-folder 70:7  Audio recording of closing segment to interview with Yamashita, from Crossroads radio show 1990
  Physical Description: Audio cassette
box-folder 70:8  Audio recording of interview with actor Keone Young 1989
  Physical Description: Audio cassette
box-folder 71:1  Slide album 1990s
  Scope and Contents
  Possibly includes slides from other plays and personal life
box 72  Kimono: outer costume of titular character, with paper cranes circa 1988
  Physical Description: Textile clothing
box 73  Kimono: inner robe of titular character circa 1988
  Physical Description: Textile clothing

Research
box-folder 71:2-3  Articles, clippings, notes 1984-1990

Subseries 3.7: GILAwrecks, aka Godzilla Comes to Little Tokyo 1985-1993
  Physical Description: 3 boxes
  Physical Description: 0.02 GB(3 digital files)

Correspondence
box-folder 74:1  1990-1991
box-folder 74:2  1992-1993

Production
box-folder 70:9  Video recording of script reading 22 October 1991
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
box-folder 70:10  Video recording of performance, tape I, 30 May 1992
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Subseries 3.7: GiLAwrecks, aka Godzilla Comes to Little Tokyo 1985-1993

- **box-folder 70:11**: Video recording of performance, tape II, 30 May 1992
  - Physical Description: VHS videocassette

- **box-folder 70:12**: Audio recording of movie tracks circa 1992
  - Physical Description: Audio cassette

- **box-folder 70:13**: Audio recording of composite tracks circa 1992
  - Physical Description: Audio cassette

- **box-folder 70:19**: Audio recording: "Alan Furutani Demo" circa 1992
  - Physical Description: Audio cassette

- **box-folder 74:3**: Typed script 29 November 1989
- **box-folder 74:4**: Typed script 1989
- **box-folder 74:5**: Copyright registration 1990
- **box-folder 74:6**: Typed script 30 October 1991
- **box-folder 74:7**: Typed script 3 September 1992
- **box-folder 74:8**: Cast list and biographies, schedules, play synopsis 1992
- **box-folder 74:9**: Clippings of reviews and mentions 1992
- **box-folder 74:10**: Program, fliers, photocopied images from performance 1992
- **box-folder 74:11**: Sheet music of entire score; program from performance 1992

  **Scope and Contents**
  - Possibly missing 1-2 pages of sheet music.

- **box-folder 74:12**: Typed script 18 May 1992
- **box-folder 74:13**: Photographs subseries3.7_Digital_Files 2011

  - Physical Description: .02 GB (3 digital files)
  - Conditions Governing Access
    - Digital files are available in the UCSC Special Collections and Archives reading room. Some files require reformattting before they can be accessed. Technical limitations may hinder the Library's ability to provide access to some digital files. Contact Special Collections and Archives in advance to request access to digital files.

  **Processing Information**
  - Original carrier was retained and is stored in box 74.

- **box-folder 84:7**: "Godzilla Comes to Little Tokyo" performance posters (2) 1992

**Research**

- **box-folder 74:14**: Notes and clippings 1985-1992
- **box-folder 74:16**: Clippings 1991-1992

**Subseries 3.8: Kusei: An Endangered Species 1985-1993**

- **box-folder 70:14**: Production: Video recording of production, copy 1, 1986
  - Physical Description: VHS videocassette

- **box-folder 70:15**: Production: Video recording of production, copy 2, 1986-1989
  - Physical Description: VHS videocassette

- **box-folder 75:1**: Correspondence 1987
- **box-folder 75:2**: Production: Photocopies (2) of typed script, with annotations and sketches of scenes circa 1986

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Series 3: Dramatic Works 1978-2013
Subseries 3.8: Kusei: An Endangered Species 1985-1993

- **box-folder 75:3**  
  Production: Typed script, with annotations circa 1986
  Production: Clipping and fliers 1987

- **box-folder 75:4**  
  Production: Typing script, with annotations circa 1986

**Subseries 3.9: Tokyo Carmen vs. L.A. Carmen 1989-1990s**

- **box-folder 75:5**  
  Correspondence 1990

- **box-folder 75:6**  
  Production: Typed script, with annotations and list of settings circa 1990

- **box-folder 75:7**  
  Production: Typed script, with project proposal to Taper Forum circa 1990

- **box-folder 75:8**  
  Production: Typed script of Taper Forum performance, June 1990

- **box-folder 75:9**  
  Production: Performance photographs, images, fliers 1990
  Physical Description: Includes sleeve of 4x6” photographic prints. Total 16.

- **box-folder 75:10**  
  Production: Calendars, budget, stage map, notes 1990

- **box-folder 75:11**  
  Production: Clippings of reviews 1990

- **box-folder 75:12**  
  Production: Articles, clippings, notes 1989-1991

- **box 76**  
  Production: Painted drawings on transparencies early 1990s

**Subseries 3.10: Rock Candy 1986-1991**

- **box-folder 70:16**  
  Production: Audio recording: “Rock Candy Hits” circa 1987
  Physical Description: Audio cassette

- **box-folder 70:17**  
  Production: Audio recording: “Piano Sketches” circa 1987
  Physical Description: Audio cassette

- **box-folder 75:13**  
  Correspondence 1987-1989

- **box-folder 75:14**  
  Production: Excerpts from script circa 1987

- **box-folder 75:15**  
  Production: Typed script circa 1987

- **box-folder 75:16**  
  Production: Typed script; copyright registration 1988

- **box-folder 75:17**  
  Research: Clippings, articles, and fliers 1986-1991

**Subseries 3.11: Noh Bozos 1990-1994**

- **box-folder 77:2**  
  Correspondence 1990-1992

- **box-folder 77:3**  
  Correspondence 1993-1994

- **box-folder 70:18**  
  Production
  Physical Description: Audio cassette

- **box-folder 77:1**  
  Slides 1993
  Physical Description: Housed in small slides box. Total: 18 slides.

- **box-folder 77:4**  
  Financial reports and actor contracts 1992-1993

- **box-folder 77:5**  
  Final report, grant contract for Los Angeles Cultural Affairs 1992-1993

- **box-folder 77:6**  
  Design sketches and paper props 1992-1993

- **box-folder 77:7**  
  Participant materials from Los Angeles Cultural Affairs grant program 1992-1993

- **box-folder 78:1**  
  Clippings of write-ups and reviews 1993
Photographs of performance 1993


Scope and Contents
Photographic prints likely taken by Marla [Maria?] Mathews Gonzales.

Paper props 1993

Fliers and leaflets 1993

Set and prop designs; calendar 1993

Sheet music (2) for "California Roll" song 1993

Typed script 10 June 1993

Photographic negatives of performance, backstage circa 1993

Scope and Contents
Possibly images from the 1996 production as well.

Typed script, 8 June 1994

Video recording of: Dress rehearsal, copy 1, 24 August 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Video recording of: Dress rehearsal, copy 2, 24 August 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Video recording of: Performance, copy 1, 27 August 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Video recording of: Performance, copy 2, 27 August 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Video recording of: Performance, copy 3, 27 August 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Video recording of: Performance 28 August 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Video recording of: Opening, Noh Bozos logo 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: Tape 1, scenes from Gardena, Torrance; Keone 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Scope and Contents
Master, raw footage.

Video recording of: Tape 2, scenes from Gardena, Source, Keone cereal commercial 1993

Physical Description: VHS videocassette

Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.
Video recording of: Tape 3, East LA, Keone: Opening 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: "Act I, Master, Gardena, karaoke" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Master, raw footage.

Video recording of: "Act I, Gardena, Loop for show" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: "Act II, East LA master, The Bad Rap; Act IX Transformer Sushi, (show), 20 sec past" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: "Act II, East LA, Freeways, etc., (show)" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: "Act IV: Fly By Chopsticks, (Kung Fu), For Show" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: "Act VI: God's Gift, (shopping flexing), For Show" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Master, raw footage.

Video recording of: "Act VIII, Scenes from past, Moyashi Maru, (show)" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.

Video recording of: "Act VIII, Master: 1) Kung Fu, 2) Hunks, 3) Scenes from past, Mr. Tsuru (Master), (Show), (9 to 5)" 1993
Physical Description: VHS videocassette
Scope and Contents
Projected during performance.
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box-folder 80:10  Video recording of: "Act X, Karoke" [sic] 1993
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
  Scope and Contents
  Projected during performance.

  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
  Scope and Contents
  Master, raw footage.

box-folder 80:12  Video recording of: "The Deming of America" 1992
  Physical Description: VHS videocassette
  Scope and Contents
  Master.

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box-folder 78:10  Clippings, fliers, ephemera 1991-1993

  Physical Description: 1 box

box-folder 81:1  Production: Typed script, with annotations circa 2008
box-folder 81:2-5  Research: Clippings and articles 1996-2013
box-folder 81:6  Research: Articles 2002-2008

Subseries 3.13: Siamese Twins and Mongoloids: Three Abstractions on Asian America 2012
  Physical Description: 1 box

box-folder 81:7  Typed script 7 August 2012

Subseries 3.14: Jan Ken Pon: A Dance Performance Idea 2012
  Physical Description: 1 box

box-folder 81:8  Draft printout of slide presentation and drawings, annotated circa 2012

Series 4: Other Writings 1970s-2012

  Physical Description: 2 boxes
  Physical Description: 0.054 GB(103 digital files)
  Scope and Content
  This series consists of materials primarily related to Yamashita’s short stories, including "The Orange" (1991) and "In a Family Way" (1989). This series mainly contains typed manuscripts, including an unpublished short story anthology, as well as original and photocopied magazine runs of various short stories, as well as some critical writings on her. Also included are correspondence on the short stories, author agreements, and copyright documents.

box-folder 82:1  Typed short story, "WINTER by Rose circa 1970s-1980s
  Scope and Contents
  Also known as, "Cal Rose in Minnesota".

box-folder 82:2  Correspondence 1985-1996
box-folder 82:3  Typed manuscripts (3) of "Siamese Twins & Mongoloids"; some annotation approximately 1994

Scope and Contents
This piece of writing is separate from the performance piece of the same title.

box-folder 82:4  Typed "Yuri Kochiyama" article manuscript (2), annotated; correspondence 1997-1998

Physical Description: Includes correspondence with Kochiyama and photographic prints of Kochiyama at home by Yamashita. Total prints: 2.

box-folder 82:5  Research on Kochiyama 1997-1998
box-folder 82:6  Photocopies of articles by Yamashita 1975-2006
box-folder 82:7  Typed short story, "What's Fiction Got to Do With It?" 1993
box-folder 82:8  Typed manuscript of short story, "Asaka-No-Miya"; copyright registration; related clipping 1979

Scope and Contents
This piece of writing is separate from the performance piece of the same title.

box-folder 82:9  Typed manuscript of "In A Family Way"; copyright registrations (4) 1987-1989
box-folder 82:10 Typed master manuscript of "In A Family Way" 1989
box-folder 82:12 Los Angeles Times Magazine (2) issues with "The Orange" short story 1991
box-folder 82:13 Encyclopedia article for Sandra Buckley 1998-1999
box-folder 82:14 Research, correspondence on "Borges & I" (1 of 2) 2009-2010

box-folder 83:1  Typed manuscript of unpublished short story anthology 2010s
box-folder 83:2  Typed manuscript of "I, Kitty" early 2000s
box-folder 83:3  Correspondence, leaflets on Amerasia Journal 1994-2000
box-folder 83:4  Typed manuscript of "Writing and Memory of the Japanese Diaspora in Brazil" article; correspondence 2000-2012
box-folder 83:5  Typed manuscript, photocopy of "Deluxe Bread Machine" 2001
box-folder 83:6  Proofs of "A Gentlemen's Agreement" essay (2) 2006
box-folder 83:7  Typed manuscript of "Other Americans: A Story for Rachel and Young" undated
box-folder 83:8  Writings in publications 1990s-2000s

Digital files Series4_Digital_Files 2001-2007

Physical Description: .054 GB(103 digital files)

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Scope and Contents
Files on a variety of Yamashita's other writings, including A Gentlemen's Agreement .

Processing Information
These files were originally stored on 7 CDs, which also contained files related to Yamashita's book, I Hotel, as well as teaching-related files. As such, many of these disks were labeled "I Hotel etc" but contained a mixture of content related to Yamashita's writing and teaching career. Digital files related to publications excluding I Hotel were transferred from these disks and arranged together at the end of Series 4: Other Writings. Files remain in original order within each CD. The original CDs are stored in box 60.

Additional Collection Guide
For a complete inventory of files, see Series 4: Other Writings Digital Files directory.
Box 1-2


Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet(2 boxes)

Scope and Contents

Box 1: Under the Mountain and other stories Nine Months Cal Rose Short series Misc. old stories Magazines- Asian etc. Janganda In Brazil the Earth is Red and others The Frog and the Bird Childrens Rhinoceros Translations Imposto de Renda Gardena series Aramasa Taku photo book Interviews Afro-Hispanic Review Streetside Stories Think Tank James Kodani Pure by Origin Gagaku Laura Uba Zones X-ings Lust Secretary

Box 2: Eight 3.5-inch floppy disks containing files related to Tropic of Orange and other works, two Zip disks containing Powerpoint presentations and writings, one cassette tape of music used with presentations.

Conditions Governing Access

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Box 1-2

**Accession 2016.005: Karen Tei Yamashita unprocessed additional papers circa 1990s-2000s**

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet(2 cartons, 1 framed item)

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Scope and Contents

Correspondence, fliers, poster, conference programs, awards, ten floppy disks containing writings, two CDs containing files related to *Godzilla Comes to Life Today* and other audio.

Physical Description: 16 Linear Feet (13 boxes)

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Contents

Contains publications in which Yamashita's work was published (journals, compilations, translations of her books), publications about her and her work, information on her reading engagements (planning docs, correspondence, read material), review materials, correspondence; Yamashita family letters and photo albums (1900-1970s); five CDs and one thumb drive containing presentations, lectures, and files related to Yamashita's book Letters to Memory.

Box 1

Accession 2017.032: Karen Tei Yamashita unprocessed additional papers

Physical Description: .5 Linear Feet (1 box)

Conditions Governing Access

This addition has not been processed but is open for research. Audiovisual media is unavailable until reformatted. Contact Special Collections in advance for information regarding access.

Scope and Contents

Cassette tapes that contain background music to her performances and interviews for Brazil-Maru and other publications.