David Akin Audiorecordings

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Title: David Akin Audiorecordings
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Abstract: The audiorecordings of David Akin, an American anthropologist specializing in Kwaio culture of the Solomon Islands, includes cassette audio recordings, largely in the Kwaio language or Pidgin English, with a typescript index. The collection also includes two annotated photocopies of Roger Keesing's Kwaio Dictionary with notes and additional words supplied by Akin.

Biography
David Wallace Akin received his Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii in 1993. His doctoral thesis, Negotiating Culture in East Kwaio, Malaita, Solomon Islands, analyzed the social life and customs in the Solomon Islands, and was based on Akin's extensive research of the Kwaio people. Much of Akin's knowledge about the Solomon Islands came from his time spent with the Kwaio, where he spent 5 years volunteering at the Kwaio Cultural Center, as well as from his correspondence with anthropologist Roger Keesing.
Akin has published numerous articles about the society and culture of the Solomon Islands, including: Local and foreign spirits in Kwaio, Solomon Islands (1996); Cash and shell money in Kwaio (1999); and Concealment, confession and innovation in Kwaio women's taboos (2003).

Scope and Content of Collection
The David Akin Audiorecordings reflect Akin's extensive research of the Solomon Islands. The collection includes 207 audio recordings containing information about the Kwaio people; two photocopies of Roger Keesing's Kwaio Dictionary with annotations from Akin; two papers written by Akin about the Kwaio culture; and transcripts of selected cassettes from the collection.

The collection is arranged in four series: 1) WRITINGS BY AKIN; 2) KWAIO DICTIONARY; 3) TRANSCRIPTIONS OF SELECTED RECORDINGS; and 4) AUDIORECORDINGS.

SERIES 1: WRITINGS BY AKIN:
The first series in the collection, WRITINGS BY AKIN, contains two articles written by Akin in the early-1980s about cultural aspects of the Solomon Islands. This series also contains a videotape index written by Akin that was filmed in 1982 and 1983 in the Kwaio language. This videotape index contains information about scenes from the Kwaio culture, including musical performances and a ceremony. This series is arranged in alphabetical order.

SERIES 2: KWAIO DICTIONARY
The KWAIO DICTIONARY series includes two photocopies of the Kwaio Dictionary, written by Roger M. Keesing. The two copies contain notes, dated 1979 through 1983 and 1988 through 1997, written by Akin regarding Kwaio vocabulary and grammar.

SERIES 3: TRANSCRIPTIONS OF SELECTED RECORDINGS
The third series, TRANSCRIPTIONS OF SELECTED RECORDINGS, contains notes and transcriptions made by Akin from selected cassettes in the collection. The majority of these transcriptions are in the Kwaio language and contain interviews with people from the Kwaio community. The series is arranged in numerical order according to tape number.

SERIES 4: AUDIORECORDINGS
The final series of the collection, AUDIORECORDINGS, is made up of 207 audio recordings made by Akin in the 1980s and 1990s. Even though the audio recordings are numbered 1 through 308, Akin only included 207 cassette tapes with the collection. The majority of the audio recordings are in the Kwaio language.
This series also contains a cassette index, which lists the titles and dates for each cassette in the collection. This series is arranged in numerical order according to tape number.

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Kwaio language -- Texts
Kwaio (Melanesian people) -- Social life and customs
Ethnology -- Solomon Islands
Solomon Islands
Pidgin English -- Solomon Islands -- Texts
Akin, David, 1955- -- Archives

WRITINGS BY AKIN

Box 1, Folder 1  Akin, D. *Kwaio Fou’atoleeleo* (1982)
Box 1, Folder 2  Akin, D. *Statement of Interest of ASAO Conference Working Session - Emerging Legal Systems in Pacific Societies* 1984
Box 1, Folder 3  Videotape Index - Kwaio 1982-1983

KWAIO DICTIONARY

Box 1, Folder 4  *Kwaio Dictionary: (A - L)* By R. M. Keesing. Photocopy of the dictionary annotated by David Akin ca. 1979-1983
Box 1, Folder 5  *Kwaio Dictionary: (M - Z)* By R. M. Keesing. Photocopy of the dictionary annotated by David Akin ca. 1979-1983
Box 1, Folder 8  *Kwaio Dictionary* - Photocopy of words added by Akin

TRANSCRIPTIONS OF SELECTED RECORDINGS

Box 1, Folder 9  Tape 35, Saetana, Bita - *The origins of shell money in Kwaio* 1982
Box 1, Folder 10 Tape 46, Ma’aanamae - Mae Suria Ogo 1982
Box 1, Folder 11 Tape 47-48, Ma’aanamae - Mae Suria Waawane 1982
Box 1, Folder 12 Tape 49, Basiberi - Mae Suria Surunga 1982-1983
Box 1, Folder 13 Tape 49, Basiberi - Mae Ta’a i Asi Agea 1982-1983
Box 1, Folder 14 Tape 49, Basiberi - Siisifonga i Suna Gasusu ma Wane 1982
Box 1, Folder 15 Tapes 111, 113, 115-116, List of Characters in Ai’imbe told by Maenaa’adi 1982
Box 1, Folder 16 Tape 137, Suufiomea - Ancestress La’aka 1983
Box 1, Folder 17 Tape 137, Suufiomea - Notofanabata killing 1983
Box 1, Folder 18 Tape 137, Suufiomea - Osibiru 1983
Box 1, Folder 19 Tape 137, Suufiomea - Ri’omalakwa 1983
Box 1, Folder 20 Tape 137, Suufiomea - Siisifonga i suria adalo dalafa ma fee’ota
Box 1, Folder 21 Tape 137, Suufiomea - Onoto’i 1983
Box 1, Folder 22 Tapes 137-281, Suufiomea - Siisifonga i suria Adalo Foulo ma Banibani 1983

AUDIORECORDINGS

Conditions Governing Access

Restrictions
Cassettes 38, 60, 70B, 148, 160, 257, 271, and 289 are restricted by the donor.

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