Descriptive Summary

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Title: Lola Romanucci-Ross Papers

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Abstract: Papers of Lola Romanucci-Ross, cultural anthropologist and professor in both UC San Diego's Department of Anthropology and the School of Medicine's Department of Family and Preventative Medicine.

Scope and Content of Collection

Papers of Lola Romanucci-Ross, cultural anthropologist and professor in both UC San Diego's Department of Anthropology and the School of Medicine's Department of Family and Preventative Medicine. The collection contains correspondence; field notes and diary accounts from her research in Mexico, Papua New Guinea, and Italy; research and lecture notes; drafts of writings; and audiovisual materials including sound recordings and a small selection of films made by her former husband, anthropologist Ted Schwartz. Arranged in five series: 1) CORRESPONDENCE, 2) FIELDWORK, 3) PROFESSIONAL PAPERS, 4) SOUND RECORDINGS and 5) MOVING IMAGES.

Biography

Lola Romanucci-Ross was born in Hershey, Pennsylvania to first-generation Italian immigrants. She received her bachelor degree at Ohio University, her M.A. from the University of Minnesota, and earned her doctoral degree from Indiana University in 1963. She then traveled to France for post-doctoral research with renowned anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss at l'Ecole des Hautes Études. She studied medical, social and cultural anthropology.

In 1958 she and her then-husband Theodore "Ted" Schwartz began a three-year fieldwork research project focused on a psycho-cultural study of the Mexican village of Chiconcuac, (now Chiconcuac de Juárez), working under German philosopher Erich Fromm with the Mexican National University.

In 1963 the Schwartzes set out for a three-year expedition funded by the National Institute of Mental Health to study the Manus people of the Admiralty Islands, Papua New Guinea. The study, which they called the New Guinea Admiralty Island Expedition (NGAI), lasted from 1963-1966. She accompanied Ted Schwartz for the first two years and he continued on for the third year. This expedition was also part of a Ted Schwartz's longitudinal study of the Manus people which spanned several decades. It was there that the Schwartzes developed a life-long friendship and professional relationship with anthropologist Margaret Mead. During the study, they were based primarily in Pere but also other villages including Sori and Mokerang for six months each, as well as Lorengau.

In 1969, Romanucci-Ross joined the UC San Diego faculty shortly after the conception of the School of Medicine and was at the forefront of incorporating social sciences in the training of medical students and was instrumental in developing a new core curriculum called Social and Behavioral Sciences.

She returned to the hometown of her parents, Ascoli Piceno, Italy in 1970 to conduct a longitudinal cultural study of medical and psychological anthropology, which continued for over two decades.

In 1972 she married her third husband John Ross, Jr., a cardiologist and professor of medicine at UC San Diego. As longstanding supporters of higher education, they share the UC San Diego School of Medicine Lola Romanucci-Ross and John Ross, Jr. Award in Medical Anthropology, and the John and Lola Ross Award in Sciences and Culture of Medicine.

Throughout her long career, Romanucci-Ross published over 77 professional papers, as well as several books based on her field research. Her ethnography, Conflict, Violence and Morality in a Mexican Village, was first published in 1973 about her study in the rural community of Chiconcuac, Mexico. Mead's Other Manu: Phenomenology of the Encounter (1985), emerged from the work she conducted in Papua New Guinea and from her close association with Margaret Mead. When Law and Medicine Meet: A Cultural View, was co-authored with her cousin, lawyer and psychiatrist Laurence Tancredi as part of the International Library of Ethics, Law, and the New Medicine series. Romanucci-Ross collaborated with Tancredi as well as Daniel Moerman, editing The Anthropology of Medicine: From Culture to Medicine; she co-edited along with George DeVos Ethnic Identity: Creation, Conflict and Accommodation (1995) to which she contributed the essay "Matrices of an Italian Identity," from her field study in Ascoli Piceno, and her book One Hundred Towers: An Italian Odyssey of Cultural Survival.
(1991) was the culmination of her two decades long study there. *To Love the Stranger: The Making of An Anthropologist* (2012) was her last major published work. It draws on both her personal and professional insights from a life in the field and describes from her perspective what it means to be an anthropologist.

Romanucci-Ross was a member or fellow of several professional organizations including the American Anthropological Association, the Society for Health and Human Values, the Society for Medical Anthropology, the Southwestern Anthropological Association, the Society for Psychological Anthropology, the Society for Cultural Anthropology, and the Society for Anthropology of Europe.

She died on April 29, 2017 at the age of 93.

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Ethnology -- Research -- Mexico

Ethnology -- Research -- Italy

Ethnology -- Papua New Guinea

Romanucci-Ross, Lola -- Archives

Schwartz, Theodore

Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978

Fromm, Erich, 1900-1980

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Scope and Content of Series**

Series 1) CORRESPONDENCE: Includes a small collection of professional and personal correspondence. Of particular note are the exchanges between Margaret Mead, Ted Schwartz and Lola (then) Romanucci Schwartz during their field expeditions.

- **Box 1, Folder 1**  
  Australian National University 1968

- **Box 1, Folder 2**  
  Barbican, Guy 1992

- **Box 1, Folder 3**  
  Freeman, Derek 1983-1984

- **Box 1, Folder 4**  
  Fromm, Erich (advisor for Chiconcuac expedition) 1964

- **Box 1, Folder 5**  
  Manus correspondence - From Papuan friends to Romanucci-Ross 1968-1970

- **Box 1, Folder 6**  
  Mead, Margaret 1953-1977

  General note
  Letters and holiday cards from Mead to the Schwartzs.

- **Box 1, Folder 7**  
  Métraux, Rhoda 1981

  General note
  Regarding Margaret Mead and Papua New Guinea expeditions.
### Professional correspondence 1965-1985

**General note**

Various letters regarding Romanucci-Ross's publications, professorship and other professional endeavors. Also includes some correspondence to or from Ted Schwartz.

### Riesman, David to Ted Schwartz 1965-1969

**Schwartz, Ted to son Adán 1981**

### FIELDWORK

**Scope and Content of Series**

Series 2) FIELDWORK: Arranged in three subseries by location/expedition: A) Mexico, B) Papua New Guinea, and C) Italy.

A) Mexico: Materials related to Lola Romanucci and Ted Schwartz's fieldwork research in Chiconcuac, rural Mexico, conducted under the guidance of German philosopher Erich Fromm in 1958. Included are the project proposals for the study, field notes and journals, transcripts from interviews conducted during the expedition, photographs, and materials relating to Romanucci-Ross's book, *Conflict, Violence and Morality in a Mexican Village*. Arranged alphabetically. Dates of materials are primarily from 1958 to 1961.

B) Papua New Guinea: Includes Lola and Ted Schwartz's field notes from their three-year expedition funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, running notes (diary accounts and commentary on daily life), photographs and slides, maps, and village kinship and linguistics notes. Also included are collected materials relating to Margaret Mead, who oversaw their fieldwork. These materials date primarily from 1963-1969 with some further writings that resulted from the study.


### Mexico

- **Box 1, Folder 11**: Aztec and Mayan gods - Notes by Debbie Schwartz on the Codex Borgia
- **Box 1, Folder 12**: Census - Statistics and land use
- **Box 1, Folder 13**: Chiconcuac - Ted Schwartz's notes on Lola's interview of Dona Makrina
- **Box 1, Folder 14**: Chiconcuac list of names
- **Box 1, Folder 15**: Chiconcuac miscellaneous notes
- **Box 1, Folder 16**: Chiconcuac proposal for Erich Fromm
- **Box 1, Folder 17-18**: *Conflict, Violence and Morality in a Mexican Village*
  **General note**
  
  Mock-up of photographs used in book (based on Chiconcuac fieldwork), book reviews, and correspondence relating to publication.

- **Box 1, Folder 19**: Fromm, Erich and Annis - Photographs
- **Box 1, Folder 20-21**: Interviews - Notes and transcripts by Romanucci-Ross and Ted Schwartz
- **Box 1, Folder 22**: Land use notes with summary by Ted Schwartz
- **Box 1, Folder 23**: Mexican song lyrics
- **Box 2, Folder 1-3**: Running notes - Mexico journal of Romanucci-Ross's daily observations 1958-1959
- **Box 2, Folder 4-6**: Photographs of Chiconcuac, Mexico - Loose prints and portraits 1958-1961
- **Box 2, Folder 7**: Photograph album of Chiconcuac, Mexico 1958-1961
- **Box 2, Folder 8-9**: Negatives and slides 1958-1974

### Papua New Guinea

- **Box 3, Folder 1**: Admiralty Island court cases from Pere Village and Papitalai Mission 1965-1966
- **Box 3, Folder 2-3**: Field notes - Admiralty Island Expedition (AIE) by Ted Schwartz 1953-1955
Field notes (diary)- New Guinea Admiralty Island (NGAI) Expedition by Romanucci Schwartz and Ted Schwartz 1963-1964

Field notes - New Guinea Admiralty Island (NGAI) Expedition, books #17-19, #20 and #23 1966

Field notes - English summary of tapes on myth 1953-1964

Kinship and social organization notes

Land dispute in Mokerang, a Matankor village of the Admiralties: The uses of historic and mythic styles. Typescript article by Romanucci-Ross

Manus photographs 1963-1969

Includes Sori photographs, Mokerang photographs, human/body injuries, portraits of Paliau Maloat, and photographs of family and friends.

Manus negatives 1963-1969

Manus slides 1964-1980

Maps - New Guinea Admiralty Islands

The Manus of the Admiralty Islands. Draft article by Margaret Mead 1966

Mead, Margaret - Institute for Intercultural Studies keepsake 1979

Includes reprint of the biographical article in Encyclopedia of Social Sciences and letter from Mary Catherine Bateson.

Mead, Margaret - Obituaries and memorial remembrances

Mead, Margaret - Photographs undated

Mead's Other Manus - Includes photographs, notes and publication correspondence 1965-1985

Mokerang linguistics - Irio and Papitalai 1964

Myths in the Admiralty Islands index card notes 1965

New Guinea Admiralty Island tape and film catalogs

Running notes - New Guinea Admiralty Island (NGAI) Expedition, from Mokerang and Pere 1964-1965

Sori notes - New Guinea Admiralty Island (NGAI) Expedition 1964

T.I.A. Council newsletter 1968 October 25

In Papua New Guinea Pidgin English.

Ascoli Piceno - Archival resources

Ascoli Piceno - Historical background

Ascoli Piceno - Notes and research

Courts, law and litigation

Death, homicide, suicide, and funerals - Topical notes

Field research notes

Includes study design and Ascoli Piceno background.

Field notebooks 1977-1988

Folk music and medicine

Illness in Ascoli Piceno

Italian-American stereotypes - Mafia, brigands research

Italian ethnic identity paper, notes

Italy notes and research
FIELDWORK

Italy

Box 7, Folder 2

**Italy photographs - Ascoli Piceno 1980-1983**

General note

Includes photographs of a cemetery, town hall, a wedding, and children playing.

Box 7, Folder 3

**Italy photographs and negatives - Ascoli Piceno and Pedona 1981-1982**

Box 7, Folder 4

**Italy photographs and negatives - Miscellaneous 1971-1987**

General

Includes Alfonso Palunko negatives.

Box 7, Folder 5

**Italy photographs for One Hundred Towers: An Italian Odyssey of Cultural Survival, with correspondence and description 1971-1987**

Box 7, Folder 6

**Italy negatives and contact sheets 1971-1987**

Box 7, Folder 7

**Portraits of Lola Romanucci-Ross, family photographs and miscellaneous with friends**

Box 7, Folder 8

**Justice and the peace - Original text for article**

Box 7, Folder 9

**Language and dialects research**

Box 7, Folder 10

**Running notes, nickname lists, and other fieldwork research**

Box 7, Folder 11

**St. Francis of Assisi - Notes**

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

Scope and Content of Series

Series 3) PROFESSIONAL PAPERS: Arranged in three subseries: A) Conferences and Teaching, B) Writings, C) Subject and Research Files.

A) Conferences and Teaching: Includes both handwritten and typescript drafts of Romanucci-Ross's lectures, talks, class notes, seminar and conference materials related to anthropological meetings.

B) Writings: A small selection of drafts of her essays.

C) Subject and Research Files: Arranged in alphabetical order by subject. These consist primarily of Romanucci-Ross's handwritten topical notes relating to medical anthropology, ethno botany and ethnobiology, mental illness, shamanism, voodoo, and various other topics at the crossroads of psychiatry, medicine and culture.

Conferences and Teaching

Box 8, Folder 1

**American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) talk 1976**

Box 8, Folder 2

**Anthropology Colloquium with Ted Schwartz 1979**

Box 8, Folder 3

**Contemporary Issues course materials**

Box 8, Folder 4

**Contemporary Issues: Ideology, Identity and Method class lecture**

Box 8, Folder 5

**Cultural Traditions - Anthropology 134, The Cultures of Mexico syllabus 1982**

Box 8, Folder 6

**Lecture - Alienation, isolation, and loneliness: How to cope with them 1982**

Box 8, Folder 7

**Lecture - Culture and suicide**

Box 8, Folder 8

**Lecture on Sagafjord South Seas, New Zealand and Australia cruise 1974**

Box 8, Folder 9

**Lecture on surgery**

Box 8, Folder 10

**Lecture on syphilis**

Box 8, Folder 11

**Lecture to psychiatry residents**

Box 8, Folder 12

**Seminar: Medical Anthropology/Anthropology of Medicine (Anthropology 191) - Teaching materials 1988-1992**

Box 8, Folder 13

**Theory and Method in Culture and Personality talk undated**
PROFESSIONAL PAPERS
Conferences and Teaching

Box 8, Folder 14


General note

Writings

Box 8, Folder 15
Romanucci-Ross bibliography based on Harvard library catalog search results 1995

Box 8, Folder 16
An acculturation study of the American Indian in an urban situation: Minneapolis, Minnesota - Thesis outline 1954

Box 8, Folder 17
Celebrants and the celebrity: Biography as trope 1999

Box 8, Folder 18
Drinking and inebriate behavior in the Admiralty Islands, Melanesia (co-authored by Ted Schwartz) 1967-1974

Box 8, Folder 19
The impassioned cognito: Shaman and anthropologist 1989

Box 8, Folder 20
Romanucci-Ross and John Ross, Jr. Beyond bioethics undated

Subject and Research Files

Box 9, Folder 1
Argentina - Running notes and newspaper clippings

Box 9, Folder 2
Becoming an anthropologist - Thoughts and notes

Box 9, Folder 3
Bioethics

Box 9, Folder 4
Elderly and pre-psychosomatic medicine notes

Box 9, Folder 5-6
Ethnobotany

Box 9, Folder 7
Ethno-veterinary, notes on the Maasai

Box 9, Folder 8
Folk Psychiatry in Mexico

Box 9, Folder 9
Haiti - Notes on the "zombie drug," voodoo, drums and shaman

Box 9, Folder 10
Indians in Chicago

Box 9, Folder 11
Leopardi, "The Man and His Works"

Box 9, Folder 12
Madness in society

Box 9, Folder 13
Medical thought and systems

Box 9, Folder 14
Medicine and the law - Includes lecture and notes on forensic psychology

Box 9, Folder 15-16
Medicinal plants

Box 10, Folder 1
Mexico ecology and the Mayans

Box 10, Folder 2
Mexico traditions

Box 10, Folder 3
Primitive man in the wilderness

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Science and discovery

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Shamanism and history

Box 10, Folder 6
Stress - The structure of behavior

Box 10, Folder 7-8
Traditional medicine and voodoo

Box 10, Folder 9
Western medicine

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Women

SOUND RECORDINGS

Scope and Content of Series
Series 4) SOUND RECORDINGS: Include audiocassettes and reel-to-reel audio tapes of lectures, talks and interviews with experts in the field, as well as interviews and recordings conducted in Italy and Papua New Guinea. The primary format is audiocassette, unless otherwise noted.
Lectures, Conversations and Miscellaneous

Box 12, Folder 1-2  American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) 50 Years of Anthropology, A & B 1976
Box 11, Folder 1  Anthropology of Medicine, Contemporary Issues 136 final class - Reel-to-reel 1980 June 5
Box 12, Folder 3  Colloquium - George Devereux 1981 May 11
Box 12, Folder 4  Contemporary Issues - 22 Robert Bass lecture 1978
Box 12, Folder 5  Contemporary Issues, LRR class with guest lecturer 1985 March 7
Box 12, Folder 6  Dan Moerman, medical anthropology lecture on plants
Box 12, Folder 7  Dan Moerman, medical anthropology talk - UCSD lecture
Box 12, Folder 8  David Callum Anthropology lecture
Box 12, Folder 9  Faces of Healing 1978 January 24
Box 12, Folder 10  Indian community - Death of first child, puberty rites, invasion by soldiers
Box 12, Folder 11  Lecture on epidemiology 1977 February 27
Box 12, Folder 12  Margaret Mead - The Future of Man (LRR lecture at the V.A. Hospital) 1973 February 8
Box 14, Folder 10  Margaret Mead, Ted and Lola Schwartz conversation in La Jolla - Reel-to-reel 1970 June 6
Box 12, Folder 13  Mental illness notes
Box 12, Folder 14  Mental illness notes
Box 14, Folder 1  Mexico, pastorella - Reel-to-reel 1960 December 22
Box 14, Folder 2  Mexico, Leobardos - Reel-to-reel
Box 12, Folder 15  Primitive mind tape one
Box 12, Folder 16  Primitives and The Wilderness - UCSD 1973
Box 12, Folder 17  "Tarantati" - Epidemiology, Anthropology of Medicine, Lola Romanucci-Ross lecture 1977 February 22
Box 12, Folder 18  Thomas Kuhn's Structure and Michel Foucault's Archaeology, lecture

Italy

Box 13, Folder 1  Pina Celani on Ascolani (people and culture of Ascoli Picena) 1970 July 7
Box 13, Folder 2  Maria Fabiani, children singing and playing games 1970 July
Box 13, Folder 3  Judge Palumbo at cemetery with Pina 1970 August 2
Box 13, Folder 4  Dino R. - Ascoli Picena 1970 August 13
Box 13, Folder 5  Cagnucci in general Ascoli Picena dialect (side 1). The group in Pedana (side 2)
Box 13, Folder 6  Coro Alpino music
Box 13, Folder 7  Cousin Alberto, Margaret Mead, Ted Schwartz and Lola Romanucci Schwartz (side 1). Dr. Marcolini (side 2)
Box 13, Folder 8  Loriania Bernardi, Pina, Zia Pietta and songs
Box 13, Folder 9  Maria in Polesi dialect, and father Don Luigi Martin (side 1). Don Luigi on Catholicism and Protestantism in Italy (side 2)
Box 13, Folder 10  Michele and Lia
Box 13, Folder 11  Il Pecorale Maledetto, Piceno songs (side 1). Le marcbe (side 2)
Box 13, Folder 12  Pedara, Lusciana, Maria, Lola, Adan
Box 13, Folder 13  Saverio Marcucci and LRS comments and notes
Box 14, Folder 5  Italian immigrants - Reel-to-reel
Box 14, Folder 6-9  Italy - Reel-to-reel 1969

Papua New Guinea

Box 13, Folder 14  RAI (return to Admiralty Island) Expedition N-2, Pere notes - Kinship, drowning, event structure, notes and J. Matawai 1967 July 9-15
Box 13, Folder 15  RAI Expedition N-4, Fight in Patusi, also includes John Kilepak, informant 1967 July 25-28
Box 13, Folder 16  RAI Expedition N-5, continues John Kilepak, also Paliau and Pangu Party, medical, kinship and myths 1967 July 28- August 3
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