Finding aid for the Greater Los Angeles Association for the Study of Community Organization records 0446

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Scope and Content
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Historical note
The Los Angeles Association for the Study of Community Organization was an interdisciplinary professional society of people in the Greater Los Angeles area with a commonality of interests in the process and dynamics of community organization. In 1946, a group of social workers at the national level established an association aimed at studying community organization processes and procedures, and sent invitations to local Welfare Councils across the country to develop these study groups in their areas. The Los Angeles chapter gained initial national recognition with one of its first studies, on the role of recording in community organization. While its initial membership was composed almost exclusively of professional social workers, membership eventually expanded to include groups and individuals without professional involvement in social work but who work in the area of community organization.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Greater Los Angeles Association for the Study of Community Organization. -- Archives
Agendas (administrative records)
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Correspondence
Memorandums
Minutes
Newsletters
Programs
Box 1, Folder 1  **Records 1960-1987**  
**Scope and Content**  
Meeting announcements; membership application form; ASCO board meeting minutes; committee reports; correspondence; forms and papers re ASCO miscellany; attendance and membership records; ASCO “Consultant Corps” meeting minutes, report, and statement of philosophy; annual meeting reservation form; membership application forms; LA County Probation Department reports re gangs.

Box 1, Folder 2  **Records 1948-1986**  
**Scope and Content**  
ASCO membership meeting minutes; ASCO meeting agenda; LA chapter and national ASCO membership application form; Los Angeles ASCO report re recording in community organization social work; chapter statement of purpose and history; George M. Nishinaka speech at LA chapter of ASCO annual dinner; National ASCO publication re community organization bibliography.

Box 1, Folder 3  **Records 1948-1960**  
**Scope and Content**  
ASCO meeting agendas and minutes, including drought drafts; memoranda re ASCO program planning committee; ASCO sub-committee report; membership questionnaire, application form; luncheon flyer; rough draft of ASCO statement re community organization; ASCO national newsletter; magazine excerpt; speech for California Federation of Women’s Clubs and Department of Community Services, County of Los Angeles.

Box 1, Folder 4  **Records 1956-1986**  
**Scope and Content**  
ASCO promotional brochure; George Nishinaka speech for ASCO annual dinner (see also folder 2); historical essay on Los Angeles ASCO chapter (see also folder 2); ASCO committee membership lists; meeting announcement, one with list of coordinating council field area assignments; notes on meetings (for meeting minutes?); meeting minutes; sign-in sheets for meetings; meeting records.