Guide to the Frank Livingstone papers, circa 1948-1990s

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<td>Summary:</td>
<td>Frank B. Livingstone (1928-2005) was an anthropologist who conducted fieldwork in Liberia, studying the correlation between malaria and sickle cell anemia. This collection contains files relating to his research in Liberia on malaria and sickle cell anemia; correspondence; a photo of Livingstone; his 1950 application for temporary field work on the Missouri River Basin Survey; reprints and articles by others; a miscellany of materials pertaining to University of Michigan's Anthropology Department; and some conference materials.</td>
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Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Frank Livingstone were donated to the National Anthropological Archives by his widow, Amy Livingstone.

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Biographical Note

Frank B. Livingstone was born on December 8, 1928 in Winchester, Massachusetts. He obtained his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Harvard University (1950) and his Ph.D. in anthropology from University of Michigan in 1957. In 1959, he joined the faculty of University of Michigan's Anthropology Department, retiring in 1998. Livinstone conducted fieldwork in Liberia, studying the correlation between malaria and sickle cell anemia; in recognition of his research, he received the Martin Luther King Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. His publications include Abnormal Hemoglobin in Human Populations (1967), "On the Non-existence of Human Races" (1962), "Did Australopithecines
Sing" (1973), and "What Happened to the Universality of the Incest Taboo" (1991). The American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) awarded Livingstone the Charles R. Darwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1999. In 2002, a symposium was held in his honor at AAPA's annual meeting. He passed away on March 21, 2005.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of Frank Livingstone's bibliographic research and field notes from Liberia on malaria and sickle cell anemia; correspondence, which include his Harvard grade transcript; typescript drafts by Livingstone on sickle cells and human evolution; a photograph of Livingstone as a young man (standing on right) working at an excavation site; his 1950 application for temporary field work on the Missouri River Basin Survey; reprints and articles by others; a miscellany of materials pertaining to University of Michigan's Anthropology Department, including a 4-page typescript "[Michigan] Department of Anthropology, 1940-1975"; and some conference materials.

Arrangement

Folders are arranged in the following order: 1) Correspondence, 1948-1962, 1993; 2) Field Journals (4 folders); 3) Typescript drafts; 4) Reprints, articles, & brochure; 5) University of Michigan; 6) Conferences and seminar; 7) River Basin Survey application and excavation photo; 8) Fortran printouts.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Excavations (Archaeology)
- Genetics
- Human evolution
- Malaria
- Physical anthropology
- Sickle cell anemia

Types of Materials:
- Correspondence
- Field notes
- Manuscripts
- Photographs

Names:
- River Basin Surveys
- University of Michigan. Department of Anthropology

Geographic Names:
- Liberia