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## Guide to the Frederick Erickson Communication Research collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Human Studies Film Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Frederick Erickson Communication Research collection
<b>Date:</b>	1965-1996
<b>Identifier:</b>	HSFA.2011.18
<b>Extent:</b>	50 Linear feet 280 Film reels (includes picture and sound elements; 16mm) 174 Video recordings (includes open-reels and cassettes; 1/2 inch) 177 Sound recordings (1/4 inch) 5 Linear feet (3 record boxes, 6 document boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	Multiple languages .

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Frederick Erickson.

### Preferred Citation

Frederick Erickson collection, Human Studies Film Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

Original audiovisual materials in the Human Studies Film Archives cannot be played. Please contact the archives for the availability of access copies.

The videorecordings in Series 2 and 3 are restricted to protect the privacy of the student-subjects and their families who participated in the research study.

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Information on reproduction and fees available from the Human Studies Film Archives

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## Scope and Contents

The collection includes film, video, sound recordings, coded transcripts and associated paper records created and used by Frederick Erickson, Ph.D. Education, during the course of several studies using ethnographic methods to understand cultural differences in communication and learning. The largest set of motion picture film, video and sound recordings relate to a multi-year study supported by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health. The formal project title is: "Inter-Ethnic Relations in Urban Institutional Settings"(1969-1974) and known informally to the researchers as the Inter-Ethnic Communication Study Project (ICSP). Additional studies represented in the collection include "Children's Acquisition of Communication Competence in the Classroom" (1974-1975) (video recordings), "Odawa Classroom Study, Wikwemikong Reserve, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada"(1976-1977)(video recordings) and "Medical Preceptors and Interns Interaction Study, University Hospital, University of Pennsylvania"(1992-1996)(video recordings).

Also included are examples of sound recordings, transcripts and notes as well as copies of the final report for an early study entitled "Sounds of Society" conducted by Erickson while still a graduate student. Also included among the early research records are examples of ethnomusicological recordings collected by Erickson in the 1960s. Dr. Erickson retired in 2011 as George F. Kneller Professor of Anthropology of Education and Professor of Applied Linguistics at the University of California Los Angeles.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged according to the five research projects identified by Dr. Erickson with a sixth series of miscellaneous early and small research projects:

Series 1: Inter-Ethnic Communication Study Project

Series 2: Children's Acquisition of Communication Competence in the Classroom Project

Series 3: Odawa Classroom Study, Wikwemikong Reserve, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada

Series 4: Bilingual Classroom Interaction Project

Series 5: Medical Preceptors and Interns Interaction Study

Series 6: Early and Miscellaneous Research Projects

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Anthropology -- methodology
- Education -- Research
- Education, Elementary
- Ethnic relations
- Medical education

### Types of Materials:

- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Videotapes

### Places:

- Canada
- North America
- United States