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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	American Association of Physical Anthropologists records
Date:	1954-2007
Identifier:	NAA.1984-24
Creator:	American Association of Physical Anthropologists
Extent:	9.75 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The AAPA records were received in six accessions. One was found among the papers of T. Dale Stewart, which were donated to the archives in 1995, and consists of records accumulated by the secretary-treasurers J. Lawrence Angel, 1952-1956; James N. Spuhler, 1956-1958; Edward E. Hunt, 1958-1960; and Stewart, 1960-1964. The second and third accessions were donated in 1984 and 1985, respectively, by Frank Spencer. The second consists of records accumulated by Eugene Giles while he was president from 1981-1983 and the second contains the correspondence of James Gavan, who was president from 1977-1979. A fourth accession was donated by Michael Little, who was vice president, program chair, and president during 1988-1994. The fifth accession was donated by William S. Pollitzer in 1998 and a sixth accession was donated by Mark Weiss in 2006.

The National Anthropological Archives continues to receive accruals from the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Please consult with the reference archivist for more updated information regarding this collection.

Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. Please contact the archivist for further information.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Access to the American Association of Physical Anthropologists records requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Historical Note

The American Association of Physical Anthropologists is the world's leading professional organization for physical anthropologists. Established in 1930, the AAPA now has an international membership of over 1,700.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the records of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists and documents the activities of that organization and its officers. The materials comprises correspondence, calendars, programs, handbooks, financial papers, bank statements, ledgers, minutes, constitutions and by-laws, programs, requests for funding, calls for papers, manuscripts and memorandums.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Biological anthropology
Professional associations