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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Ozzie G. Simmons papers
Date:	1949-1966 1980 (bulk 1950-1953)
Identifier:	NAA.1997-10
Creator:	Simmons, Ozzie G. (Creator)
Extent:	5.25 Linear feet (Six document boxes (including one box of restricted materials), four card file boxes, and one oversize folder)
Language:	Collection contains materials in English and Spanish.
Summary:	Ozzie G. Simmons (1919--988) served as field director in Peru for the Bureau of American Ethnology's Institute of Social Anthropology (ISA) from 1949 to 1952 and as Consulting Anthropologist for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Chile. The papers in this collection mainly concern his field research on the role of alcohol in the community of Lunahuaná, Peru. The collection also contains draft manuscripts on the activities of the public health service in Lima and Chimbote, Peru, and his study of medical centers in Chile.

Administrative Information

Related Materials

Other materials related to Ozzie Gordon Simmons at the National Anthropological Archives include the Institute of Social Anthropology records and Manuscript 4623 Institute of Social Anthropology photographs.

In addition, Simmons' field notes from New Mexico and Texas during the period of 1947 to 1948 are held by [Harvard University's Peabody Museum Archives](#) .

Processing Information

When the collection was first deposited at the National Anthropological Archives, it was rehoused into archival folders and boxes. It is unclear whether the arrangement was imposed by Simmons or archival staff. In 2013, the processing archivist organized the collection into two series. The existing arrangement and folder titles were retained; titles assigned by the processing archivist have been placed within square brackets. Restricted materials were separated and replaced with notes indicating original and new locations.

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Restrictions

Some materials are restricted to protect the identity and privacy of individuals from Lunahuaná, Peru. Series 1. Peru Research contains sensitive information about the medical histories of individuals from Lunahuaná, as well as information about the victims of alleged crimes. Boxes 1 through 5, as well as some materials in Boxes 7 and 8, have been restricted until 2031-2032. One folder from Box 8 has been restricted until 2046.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Ozzie Gordon Simmons (1919--1988) was born in the Canadian city of Winnipeg to American parents. He studied sociology at Northwestern University (BA, 1941) and Harvard University (MA, 1948; PhD, 1952). Simmons' doctoral dissertation, "Anglo Americans and Mexican Americans in South Texas: A study in dominant-subordinate group relations," was based on field research he conducted in Gallup, New Mexico and San Antonio, Texas, under Clyde Kluckhohn and Talcott Parsons. Simmons also served in the Air Force during World War II.

Simmons served as field director in Peru for the Bureau of American Ethnology's Institute of Social Anthropology (ISA) from 1949 to 1952. The ISA was an autonomous unit of the Smithsonian Institution which aimed to train Latin American anthropologists. Field personnel taught and mentored students in the field, while also pursuing their own research interests in the host country. In Simmons' case, he became involved in a study on the use of alcohol in the Peruvian town of Lunahuaná. After the ISA came to an end in 1952, Simmons briefly worked in Chile for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

Simmons' later career included appointments at Harvard University, the University of Colorado Boulder, the Ford Foundation, and Fordham University's Hispanic Research Center. In 1962, Simmons received the Hofheimer Prize from the American Psychiatric Association. His research interests included Latin American culture and society, medical anthropology, the use of alcohol, social psychiatry, and population. His last book, *Perspectives on Development and Population Growth in the Third World*, was published in 1988, shortly before his death.

Ozzie Simmons passed away on November 26, 1988 at age 69 of lung cancer.

Sources Consulted

American Anthropological Association. 1989. Deaths: Ozzie Gordon Simmons. *Anthropology Newsletter* 30(1): 4.

Demb, Sarah R. 1999. Simmons, Ozzie Gordon, (1919-1988) Papers, 1947-1948: A Finding Aid. Peabody Museum Archives, Harvard University.

Obituary Editor. 1988. Obituaries: Ozzie G. Simmons, 69, *Sociology Researcher*. *New York Times*, November 29.

Simmons, Ozzie G. 1964. [Peru Research: Faculty Fellowship Application]. Ozzie Gordon Simmons Papers. National Anthropological Archives.

1919	Born October 9 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
1941	Joins the Air Force for four years during World War II
	Earns BA from Northwestern University
1947-1948	Conducts field research in Gallup, New Mexico and San Antonio, Texas under Clyde Kluckhohn and Talcott Parsons at Harvard University

1948	Earns MA in Sociology from Harvard University
1949-1952	Field Director Peru, Institute of Social Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution
	Visiting Professor, National University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru
1952	Earns PhD in Sociology from Harvard University
1953	Consulting Anthropologist, Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Chile
1953-1961	Lecturer to Associate Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University
	Director, Harvard Community Health Project, Harvard University
1961-1968	Professor of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
	Director, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder
	Senior Faculty Associate in Research, Brandeis University
1962	Receives Hofheimer Prize from the American Psychiatric Association
1969	Program Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, Ford Foundation
1971	Program Director for Social Science, Ford Foundation
1981	Joins Hispanic Research Center, Fordham University
1988	Dies of lung cancer on November 26 in Westwood, New Jersey

Scope and Contents

The papers in this collection mainly concern Ozzie G. Simmons' field research on the role of alcohol in the community of Lunahuaná, Peru. Materials include field notes, reading notes, survey responses, photographs, drawings, maps, and demographic information. The collection also contains draft manuscripts pertaining to his study of medical centers in Chile, focusing on preventative and educational activities and the relationship of the health centers with local communities. In addition, the collection contains a draft manuscript by Simmons on the activities of the public health service in Lima and Chimbote, Peru.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into two series: Series 1. Peru Research, 1950-1966, 1980; Series 2. Chile Research, 1952-1953.

Bibliography

1953 The Health Center of San Miguel: An Analysis of a Public Health Program in Chile. Santiago, Chile: Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

1954 with E. Ross Jenney. Human Relations and Technical Assistance in Public Health. *The Scientific Monthly* 78(6): 365-371.

1955 The Criollo Outlook in the Mestizo Culture of Coastal Peru. *American Anthropologist* 57(1): 107-117.

1955 Popular and Modern Medicine in Mestizo Communities of Coastal Peru and Chile. *The Journal of American Folklore* 68(267): 57-71.

1955 Vehicles of Health Administration: The Clinical Team in a Chilean Health Center. In *Health, Culture, and Community: Case Studies of Public Reactions to Health Programs*. Benjamin D. Paul, ed. New York, Russell Sage Foundation.

1958 Social Status and Public Health: Memorandum to the Committee on Preventive Medicine and Social Science Research. New York: Social Science Research Council.

1959 Drinking Patterns and Intercultural Performance in a Peruvian Mestizo Community. *Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol* 20: 103-111.

1960 Ambivalence and the Learning of Drinking Behavior in a Peruvian Community. *American Anthropologist* 62(6): 1018-1027.

1960 After Hospitalization: The Mental Patient and His Family. Austin, Texas: University of Texas, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

1961 The Mutual Images and Expectations of Anglo-Americans and Mexican-Americans. *Daedalus* 90(2): 286-299.

1963 with Howard E. Freeman. *The Mental Patient Comes Home*. New York: Wiley.

1965 with Helen MacGill Hughes. *Work and Mental Illness: Eight Case Studies*. New York: Wiley.

1974 *Anglo-Americans and Mexican Americans in South Texas*. New York: Arno Press.

1983 *Development Perspectives and Population Change*. Honolulu, Hawaii: East-West Center.

1988 *Perspectives on Development and Population Growth in the Third World*. New York: Plenum.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Alcohol
- Drinking behavior
- Health facilities
- Medical anthropology

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Field notes

Names:

- Smithsonian Institution. Institute of Social Anthropology

Places:

- Lunahuaná (Peru)
- Temuco (Chile)
- Valparaíso (Chile)

Container Listing

Series 1: Peru, 1980, 1949-1966 (bulk 1950-1953)

5 Linear feet

Scope and Contents: This series contains Ozzie Gordon Simmons' research related to Peru. The majority of materials pertain to his field research in the community of Lunahuaná, Peru, exploring the role of alcohol in the local culture. Other prominent themes in Simmons' Lunahuaná research include celebration and religious societies, kinship and family relations, the structure of land tenure and labor relations, and health and illness, with a focus on folk medicine.

The series consists primarily of research materials, such as field notes, reading notes, survey responses, photographs, drawings, maps, and demographic information, as well as publications by other scholars and clippings from newspapers and periodicals. In addition, the series includes a grant application and a draft manuscript on the activities of the public health service in Lima and Chimbote, Peru.

Restrictions: Simmons' field notes are restricted due to the presence of sensitive information about the medical histories of individuals from Lunahuaná. See inventory for length of restrictions.

Arrangement: Subseries 1. Field Notes from Lunahuaná Typescript; Subseries 2. Field Notes from Lunahuaná Coded; Subseries 3. Drafts And Research by Chapter; Subseries 4. Supporting Research on Lunahuaná; Subseries 5. Grant Application; Subseries 6. Photographs; Subseries 7. Peru Maps; Subseries 8. Health Center Research

1.1: Field Notes from Lunahuaná -- Typescript

Restrictions: Restricted until 2032.

Box 1	1 -- 103 [1], 1950 January-April
Box 1	104 -- 200 [2], 1950 April-August
Box 1	201 -- 277 [3], 1950 August-1951 January
Box 1	278 -- 444 [4], 1951 February-March
Box 1	445 -- 592 [5], 1951 July-August
Box 1	593 -- 739 [6], 1952 May-June
Box 1	739 -- 870 [7], 1952 May-July

1.2: Field Notes from Lunahuaná -- Coded

Box 2	[Categorized Noteslips from Lunahuaná Field Notes, #101 - 27361], 1950-1952
	Notes: Contains noteslips related to local information, observational role, personality traits, population, values, food & agriculture, change, and drinking.

Restricted until 2032.

Box 3 [Categorized Noteslips from Lunahuaná Field Notes, #27362 - 522], 1950-1952
Notes: Contains noteslips related to drinking & alcohol, dress, land use & settlement patterns, physical infrastructure, ownership & property rights, inheritance, local economy, and work.
Restricted until 2032.

Box 4 [Categorized Noteslips from Lunahuaná Field Notes, #524 - 753], 1950-1952
Notes: Contains noteslips related to celebrations, recreation, status & social structure, gender, class, etiquette, aggression, inter-personal relations, family & kinship relations, local government, crime & justice, and theories of disease.
Restricted until 2032.

Box 5 [Categorized Noteslips from Lunahuaná Field Notes, #7531 - 888], 1950-1952
Notes: Contains noteslips related to health & illness, medical care, religion & worldviews, sexuality, children & adolescents, and education.
Restricted until 2032.

Box 6 [Categories for Lunahuaná Field Notes], undated

1.3: Drafts and Research by Chapter

Scope and Contents: There is no folder for chapter 5.

Box 6	Chapter 1 [Research], undated
Box 6	Chapter 1 -- Draft, undated
Box 6	Chapter 1 -- Carbon, undated
Box 6	Chapter 2 [Research], undated
Box 6	Chapter 2 -- Folder 1 [Draft], undated
Box 6	Chapter 2 -- Folder 2 [Draft], undated
Box 6	Chapter 3 [Research], undated 2 Folders
Box 6	Chapter 4 [Research], undated
Box 6	Chapter 6 [Research], undated
Box 7	Chapter 7 [Research], undated

2 Folders

Box 7	Chapter 8 [Research], undated
Box 7	Book: Concluding Chapter [Research], undated
Box 7	Book: All Chapters, undated

1.4: Supporting Research on Lunahuaná

Box 7	Ancillary Materials, 1950-1952, undated Notes: Contains a variety of research materials, including research notes, newspaper clippings, list of informants, notes on daily routines, and lists for land ownership, alcohol production and supply, local government officials, and curanderos.
Box 7	Book: Religious Societies and Fiestas, 1950-1952, undated
Box 7	MCNC Notes, 1951 November, 1952 June-July Notes: Contains field notes on Lunahuaná. Restricted until 2032.
Box 7	Book: Student Notes and Papers, 1950-1951, 1960, undated Notes: 2 of the pages are restricted until 2032
Box 8	Book: Alcohol Notes, undated
Box 8	Book: Records of the Guardia Civil, undated Notes: Notes on accusations filed with the Civil Police of Lunahuaná from 1946, and 1950 through 1951. Restricted until 2031.
Box 8	Book: Records -- Justice of the Peace, undated Notes: Notes from the record books of the Criminal Court and Justice of the Peace of Lunahuaná, covering the period 1880 through 1951. Approximately 115 pages in file restricted until 2031.
Box 8	Records of the Guardia Civil & JP -- Coded, undated Notes: Typescript of notes from the record books of the Civilian Police, Criminal Court, and Justice of the Peace of Lunahuaná, covering the period from 1880 through 1951. Restricted until 2031.
Box 8	Vital Statistics, undated Notes: Includes information related to marriages, births, and deaths in Lunahuaná covering the periods 1715 to 1740, and 1888 through 1950.

Box 8	Article Clippings, 1965-1966
Box 8	School Material, 1951-1952, undated Notes: Contains notes on student attendance and performance, and curriculum content, as well as a survey of the attitudes of fifth grade boys towards drinking, and notes from interviews conducted with two students.
Box 8	Book: Miscellaneous, 1950-1952 Notes: Contains newspaper clippings; a wedding invitation; and a list tracking the local origin of goods entering Cañete.
Box 8	Book: Schoolchildren Questionnaire Data, 1951-1952, undated Notes: Includes responses to questionnaires on food and nutrition; attitudes towards alcohol; and inter-family relationships.
Box 8	Book: Caja de Deposito & Land Tenure Data, 1949-1951, undated Notes: Includes data on land tenure and production of alcohol.
Box 8	Book: Visit to Lunahuaná, 3/26/1966, 1966, 1980 Notes: Typescript of field notes from trip to Lunahuaná in March 1966 and a photocopy of an article. 5 pages in file restricted until 2046.
Box 8	Book: Questionnaires, Informants, undated Notes: Contains interview notes; project description; questionnaire drafts; and research notes.
Box 8	Focus, undated Notes: Contains a working outline of the proposed book on Lunahuaná, as well as research notes and notecards.
Box 8	Historical Materials, undated Notes: Noteslips with historical background research.
Box 8	Population, Etc., undated Notes: Noteslips with research on population and the encomienda system.
Box 9	Notes, undated 2 Folders Notes: Noteslips with research on population, land, agriculture, and history.

1.5: Grant Application

Box 9	Faculty Fellowship Application, 1964 November 12 Notes: Simmons application for research funding to the University of Colorado in order to draft a book on drinking and culture in Peru.
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1.6: Photographs

Box 9	LHA Photos, undated
	Notes: Black and white photographs from Lunahuaná, Peru, including portraits of individuals and families, and photos depicting the production of alcohol.

1.7: Peru Maps

Map-folder 1	Maps of Lunahuaná and Peru, 1950, 1952, undated
	Notes: Includes a highway map of Peru; and copies of rough maps of the province of Cañete, the district of Lunahuaná, and the town plan.

1.8: Health Center Research

Box 9	Health Surveys in Peru, undated
	Notes: Article draft by Simmons: "A Survey of Aspects of SCISP Activities in Lima and Chimbote in Relation to the Local Population".

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Series 2: Chile, 1952-1953

0.25 Linear feet

Scope and Contents: This series contains drafts of manuscripts written by Simmons based on his research on public health centers in Chile. His research examines the structure, projects, and personnel of the health centers, with a focus on preventative and educational activities, and the relationship of the health centers with local communities.

Box 9 A Survey of Aspects of Health Center Activities in Valparaiso and Temuco, Chile, by Simmons, Copy 2, 1952
Notes: Copy of a report drafted by Simmons for the Institute of Social Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution: "A Survey of Aspects of Health Center Activities in Valparaiso and Temuco, Chile".

Box 9 Un Estudio Sobre Aspectos de Actividades de Unidades Sanitarias en Valparaiso y Temuco, Chile Simmons (2 copies), 1952
Notes: Copy of a report drafted by Simmons for the Institute of Social Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution: "A Survey of Aspects of Health Center Activities in Valparaiso and Temuco, Chile" (2 copies, Spanish version).

Box 9 Health Care in San Miguel, 1953
Notes: Copy of a report drafted by Simmons for the Institute of Inter-American Affairs: "The Health Center of San Miguel: An Analysis of a Public Health Program in Chile".

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