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Guide to the Milo Hellman papers, 1900-1947

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Milo Hellman papers
Date:	1900-1947
Identifier:	NAA.1998-34
Creator:	Hellman, Milo
Extent:	16.75 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Milo Hellman Papers focus on his research into the racial characteristics of human dentition and his studies on the evolution and variation of teeth, jaws, and faces. The collection contains correspondence, lecture, notes, manuscripts, notes, photographs, publications, and student exams. There is also information on the 1930 White House Conference on Child Health and Protection which Hellman attended. This collection includes photographs of eminent anthropologists and dentists including E.H. Angle, Edward A. Bogue, and Ales Hrdlicka and correspondence from Franz Boas.

Administrative Information

Separated Materials

The plaster casts of teeth and lantern slides from the Hellman Collection are part of the Physical Anthropology Collections.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Milo Hellman was born in 1872 in Romania. He came to the United States at the age of 16. He earned his D.D.S from the University of Pennsylvania in 1905. He was an Instructor at New York University's Dental School and a research associate in Physical Anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History. His research focused on racial characteristics in human teeth and the study of the evolution and variation of teeth, jaws, and faces. Milo Hellman died in 1947.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Dentistry
Physical anthropology

Names:

Angle, Edward H. (Edward Hartley), 1855-1930
Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
Bogue, E.A.
Hrdlička, Aleš, 1869-1943

Container Listing

Series 1: CORRESPONDENCE

Box 1

Scope and
Contents:

Correspondence A-Z. Includes incoming and outgoing correspondence. Among items of interest are correspondence with Franz Boas, M. Herskovits and Ales Hrdlicka, as well as numerous dental and anthropological organizations.

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Series 2: PUBLICATIONS

Box 3

Box 3	Hellman's published articles
Box 3	Miscellaneous old correspondence, A-Z, both incoming and outgoing.
Box 3	American Journal of Orthodontics memorial issue dedicated to Hellman after his death.
Box 3-4	Manuscripts of articles published by Hellman. Arranged chronologically. Includes bibliography compiled by Edith Bull.

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Series 3: RESEARCH

Box 3-4

Scope and Contents:

Hellman did not clearly label much of his research. In cases where Hellman did do so, the subject is written on the folder. However, these labels may not be correct in all cases. Sets of papers that Hellman did not label have been filed under miscellaneous research. Hellman often attached what appear to be calculations for a single particular study together. Thus, papers that were clipped together have been kept in such order and filed in separate folders.

Box 4 Approximately 30 notebooks organized by Hellman in a single series. The material relates to the dental characteristics of 'racial types.' An inventory compiled by Hellman's daughter is included at the end of the section.

Box 5 13 notebooks that were organized in a single series. An inventory by Hellman's daughter is included at the end of the section.

Box 5 Research on the relationship between eruption of teeth and shedding teeth. Eleven folders, divided according to Hellman's divisions of his own material, are included. This series ends at the folder labeled "miscellaneous / unlabeled."

Box 5-6 The remainder of Hellman's research, alphabetized by subject.

Box 5-6 Franz Boas' measurement of teeth

Box 5-6 Dental Charts, 1938-41

Box 5-6 Diseases: 1 folder

Box 5-6 Facial data: six folders relating to different aspects of research on the face.

Box 5-6 Growth: 2 folders of growth charts

Box 5-6 Malocclusion: 1 folder

Box 5-6 Occlusion: 4 folders

Box 5-6 Ossification: 1 folder

Box 5-6 Pithecanthropus Erectus: 1 folder, research for an article.

Box 5-6 Skull measurements: 1 folder

Box 5-6 Treatment: 1 folder

Box 5-6 Miscellaneous: 3 folders that include single sheets of calculations that were not included with any other materials Also includes newspaper clippings that Hellman collected, mainly illustrations of teeth.

Box 6	Unlabeled, grouped research materials. Includes 2 folders in oversized collection.
Box 7-8	Photos of skulls of various mammals. Includes an accompanying list of photos, presumably created by Hellman's daughter.
Box 8-9	Miscellaneous photos of skulls, teeth and people.
Map-case Map Drawer	Poster presentation by Hellman on Sequence in Shedding and Tooth Erupting of Teeth (2 posters)

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Series 4: MANUSCRIPTS

Box 9

Scope and Contents: Material Hellman compiled for a book he was writing on teeth, unfinished at the time of his death. This series includes many of Hellman's lecture notes from the classes that he taught, which formed the basis for his book. Some materials include notes written by Hellman's daughter, who seemed to have attempted to finish the book after her father's death.

Box 9-10	Manuscripts organized according to title assigned by Hellman.
Box 10	Calculations for papers, 1 folder
Box 10	Typed discussions by Hellman that analyze the works of others.
Box 10	Miscellaneous unabeed note and manuscripts.
Box 10	New York University Lectures, 14. These lectures appear to be those that were not included in his book.
Box 11	Preliminary material for a course to be taught at Columbia University.
Box 11	Student's exams from Columbia and NYU

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Series 5: PUBLICATIONS BY OTHERS

Box 11

Box 11	Publications organized alphabetically, B-W.
Box 11	Journals collected by Hellman, 2 folders.
Box 11-12	White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, committee reports, bound and published.
Box 12	Miscellaneous manuscripts by others

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Series 6: WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILD HEALTH AND PROTECTION

Box 12

Box 12 Programs and Publications from Conference

Box 12 Proceedings of Conference

Box 12 Hellman's notes from the Conference

Box 12 Miscellaneous manuscripts relating to the Conference.

Box 12 Newspaper clippings relating to Conference.

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Series 7: MISCELLANEOUS MEMORABILIA

Box 12

Box 12 Circulars of meetings, with notes on the back written by Hellman.

Box 12 Blank diagnostic charts

Box 12 Miscellaneous materials

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Series 8: PERSONAL

Box 12

Box 12 Framed photographs of Hellman's colleagues, often with notes written to Hellman included on photos. Also includes inventory compiled by Hellman's daughter.

Box 13 Oversize material. Includes large photograph and calculations and graphs.

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