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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Arnold Strickon papers
Date:	1952-1993
Identifier:	NAA.1999-32
Creator:	Strickon, Arnold
Extent:	1.67 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Herbert Lewis in 1999.

Related Materials

The Wisconsin Historical Society holds the [Arnold Strickon papers](#) .

Preferred Citation

Arnold Strickon papers, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research. Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Arnold Strickon was a cultural anthropologist whose research included studies of ranching communities in Argentina and rural farmers in Wisconsin.

Born in 1930 in the Bronx, NY, Strickon graduated with an AB in anthropology from City College of New York in 1952. The following two years were spent in military service in Korea, after which Strickon entered graduate school at Columbia University. His doctoral fieldwork, which focused on a ranching community in Argentina, examined social class, patron-client networks, and the ranching industry. He received his PhD in 1960 with his dissertation, "The Grandsons of the Gauchos: A Study in Subcultural Persistence."

Strickon pursued various topics in his research over the years, including the economic aspects of social life and ethnicity in Wisconsin among rural farmers.

Strickon taught for a year at the University of Nevada and for four years at Brandeis before joining the faculty at the University of Wisconsin in 1965, where he remained for the rest of his career. He retired in 1990.

Strickon was married twice, first to Anna Garner, who accompanied Strickon to the field in graduate school, and later Phyllis Sweet. Strickon died in 1997.

Scope and Contents

The Arnold Strickon Papers document Strickon's doctoral fieldwork and other research, as well as his teaching. The papers contain field notes, correspondence, and reports; draft articles and publications; photographs from trips to Mexico and China, and lecture notes and syllabi from courses Strickon taught at the University of Wisconsin.

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into three series: 1. Research; 2. Writings; and 3. Teaching.

Selected Bibliography

1989. "The Norwegian-American Dairy-Tobacco Strategy in Southwestern Wisconsin" (with Robert A. Ibarra) in *Norwegian-American Studies* vol 32, p. 3-30.

1983. "Norwegians and Tobacco in Wisconsin: The Changing Dynamics of Ethnicity" (with Robert A. Ibarra) in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

1974. "Investment Behavior and Elite Social Structures in Latin America" (with R. Aubrey and H. Kyle) in *Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs*.

1972. *Structure and Process in Latin America: Studies in Patronage, Clientage, and Power Systems* (ed. with Sidney M. Greenfield).

1967. "Role Models of Stratification, Political Ideology, and Socio-Cultural Systems" in *Sociological Review Monographs* no. 12 (University of Leeds).

1965. "The Euro-American Ranching Complex" in *Man, Culture, and Animals: The Role of Animals in Human Adjustments* (eds. Leeds and Vayda)

1965. "Hacienda and Plantation in Yucatan: A Historical and Ecological Consideration of the Folk-Urban Continuum in Yucatan" in *American Indigena*.

1962. "Class and Kinship in Argentina" in *Ethnology*.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Gauchos
Ranching

Places:

Argentina
China
Mexico
South America

Container Listing

Series 1: Research

Scope and Contents: Series 1: Research mostly comprises material related to Strickon's doctoral research and includes field notes, two notebooks with various census data, fieldwork reports and correspondence, newspaper clippings, and a copy of Strickon's dissertation. Also included in this series are Strickon's undergraduate honor's thesis, his master's thesis, journals from trips to Peru and Argentina in 1966, China in 1982, and photographs from the China trip and a trip to Mexico. Additionally, this series contains a journal of Strickon's first wife, Anna Garner Strickon, from their time in Argentina in 1958.

Box 1, Folder 1	Field notebook - book 1 (p 1-200), 1958-1959
Box 1, Folder 2	Field notebook - book 2 (p 201-400), 1959
Box 1, Folder 3	Field notebook - book 3 (p 401-600), 1959
Box 1, Folder 4	Field notebook - book 4 (p 601-800), 1959
Box 1, Folder 5	Marriage, baptism, and other records - book A (p 1-200), 1959
Box 1, Folder 6	Election lists and other records - book B (p 201-400), 1959
Box 2, Folder 1	Journal of Anna Garner Strickon, 1958
Box 2, Folder 2	Transcribed field notes from notebook 1, 1958-1959
Box 2, Folder 3	Fieldwork reports and correspondence, 1958-1959
Box 2, Folder 4	Newspaper clippings, 1958-1959 Notes: Contains newspaper clippings about the ranching industry in Argentina.
Box 2, Folder 5	Undergraduate honor's thesis, "The Changing Role of the Mexican Village Community", 1952
Box 2, Folder 6	Master's thesis, "Hacienda and Plantation in Yucatan: An Historical Consideration of the Folk-Urban Continuum in Yucatan", 1953
Box 2, Folder 7	Dissertation, "The Grandsons of the Gauchos: A Study in Subcultural Persistence" (chapters 1-3), 1960
Box 2, Folder 8	Dissertation, "The Grandsons of the Gauchos: A Study in Subcultural Persistence" (chapters 4-6), 1960

Box 3, Folder 1 Dissertation, "The Grandsons of the Gauchos: A Study in Subcultural Persistence" (chapters 7-11), 1960

Box 3, Folder 2 Journal - Peru and Argentina trip, 1966

Box 3, Folder 3 Journal - China trip, 1982

Box 3, Folder 4-7 Slides from China trip (4 folders), 1982

Box 3, Folder 8 Slides from Mexico trip, 1975

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Series 2: Writings

Scope and Contents: Series 2: Writings contain reprints of some of Strickon's publications, as well as draft articles and conference papers.

Box 3, Folder 9

Publications, 1962-1983

Notes: Includes the following publications: "Class and Kinship in Argentina" (1962), "Hacienda and Plantation in Yucatan" (1965), "Carlos Felipe: Kinsman, Patron, Friend" (1972), "The Analysis of Patron-Client Relationships: An Introduction" (1972), "Investment Behavior and Elite Social Structures in Latin America" (1974), "Indians and Mestizos: Class and Culture in the Peruvian Highlands" (1979), "A New Paradigm for the Study of Entrepreneurship and Social Change" (1981), "The changing dynamics of ethnicity: Norwegians and tobacco in Wisconsin" (1983), and "The Forms of Ethnicity in a Norwegian-American Farm Community" (1983).

Box 4, Folder 1

Conference and other papers, 1974-1976, undated

Notes: Includes the following papers: "Changing Systems of Ethnic and Social Class Terminology: An Argentine Case" (1974), "The Opportunity Structure of Ethnic Festivals" (1976), "The Structure of Ethnicity: Ethnic Boundaries and the Boundaries of Ethnicity" (1976), and "Industrialization, Revolution, and the Village Community" (undated).

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Series 3: Teaching

Scope and Contents: Series 3: Teaching contains extensive lecture notes and syllabi for several classes that Strickon taught at the University of Wisconsin.

Box 4, Folder 2	Anthro 323: Folk cultures of Latin America - lecture notes and syllabi, 1989-1992
Box 4, Folder 3	Anthro 345: Family, kin, and community - lecture notes and syllabi, 1988-1989
Box 4, Folder 4	Anthro 348: Economic anthropology - lecture notes and syllabi, 1981-1988
Box 4, Folder 5	Anthro 316 - lecture notes, 1993

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