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## Guide to the Morton Klass papers, 1959-1998

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Morton Klass papers
<b>Date:</b>	1959-1998
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.2002-24
<b>Creator:</b>	Klass, Morton, 1927-2001
<b>Extent:</b>	12.5 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Received from Sheila Solomon Klass in 2002 and 2010.

### Separated Materials

The Morton Klass films of West Bengal, India (HSFA.2011.03) were transferred to the Human Studies Film Archives.

### Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. Contact the repository for more information.

### Preferred Citation

Morton Klass papers, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

Access to the Morton Klass papers requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical Note

Morton Klass (1927-2001) was a professor of anthropology at Columbia University and Barnard College. He is best known for his interest in the anthropology of religion and consciousness and his research in Trinidad and West Bengal, India.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains the professional papers of anthropologist Morton Klass (1927-2001) and documents his research in Trinidad and India, as well as his teaching career at Barnard College and Columbia University.

The collection is comprised of books, articles, drafts, correspondence, manuscripts, book reviews, programs, appointment books, bulletins, manuscripts, research notes and classroom materials.

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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 of religion
- Religion

Places:

- Caribbean Area
- India
- South Asia
- Trinidad and Tobago