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Guide to the Records of the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records (CoPAR), 1989-2005

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Records of the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records (CoPAR)
Date:	circa 1989 - 2005
Identifier:	NAA.2005-15
Creator:	Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records
Extent:	2 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records in 2005.

Related Materials

The National Anthropological Archives holds the [papers of Sydel Silverman](#) , who co-founded CoPAR along with Nancy Parezo.

Processing Information

Duplicates were discarded and files were arranged in chronological order, separated into content type (correspondence, workshop notes, photos). Processed and encoded by Celia Emmelhainz, March 2024.

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Restrictions

Computer disks in the collection are restricted for preservation reasons.

Access to the CoPAR Records requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Historical Note

In 1992, the Wenner-Gren Foundation sponsored a symposium entitled *Preserving the Anthropological Record: Issues and Strategies* for the purpose of bringing together individuals concerned with records preservation in anthropology. The result was the founding of the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records (CoPAR), an organization which seeks "to identify, encourage the preservation, and foster the use of the records of

anthropological research." CoPAR was active on issues of education, standardization, and capacity-building for anthropological archives, with a series of conferences throughout the 1990s. CoPAR continues today as a loose network of archivally-interested anthropologists, archaeologists, librarians, archivists, and tribal representatives.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the history and activities of the Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records (CoPAR), including the first symposiums on records preservation, sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundation, which led to the formal establishment of the organization. The collection consists of manuscripts, articles, photographs, notes, grant proposals, conference proceedings, speeches and computer disks.

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:

- Anthropology
- Archival materials
- Professional associations

Names:

- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

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Box 1, Folder 9	Advocating for obituaries, 1993
Box 1, Folder 10	Correspondence, 1993
Box 1, Folder 11	Wenner-Gren Proposal, Statements, and Plan, 1993
Box 1, Folder 12	Meeting at AAA, 1993
Box 2, Folder 1	COPAR 2: Anth Disc Ctr, New York, 1993
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1994
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Box 2, Folder 10	Conference - Access in Cyberspace - Notes, 1995

Box 2, Folder 11	COPAR 4: Education and Thesaurus Workshops, Reno, 1995
Box 3, Folder 1	PAR Book 2, Revised Edition: Notes and Edits, 1995
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Box 3, Folder 3	COPAR Traveling Exhibit, 1995
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Box 4, Folder 3	Anthropology at the End of the Century: Working Papers, 1999
Box 4, Folder 4	COPAR Progress Report, 1999-2001
Box 4, Folder 5	Field Records at the Millennium, 1999
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