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## Preliminary guide to the Roy Rappaport conversations with Tom Fricke

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Roy Rappaport conversations with Tom Fricke
<b>Date:</b>	1996-1997
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS2011-39
<b>Creator:</b>	Rappaport, Roy A.
<b>Source:</b>	Fricke, Thomas E., 1954- (Thomas Earl)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Linear foot 15 Cassettes
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Sound recordings and transcripts of conversations between Roy Rappaport and Tom Fricke made during the year before Rappaport's death in 1997.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the National Anthropological Archives by Tom Fricke in 2011.

### Preferred Citation

Roy Rappaport conversations with Tom Fricke, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Biographical / Historical

Roy A. Rappaport (1926-1997) was a cultural and ecological anthropologist whose work involved the study of ritual. He received his PhD from Columbia University and joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1965.

Tom Fricke (1954-) is a cultural anthropologist and faculty at the University of Michigan.

After Rappaport was diagnosed with cancer in 1996, Fricke spent many days at Rappaport's home and recorded the conversations that they had, often leading them with questions about Rappaport's life and anthropology. The recordings were later transcribed by Fricke's student, Brian A. Hoey.

## Scope and Contents

The collection contains sound recordings and transcripts of conversations between Roy Rappaport and Tom Fricke made during the year before Rappaport's death in 1997. Included are 15 audiocassettes and associated written transcripts.

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## Arrangement

The recordings and transcripts are organized chronologically by date of recording.

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## Selected Bibliography

Fricke, Tom and Hoey, Brian A. "'From Sweet Potatoes to God Almighty': Roy Rappaport on being a hedgehog." *American Ethnologist* 34 No.3 (2007).

Fricke, Tom and Hoey, Brian A. "Striving for Unity: A Conversation with Roy Rappaport." *Michigan Discussions in Anthropology* 16 (2006).

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Fricke, Thomas E., 1954- (Thomas Earl)  
Rappaport, Roy A.