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Keith V. Bletzer photographs of Guaymi  
peoples and industry, circa 1983

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Keith V. Bletzer photographs of Guaymi peoples and industry
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1983
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.PhotoLot.89-11
<b>Creator:</b>	Bletzer, Keith V.
<b>Extent:</b>	49 Prints (silver gelatin) 13 Color prints 1 Copy negative
<b>Language:</b>	Undetermined .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Donated by Keith Bletzer to the National Museum of Natural History in 1985 as part of accession 364391.  
Transferred to the National Anthropological Archives in 1989.

### Location of Other Archival Materials

Guaymi artifacts collected by Bletzer can be found in the Department of Anthropology collections in accession 364391.

### Other Finding Aids

Inventory available in repository

### Preferred Citation

Photo lot 89-11, Keith V. Bletzer photographs of Guaymi peoples and industry, 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.

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## Biographical Note

Keith V. Bletzer is a medical anthropologist and, since 2018, an adjunct faculty instructor at Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ. He conducted research among the Guaymi of Cusapin, Panama, as part of his 1988 dissertation for Michigan State University, "Social origins of folk illness among Ngawbere of the northern Valiente Peninsula: The

Case of Chakore and Ha Ko Botika." His project was funded by the Smithsonian Institution and by the Panamanian Museum of Man, both of which received specimens from the area.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs made by Keith V. Bletzer on the Valiente Peninsula in Panama documenting Guaymi peoples and their culture. They include images of Guaymi people, coconut harvesting, preparation of medicines, houses and house construction, boat building, and a fishing trip.

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## Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 89-11, NAA ACC 89-55, USNM ACC 364391

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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:

- Boats and boating
- Coconut
- Dwellings
- Fishing
- Harvesting
- Industries
- Ngäbe (Guaymi)
- Termites

### Cultures:

- Ngäbe (Guaymi)

### Types of Materials:

- Photographs

### Places:

- Panama