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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Gordon Macgregor Papers
Date:	1948-1966
Identifier:	NAA.XXXX.0302
Creator:	Macgregor, Gordon, 1902-1984
Extent:	6.26 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Related Materials

Those interested in Macgregor's work for the BIA Missouri River Basin Unit may wish to consult NAA manuscript 4805, which consists of research and reference materials of the University of Chicago Fort Berthold Project. That material includes a few papers and reports, largely mimeographed, written by Macgregor in the course of his work with the unit. Those interested in additional material concerning the Point IV program and the American Anthropological Association are advised to examine AAA records in the National Anthropological Archives. It might be noted, however, that Macgregor was not the State Department's main contact with the AAA and relatively few documents in the AAA record relate to him.

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Restrictions

Questionnaires in the Macgregor papers that resulted from Public Health Service surveys are restricted. Contact the repository for more information.

The Macgregor papers are open for research. Access to the Macgregor papers requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Gordon Macgregor (1902-1984) was trained at Yale (BA, 1925) and Harvard (PhD, 1935). Although he worked in old world archeology and Oceanic ethnology, the major portion of his career was devoted to applied anthropology in government service. From 1936 to 1945, he was engaged as an anthropologist

with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and he served from 1945 to 1947 as superintendent of the Northern Cheyenne agency. In 1947-1949, he was a social economist with the BIA Missouri River Basin Unit which was concerned with preparations for the removal of Indians from their lands because of the construction of dams by the federal government. In this work, Macgregor was involved with the tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation.

After two years as a Pacific specialist with the Department of Interior Office of Territories in 1949 to 1951, Macgregor became an anthropologist with the Technical Cooperation Administration of the Department of State. The TCA was involved in aspects of the Point IV program. In 1953-1956, Macgregor became a research associate of the Committee on International Exchange of Persons of the Conference Board of Associated Research Council. Under the Fulbright-Hays Act, the committee administered exchanges between the United States and other countries involving university lecturing and advanced research.

In 1957-1966, Macgregor served as senior anthropologist with the United States Public Health Service. In that position, he was involved in a study of local public health practice with the view toward improving the means of providing public health service.

Scope and Contents

The Macgregor papers document the man's career very unevenly. Most of the material concerns his work with the Public Health Service and most of that concerns a study carried out in Bristol, Vermont. There are also materials concerning a survey carried out in the Great Plains and a study involving junior high school students in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

The papers also include miscellaneous documents relating to Macgregor's position with the Technical Cooperation Administration. Notably, there are transcripts and other materials of anthropologists who lectured at the Foreign Service Institute to technicians being sent overseas as part of the Point IV program. There is also a copy of a training manual for Point IV that was prepared through a contract with the American Anthropological Association, a program with which Macgregor became involved as a TCA administrator who reviewed the drafts of the manual. In addition, there are reports from Eliot D. Chapple on materials prepared for film producers under a contract between the U. S. Department of State International Motion Pictures Division and the Society for Applied Anthropology Film Planning Project. A very few items in the collection relate to Macgregor's work with the Committee on International Exchange of Persons.

There is little or no material relating to Macgregor's interest in old world archeology and none concerning his interest in Oceania. The file of American Indian materials is largely a miscellany of reference items, the main exception being a few notes on the Navaho and material relating to American Indian Development, Inc. None of that material appears to concern Macgregor's BIA work, and none of it relates to his study of the Dakota Indians.

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:

Diné (Navajo)

Cultures:

Diné (Navajo)

Names:

United States. Technical Cooperation Administration

Places:

North America
Vermont

Container Listing

Series 1: Papers regarding the Technical Cooperation Administration

Box 1	POINT IV MANUAL, 1951 Notes: Includes the AAA's <i>Intercultural transfer of techniques: a manual of applied social science for Point IV technicians and administrators</i>
	POINT IV TRAINING:, 1951-1959, undated
Box 2	Training schedules
	Transcripts and notes:
Box 2	Kepler Lewis, "The process of change"
Box 2	Joseph McCaskill and Carl Taylor, "Resources in nature and society"
Box 2	Howard Sollenberger, "American technicians in a new milieu"
Box 2	Henry Lee Smith and Charles A. Ferguson, "Language and culture"
Box 2	Kalervo Oberg, "Problems in the cross-cultural transfer of technical assistance"
Box 2	John Gillin, "Introduction to Latin American cultures"
Box 2	Ella Griffin, recollections of working overseas
Box 2	Marian Smith, talk on working in India and Pakistan
Box 2	Cora DuBois, Edward Kennard, and others on the way other people view Americans
Box 2	Lewis and Macgregor, "Evaluation"
Box 2	Ellery Foster, Gertrude Gates, and others, "Point IV panel"
	SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY REPORTS:
Box 3	General report No. 1--"Cultural background", 1951 May 9
Box 3	General report No. 2--"Sources of stress", 1951 May 9

Box 3 General report No. 3--"Recommendations for working in the field and securing cooperation", 1951 May 9

Box 3 General report No. 4--"Possible film treatments", 1951 May 9

Box 3 Indonesia report no. 1--"Cultural background of Indonesia", 1951 August 3

Box 3 Indonesia report no. 2--"Sources of tension and stress in Indonesia", 1951 August 3

Box 3 Indonesia report no. 3--"Recommendations for field work in Indonesia", 1951 August 3

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Box 4 American Council on Education orientation of foreign leaders and specialists to the U. S., 1952 March-April

Box 4 Foreign service institute lectures

Box 4 Miscellany

Box 4 State Department

Box 4 Technical Cooperation Administration and Point IV

PAPERS CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PERSONS:

Box 5 Advisory committee

Box 5 Goodwin, Leonard [includes "The historical-philosophical basis for action research"]

Box 5 Holmberg, Allan, John Kennedy, Harold Laswell, and Charles Lindblom, "Experimental research in the behavioral sciences and regional development", 1955 April 29

Box 5 Third National Conference on the Exchange of Persons, 1959

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Series 2: Public Health Service

2.1: General Materials:, 1958, 1962-1964, undated

ORGANIZATIONS FILE:

	American Orthopsychiatric Association:
Box 6	40th annual meeting, 1963 March
Box 6	41st annual meeting, 1964 March
Box 6	American Veterinary Medical Association
Box 6	Foundation for Research on Human Behavior
Box 6	Foundations supporting general health research
Box 6	Grant Foundation
Box 6	Health Information Foundation
Box 6	Illinois Conference of Tuberculosis Workers
Box 6	Illinois Conference of Tuberculosis Workers Program Planning Committee seminar, 1962 February
Box 6	Kellogg Foundation
Box 6	National Advisory Committee on Local Health Departments:
Box 6	Policy guide on public health training -- exhibit A
Box 6	"The development of community health services," Philadelphia meeting, 1958 March 18
Box 6	REFERENCE MATERIALS

2.2: Great Plains Survey, 1960-1964, undated

ORGANIZATIONS FILE:

	Great Plains Agricultural Council:
Box 7	Meeting, Laramie, Wyoming, 1960 July

Box 7	Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1963 July
Box 7	Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1964 July
Box 7	Proposed application for projects grant, 1962
Box 7	Great Plains Health Committee
Box 7	Meeting Bozeman, Montana, 1961 July
Box 7	Meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1962 July
Box 8; Box 9	QUESTIONNAIRES

2.3: Prince Georges County, Maryland, undated

Box 10	PROPOSAL AND NOTES FOR A STUDY OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
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2.4: Bristol, Vermont, 1948, 1961-1964, undated

Box 11	ALPHABETICAL FILE:
Box 11	Addison County mental health
Box 11	Addison County planning committee
Box 11	Background statement for 2/6/63 conference (on research on rural health services -- Vermont)
Box 11	Biennial reports, 1962
Box 11	College of Medicine seminar, 1963
Box 11	Correspondence
Box 11	Field notes -- Rubel (duplicates)
Box 11	Flash, William -- legal basis for health services in Vermont
Box 11	Hardwick, Vermont, notes
Box 11	Health Department divisional programs
Box 11	Information/data

Box 11	Interview notes
Box 11	Johnson, Trois E. , experience report, 1963
Box 11	Leftkowitz, N., papers
Box 11	Manuscript: "Research for planning rural patterns of health and medical practice"
Box 11	Maps
Box 12	Methodology -- social systems
Box 12	Miscellaneous notes
Box 12	Miscellaneous field notes
Box 12	Outline -- Framework of county health study
Box 12	Outlines of divisional programs staff; official roles; interaction in the study community; and evaluations
Box 12	Preliminary research discussions, Department of Health research application
Box 12	Press clippings
	Progress reports:, 1963 June-1963 November
Box 12	Progress reports, 1963 June
Box 12	Progress reports (revised), 1963 June
Box 12	Progress reports, 1963 November 18
Box 12	Public health nurse cases -- Bristol
Box 12	Report, first phase, due 6/1/63
Box 12	Report on Vermont health study, Region I staff, 1963 August 19
Box 12	Report -- outline and notes, 1964
Box 13	Report to Vermont Department of Health; summary notes; report to University of Vermont Staff, 1963 April
Box 13	Research for planning patterns of rural health services, Vermont

Box 13	Research proposal and related memos
Box 13	Rubel, Arthur J. -- Final report, 1963 June 30
Box 13	Rubel manuscript -- research procedures
Box 13	"Rubel's copies" [mostly carbons of reports, manuscripts, miscellany]
Box 13	Summary of progress report, 1963 April 01
Box 13	Tabulations
Box 13	"Trends, distribution, and characteristics of Vermont physicians"
Box 13	University of Vermont, College of Medicine, grants and grant proposals
Box 13	University of Vermont, Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine
Box 14	University of Vermont -- William Flash
Box 14	Vermont Development Commission
Box 14	Vermont manuscript, 1964
Box 14	Vermont State Department of Health
	Vermont State Department of Health:
Box 14	Information materials
Box 14	Budget proposal
Box 14	Proposal and memos -- Officer [D.E.] Bergstrom proposal, 1961
Box 14	Vermont status relating to education, 1948
Box 14	Vermont rheumatic fever prevention program
Box 14	Vermont study
Box 14	White, Kerr -- papers and Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine objectives
	QUESTIONNAIRES
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Box 17 Reference materials

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Series 3: Other material

3.1: AMERICAN INDIAN MATERIAL

Box 18	American Indian Charter Convention, or American Indian Chicago Conference Notes: Includes copies of the final report of the coordinator and the <i>Declaration of American Indian Purpose</i> .
Box 18	American Indian Development, Inc. Notes: 2 folders Includes, among other documents, copies of Rosalie Wax's field diary of a 1960 workshop on American Indian affairs and "A brief history and analysis of the workshops on American Indian affairs conducted for American Indian college students, 1956-1960, together with a study of current attitudes and activities of those students"; material regarding the Crownpoint Project in Citizenship Education; a copy of Omer C. Stewart's "Kroeber and the Indian Claims Commission cases."
Box 18	American Indians and Poverty Notes: Includes two documents on the American Indian Capitol Conference on Poverty, 1964 May 9-15.
Box 18	Arizona Indians Notes: Includes a booklet only.
	Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc.:
Box 18	General
Box 18	Newsletters Notes: <i>Indian Affairs</i> , no. 40 and 41A.
Box 18	Commission on the Rights, Liberties, and Responsibilities of the American Indian, Copy of A program for Indian citizens: a summary report, 1961 January
Box 18	Conference on Indian Health and Welfare, 9/30 to 10/1
Box 18	Indian Progress, newsletter of the Workshop on American Indian Affairs, Boulder, Colorado, 1962 June 19
Box 18	"Indians of Virginia" -- J. Nixon Hadley
Box 18	Miscellaneous Indian material
Box 18	National Congress of American Indians

Box 18 Navajo

Box 18 "Selected references on present-day conditions among U.S. Indians," a bibliography compiled by William C. Sturtevant

University of Colorado American Indian:

Box 18 Development-Area Redevelopment Administration

3.2: MISCELLANY, 1961, undated

Box 19 "Applied Anthropology in Government: United States," by Kennard and Macgregor

Box 19 Institute of Social Studies

Box 19 International Conference on Asian Problems

Box 19 Miscellaneous notes

Box 19 Outline of Thomas and Znaniecki, "The Polish peasant in Europe and America"

Box 19 Sampling procedures

Box 19 Society for Applied Anthropology

Box 19 Symposium: Anthropology in overseas programs, American Anthropological Association, 1961

Box 19 University of Chicago proceedings of the seminar on racial and cultural contacts

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