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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | National Museum of the American Indian   |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Suzanne Aurelio photographs from Mexico  |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1974   |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | NMAI.AC.396  |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | Aurelio, Suzanne (Photographer)  |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 20 Photographic slides (color)   |
| <b>Language:</b>   | No linguistic content; Not applicable .  |
| <b>Summary:</b>    | This collection contains 20 color slides shot by Suzanne Aurelio in 1974. The slides depict Maya, Olmec, and Zapotec archaeological sites in Mexico. |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

### Related Materials

A [sound cassette with Suzanne Aurelio](#) in the Museum of the American Indian/Heye Foundation audio and video collection, NMAI.AC.001.003.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Emily Moazami, Head Archivist, 2024.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Suzanne Aurelio (nee Berger; 1931-2021) spent most of her life in New York. As a young adult, Aurelio became interested in Mexico and she travelled extensively throughout that country, studying the language and the art and visiting remote indigenous villages. Back in New York, she worked as an operating room nurse at several New York hospitals. She was the wife of Richard Aurelio and mother to daughter Jodi and son Marcus.

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## Scope and Contents

S05113-S05132

This collection contains 20 color slides depicting Maya, Olmec, Zapotec, and possibly Aztec archaeological ruins in Mexico. The photographs were shot by Suzanne Aurelio in 1974.

Sites include La Venta ruins in Tabasco, Mexico; ruins at Palenque Mexico; Monte Alban ruins in Oaxaca, Mexico; and a replica of the Maya ruin Edificio De Hochob in Campeche State at the National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by catalog number.

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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:

- Maya (archaeological culture)
- Olmec (archaeological culture)
- Zapotec (archaeological culture)

Cultures:

- Maya (archaeological culture)
- Olmec (archaeological culture)
- Zapotec (archaeological culture)

Places:

- Mexico

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Maya archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974

#### 7 Photographic slides

Scope and Contents: This series contains 7 slides depicting Maya archaeological ruins in Mexico. Photographs were shot by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05120: [Maya Temple of the Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the Maya Temple of the Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05121: [Maya Temple of the Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the Maya Temple of the Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05123: [Maya Palace ruins at Palenque, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the Maya Palace and Palace Observation Tower ruins at Palenque, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05125: [Replica of Maya Ruin Edificio De Hocho, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the replica of Maya ruin Edificio De Hochob in Campeche State at the National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05126: [Maya Temple of Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the Maya Temple of the Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05127: [Maya Temple of Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the Maya Temple of the Inscriptions ruins at Palenque, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

S05128: [Maya ruins of the Palace of Palenque, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting the Maya ruins of the Palace of Palenque in Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)

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## Series 2: Olmec archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974

### 2 *Photographic slides*

Scope and Contents: This series contains 2 slides depicting Olmec stone sculptures in Tabasco, Mexico. Photographed by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Olmec (archaeological culture)

S05113: [Olmec head at La Venta, Tabasco, Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting an Olmec head at the La Venta ruins in Tabasco, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Olmec (archaeological culture)

S05130: [Olmec relief of the King at Tabasco, Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting a Olmec relief of the King at Villahermosa in Tabasco, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Olmec (archaeological culture)

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## Series 3: Zapotec archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974

### 7 Photographic slides

Scope and Contents: This series contains 7 color slides depicting Zapotec ruins at Monte Alban in Mexico and possibly other sites. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05114: [Zapotec stone reliefs, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting Zapotec stone reliefs or steele at Monte Alban, Oaxaca, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05115: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph of archaeological ruins in Mexico. Possibly Monte Alban in Oaxaca. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05116: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph of archaeological ruins in Mexico. Possibly Monte Alban in Oaxaca. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05117: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph of archaeological ruins in Mexico. Possibly Monte Alban in Oaxaca. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05118: [Zapotec stone reliefs, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting Zapotec stone reliefs at Monte Alban in Oaxaca, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05122: [Reliefs of the Danzantes, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting Zapotec reliefs of the Danzantes (Dancers) at the Temple of the Danzantes in Monte Alban in Oaxaca, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05124: [Zapotec Monte Alban ruins, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph of Monte Alban ruins in Oaxaco, Mexico. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.



Culture: Zapotec (archaeological culture)

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## Series 4: Unidentified archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974

### 4 Photographic slides

Scope and Contents: This series contains 4 color slides depicting unidentified Indigenous archaeological sites in Mexico, possibly by the Aztec, Maya, Olmec, or Zapotec. Photographs by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)  
Olmec (archaeological culture)  
Zapotec (archaeological culture)  
Aztec (archaeological culture)

S05119: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting archaeological ruins in Mexico, possibly Aztec, Maya, Olmec, or Zapotec. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)  
Olmec (archaeological culture)  
Zapotec (archaeological culture)

S05129: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting archaeological ruins in Mexico. Possibly Aztec, Maya, Olmec, or Zapotec. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)  
Zapotec (archaeological culture)  
Olmec (archaeological culture)  
Aztec (archaeological culture)

S05131: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting archaeological ruins in Mexico. Possibly Aztec, Maya, Olmec, or Zapotec. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)  
Zapotec (archaeological culture)  
Olmec (archaeological culture)  
Aztec (archaeological culture)

S05132: [Archaeological ruins in Mexico, 1974](#)

1 Photographic slide

Notes: Photograph depicting archaeological ruins in Mexico. Possibly Aztec, Maya, Olmec, or Zapotec. Photograph by Suzanne Aurelio, 1974.

Culture: Maya (archaeological culture)  
Zapotec (archaeological culture)  
Olmec (archaeological culture)  
Aztec (archaeological culture)

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