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## Papers of Lester R. Hiatt

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**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

<b>Creator:</b>	Lester Richard Hiatt
<b>Title:</b>	Papers of Lester R. Hiatt
<b>Collection no:</b>	MS 4129
<b>Date range:</b>	1934-2007 (bulk 1957-2003)
<b>Extent:</b>	8.1 metres (49 boxes + 1 folio box + 3 folio folders)
<b>Repository</b>	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

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## COLLECTION OVERVIEW

### Scope and content note

The papers cover Hiatt's fieldwork amongst the Gidjingali/Maringarr people of northern Arnhem Land in Australia in the late 1950s and the debates that emerged from this fieldwork - his views often challenging the dominant anthropological models of the time. Kinship, marriage, land and politics remained Hiatt's central interests but he also wrote on totemism, mythology, secret male cults, avoidance relationships, conceptualisation of the emotions and evolutionary biology.

This collection includes Hiatt's published and unpublished papers, field notes, professional and private correspondence, lecture notes and conference papers. There are papers relating to the period from 1962 to 1991 when Hiatt was an academic in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney; his Visiting Professorship at Harvard University, USA; his editorship of anthropological journals; and his involvement in the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (now the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) from the 1970s to the present. There are also personal documents and a few photographs from his early years growing up in Gilgandra, New South Wales, and from later years as a student at the University of Sydney, and as a postgraduate student at the Australian National University, Canberra.

### Provenance

The collection was deposited in the AIATSIS Library by Lester Hiatt in 2002. There were a number of accruals to the collection:

- The Library has incorporated Hiatt's original field diaries, 1958-60, (plus a complete set of photocopies), into this collection. These diaries were initially deposited in the Library, by

Hiatt, in 1981 and catalogued as MS 1537. They are now held at MS 4129 [Series 5](#) and [Series 6](#).

- In 2007 Hiatt deposited his 1960 field notes that transcribe the 'plays' given to him by Frank Gurrmanamana, along with related material used in the publication of the multi-media project 'People of the Rivermouth'. This material is located in [Addition April 2007 – Gurrmanamana's 'plays' 1960.](#)
- Addition 2007 – 'Arguments about Aborigines', 1991-98 was also deposited in 2007

Following his death on 10 February 2008, ADDITIONS 2008 - Obituaries, was added.

All the images used in the finding aid are from the Hiatt Photographic Collection held in the AIATSIS Pictorial Collection.

### **Material separated from collection**

The Library has not retained personal Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS) records such as job applications, referees reports and notes on job applicants or any other internal staff and/or industrial matters from Series 19-22.

All audio tapes and most of the photographic negatives, prints and colour transparencies found with Hiatt's field notes were transferred to the Audio and Pictorial Collections. These are listed in [Series 24](#). [Addition 2007 – Gurrmanamana's 'plays' 1960](#) included another carton of photographic prints and colour transparencies collected during the making of '[People of the Rivermouth](#)'. This carton was transferred to the Pictorial Collection for processing in May 2007 and has not been included in the listing at Series 24.

### **Arrangement of collection**

The Library has endeavoured to maintain Hiatt's original arrangement. The material has been organised into series and within those series, into folders. Headings for the series and folders are the same as, or reflect, those originally used by Hiatt.

In this finding aid round brackets denote information on date or circumstances supplied by Hiatt. Dates and additional information derived by the archivist compiling this finding aid from internal evidence and other sources, are placed in square brackets.

### **Related material**

For a complete listing of material by or about Les Hiatt, held by the Institute, consult [Mura@](#), the [AIATSIS catalogue](#). To access any audiovisual material contact [AIATSIS Collection staff](#).

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HIATT\_I01 Larrakun ceremony at Djunawunya near Maningrida NT, and HIATT\_L02 Funeral rites for Harry Mulumbuk. These relate to Series 14 Waiting for Harry and People of the Rivermouth

HIATT\_L03 Sound recordings collected by Lester R, Hiatt, 1960. These probably relate to Series 7 Field notebooks, 1958-81.

HIATT\_L04 Sound recordings collected by Lester R. Hiatt, 1960-1996. These relate to Series 2 Personal correspondence etc., 1934-91 and Series 8 Carbon copy field notebooks, 1975-81.

Hiatt deposited personal records, accumulated during his Chairmanship of the Committee of the Inquiry into the Role of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee, in the National Australian Archive NSW Regional Office on 17 December 1981. These records are held in the National

Archive of Australia at CA 2447.

### Archivist's note

AIATSIS Collections wish to thank Les Hiatt for his support given during the compilation of this finding aid and for providing permission to reproduce in the text selected images from his photographic collection. Collections also wish to thank Maningrida Council Inc. (NT) for permission to reproduce the image of Frank Gurrmanamana and Les Angabarraparra (1958), and Frank Gurrmanamana (d.1993), and the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre (NT) for permission to reproduce the image of Daymbalipu Munungurr (1977).

AIATSIS Collections also wish to thank Betty Meehan and Pat Brady for their advice and assistance regarding the 2017 addition to this Collection.

When the collection was first deposited, Les Hiatt's permission to copy and quote was required for material in Series 1, 3 5-9 and 12 and the Additions 2007. The terms of his deposit allowed this requirement to lapse on his death, after which these parts of the collection were to become open for reading, copying and quotation. (Copyright continues to apply.)

These access conditions also applied to the Series 2007 Addition Frank Gurrmanamana.

During his lifetime, access to Series 4 and 16 also required his permission. On his death, permission is required from his children for access to Series 4; the AIATSIS CEO's permission is required for Series 16.

With the updating of the Finding Aid in 2018, the access conditions on these series have been amended to reflect the terms of the deposit.

Series 19-21 and 23 attracted the '30 year rule', under which files produced by government departments and agencies were closed for this period. Initially, after the expiration of this period, access would have required the CEO's permission. On advice from the AIATSIS Rights Manager in June 2017, these Series have become Open Access.

Acronyms used in this finding aid:

HEBS

PotR            People of the Rivermouth

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Lester Richard Hiatt was born in Gilgandra, New South Wales on 30 December 1931, the eldest son of James Herbert Hiatt and Iris Dare Hiatt (née Clayton). Hiatt died suddenly in London on 10 February 2008. He had recently moved to Stroud, Gloucestershire, county from where his grandfather migrated to Australia.

Hiatt attended Hurlstone Agricultural High School and then the University of Sydney where he completed a Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 1953. He practised dentistry in Drummoyne (1953-54) and Bourke (1955) before embarking on the study of anthropology. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree, majoring in anthropology in 1958, he became an Australian National University (ANU) Research Scholar (1958-61). In 1963 he was awarded a Doctorate from the ANU for his thesis on the Gidjingali/Maringarr people of northern Arnhem Land, subsequently published as *Kinship and Conflict* (1965).

From 1962-70 Hiatt lectured in Anthropology at the University of Sydney as Teaching Fellow (1962), Senior Tutor/Temporary Lecturer (1963), Lecturer (1965-66), Senior Lecturer (1967-70); and Reader (1971-91). Other appointments include Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh (Winter Term 1969) and Visiting Professor of Australian Studies, Harvard University (1990-91).

Hiatt also held the honorary positions of President, Anthropological Society of NSW (1966-67); Chairman, Committee of Inquiry into the Role of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (1976); President, Section 25, ANZAAS (1982); and Chairman, Fifth International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Darwin (1988). In addition he held the honorary editorial positions of Co-Editor, *Mankind* (1967-72); Assistant Editor, *Oceania* (1978-85); Co-Editor, *Oceania* (1985-91); Editor, *Oceania Monographs* (1982-91); and Advisory Editor on 'religion', *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia* (1994).

Other awards and affiliations included ANU Travelling Scholar (1964); Overseas Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge (1972-73); Visiting Scholar, Department of Biological Anthropology, Oxford University (1979-80); Visiting Scholar, Max-Planck-Institut, Seewiesen (1986-87). Jointly with Rhys Jones, Betty Meehan and Neville White, he was Visiting Scholar, Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio (1997).

In 1964 Hiatt became a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia in 1974.

He was a Foundation Member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS which became AIATSIS in 1969) and was the Institute's President and Chairman of Council from 1974-82. Hiatt was an Honorary Visiting Fellow at AIATSIS from 1998 until his death.

Hiatt's publications include *Kinship and conflict* (1965), *Australian Aboriginal mythology* (1975), *Australian Aboriginal concepts* (1978), *Aboriginal landowners* (1984), *Arguments about Aborigines* (1996), and *People of the Rivermouth* (jointly) (2002).

An [Interview of Les Hiatt](#) was recorded and filmed by Alan Macfarlane on 14 July 2005 for the University of Cambridge.

References:

*Who's who in Australia*, 2005

Hiatt, L.R. 'It seemed an interesting career to follow' in *Before it's too late: anthropological reflections, 1950-1970*, edited by Geoffrey Gray, University of Sydney, *Oceania Monograph* 51, 2001, pp.108-116

Speaking notes for Hiatt's farewell speech from the University of Sydney, given at a dinner held 10 December 1991. Papers of Lester Hiatt, AIATSIS, MS 4129 Series 1 Folder 62

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## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### Series 1 Correspondence, 1957- 2003

This series contains the contents of the ten original clip boxes of letters and postcards relating to Hiatt's professional life. The Library has maintained the original chronological arrangement of the correspondence.

The letters begin with the offer of a scholarship to Hiatt from the Australian National University in 1958; Hiatt's early field trips (with Betty Meehan) around the Liverpool River, Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory; relations with the Administrator of the Northern Territory, and anthropologists involved with the study of Indigenous Australians; Winter Term 1968 at the University of Pittsburgh as Visiting Professor; developments within the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney and also at the Australian National University; upcoming publications in anthropology; administrative preparations for sabbaticals at Oxford University; applications for academic positions; requests and responses to attend conferences; matters involving the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies; proposal for an Australian branch of the Human Evolution and Behaviour Society (HEBS); the supervision of doctoral theses and correspondence with former students and colleagues; and congratulatory correspondence sent and received by Hiatt. The main correspondence ends with Hiatt's retirement from his position at the University of Sydney in 1991. [See also Addition 2007 – 'Arguments about Aborigines', 1991-98.](#)

The bulk of the correspondence consists of incoming letters although Hiatt often made handwritten or carbon drafts of his out-going letters and these can be found amongst the letters he received.

The series is a large one including over 280 correspondents. His most prolific correspondents were John Barnes, Mervyn Meggitt, Ronald Berndt, Maurice Godelier, George Munster, Rodney Needham, Peter Lawrence, Betty Meehan, Roger Sandall, Clive Kessler, Graham Pont, Michael Taussig, Arthur Tuden, Hal Scheffler, W.E.H. Stanner, Mahen Varthianathan, Chandra Jayawardena, John Bern, Ken Maddock, Derek Freeman, Meyer Fortes, Frederick Rose, Aram Yengoyan, Jeremy Beckett, Richard Wright, Vernon Reynolds, Peter Ucko, Athol Chase, Sally Weaver, Vicki Burbank and Renky Eibl-Eibesfeldt. A more extensive list of correspondents can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

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#### Folder

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10-11	1966
12-13	1967
14-15	1968
16	Pittsburgh 1969. Correspondence 1966-69 and course outlines relating to appointment as Visiting Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, 1969
17-18	1969
19-20	1970
21-22	1971
23-25	1972. Folder 25 includes ten black and white photographic prints of Frank Gurrmanamana demonstrating the Gidjingali/Maringarr method of cooking stingray with accompanying letter, on card, from Betty Meehan and Rhys Jones. [Community permission required for copying of these images. Access code B6]
26-28	1973. Folder 27 includes two black and white photographic prints, sent from Rhys Jones, of Frank Gurrmanamana and others at Lalargedjiripa, March 1973. [Community permission required for copying of these images. Access code B6]
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- 59 1990
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- 61 Proposal for an Australian branch of HEBS, 1989-1991
- 62 University of Sydney farewell, November-December 1991. Speaking notes for farewell speech, cards and 12 coloured photographic prints
- 63 Sixtieth birthday celebrations, December 1991. Invitations, notes, and cards
- 64 1992-97
- 65 1998-2003

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## **Series 2 Personal correspondence etc., 1934-91**

This series includes Hiatt's correspondence with various members of his family and friends; his high school reports and awards; newspaper clippings showing his school and university results; early participation in cricket, tennis and golfing competitions; Wesley College (University of Sydney) cricket and tennis team photographs for 1951; a group photograph that includes his father, and booklets on Gilgandra, New South Wales, where he spent his early years.

The correspondence covers Hiatt's years as a high school student; his time studying for his doctorate at the Australian National University (ANU); his year as an ANU Travelling Scholar; field trips to Maningrida; and his time as undergraduate, Lecturer and Reader in Anthropology at the University of Sydney. See also [Series 9 Folders 4-5](#).

Correspondents include Iris Hiatt, Jim Hiatt, Ron Hiatt, Geoff Hiatt, Betty Meehan, Judy Inglis, P.R. (Ralph) Proudfoot, Bill Geddes, Ian Hogbin, Judith Barbour, Margaret Clunies Ross, Alfred Hiatt, Christina Hiatt, and Ursula Smilde.

The series also included some black and white photographic negatives which have since been transferred to the Pictorial Collection.

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## **Folder**

- 1 Gilgandra, NSW, 1934-89. Photographic print of employees of the flour mill depicting Jim Hiatt and young son, Lester, 1934; *Back to Gilgandra: Souvenir Booklet*, 1937; newspaper clipping entitled 'Bowlers farewell Mr Jim Hiatt', n.d; and '*Clocking on' with Murdoch McLeod and the Castlereagh Flour Mill, Warren Road, Gilgandra N.S.W.*, by Cheryl and John Mudford, 1989
- 2 Hurlstone Agricultural High School, 1942-48. School reports, scholarships and awards and end of school farewell programs. [Cricket scoring book held in folio box]
- 3 Leaving Certificate results, 1949. Newspaper clippings, congratulatory letters and telegrams, and 'Vocational Guidance Bureau Report'

- 4 Sporting results, 1948-49. Newspaper clippings covering sporting achievements in cricket, golf, rugby union, and athletics. Includes a 1948 Cricket Scoring Book for the Hurlestone Agricultural High School First XI [held in folio box]
- 5 University of Sydney, 1949-52. Newspaper clippings of exam results, script for a one act play, notification of Wesley College scholarship award, and copy of The Articulator, Journal of Dental Undergraduate's Association, vol. 9, no. 10, 1952. Also photographic prints of Wesley College cricket and tennis teams, 1951 [held folio folder 1, Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 6 Conferring of Degree programmes listing Lester Hiatt (1953) and his son, Alfred Hiatt (1995). Also Lester Hiatt's degree certificates for Dentistry (University of Sydney) and Doctorate (Australian National University) [held in folio folder 2, Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 7 Correspondence, 1952-79. Correspondence between Lester Hiatt and his family including his then wife, Betty Meehan, and others. Also a black and white photographic print captioned 'Johnny Naliva 1958'
- 8-9 Letters to Judy Inglis, 1962
- 10 Letters from Judy Inglis, 1962
- 11 Letters to Lester Hiatt, then on an ANU Travelling Scholarship, London School of Economics, 1964. Correspondents include members of Hiatt's family, Ian Hogbin, Eleanor Langley and S. Zitek
- 12 Letters from P.R. Proudfoot, 1965-69. [See also Folder 11]
- 13 Letters from Judith Barbour, 1967
- 14 Letters from Judith Barbour, 1971-72
- 15 Letters from Margaret Clunies Ross, 1971-72
- 16-20 Correspondence, 1985-91 [bulk 1990-90]. Includes some postcards
- 21 Copy of original cassette tape labelled 'Pine Lodge Trio' with two songs by Hiatt. Also transcript of lyrics of song 'Times are very hard' (1990), made by Library, 2006. [Original cassette tape transferred to Audio Collection, 2006; they are available at HIATT\_L04]
- 22 Miscellaneous, 1956-87. Includes black and white posed portrait photograph of Hiatt for article in *Weekend*, c.1956; postcards to Hiatt; handmade Christmas card from Peter Ucko (1978); a selection of wine bottle labels; and colour photographic print of Hiatt receiving a medal from the Chancellor for 25 years' service at the University of Sydney [Held in folio folder 1, Manuscript Plan Cabinet]

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### **Series 3 Editorial correspondence, 1967-87**

Hiatt held the honorary editorial positions of Co-Editor (with Rhys Jones) of the journal *Mankind*, 1967-72; Assistant Editor, *Oceania*, 1978-85; Co-Editor, *Oceania*, 1985-91; Editor, *Oceania*

*Monographs*, 1982-91; and Advisory Editor on 'religion', *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*, 1994.

This series includes correspondence relating to the publication of the journals *Mankind* (later Australian Journal of Anthropology) and *Oceania*. There are also reports, by Hiatt, and related correspondence with authors and/or editors on various articles submitted, mainly to *Oceania*. The folders listed below reflect Hiatt's original chronological arrangement of the papers.

Correspondents include Lester Hiatt, Rhys Jones, Neville White, members of the Editorial Board of *Mankind*, and contributors to both journals.

#### **Folder**

1-6 *Mankind*, 1967-74

7-8 *Oceania*, 1979-87. Includes minutes and notes compiled while Hiatt was Editor of the Journal

9 Articles submitted to *Oceania*, 1973-84

10 Articles submitted to journals other than *Oceania*, 1981-87

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#### **Series 4 Reports on manuscripts, theses and grant applications, 1982-91**

This series comprises reports by Hiatt on various manuscripts, theses and grant applications, and some related correspondence.

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#### **Series 5 Field notes (Originals), 1958-60**

This series contains the original field notes from Hiatt's trips to Maningrida between 1958-60. When compared to the photocopies of the notes (see Series 6) that were made by the Library in 1981 some originals are missing or appear to have been rearranged at a later date, such as the material on 'death' and 'mortuary rites'.

The handwritten scattered notes deal with disputes, kinship, language, marriage, population data, religion and ritual, sexuality, sickness and sorcery, social change and racial relations and trade. The notes were originally arranged in small clip folders.

Hiatt carried out fieldwork among the Gidjingali/Maringarr and their neighbours at Maningrida between 1958-60, while a research scholar at the Australian National University. His research was presented in his doctoral thesis in 1962 and was later published in *Kinship and conflict*, Australian National University, 1965.

The Library has organised Hiatt's original field notes so as to replicate the arrangement of the photocopied field notes which were made by the AIATSIS Library in 1981.



A 'Guide to Subjects' in this series is located in Appendix 2. See also Field notebooks at Series 7 and Hiatt's original field notes transcribing the 'plays' given to him by Frank Gurrmanamana in 1960, at Addition 2007 – Gurrmanamana's 'plays' 1960

**Note:** Due to the fragility of the original papers, clients who wish to access these field notes will be issued with the photocopied version in Series 6, unless a specific request is made to view the originals

L.R. Hiatt, Maningrida, NT, 1958 Photographer: © Betty Meehan. AIATSIS N425.30

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## Folder

- 1 Marriage data. [Not found, see photocopies in [Series 6](#)]
- 2-3 Death and mortuary rites; supernatural. [Not found, see photocopies in Series 6.] [See also this series [Folder 52](#) and [Series 8 Folder 5](#)]
- 4 Genealogical data; residence and population data, Maningrida, 2/2/59 and 8/4/59, with sketch map. [Map held in folio folder 3, Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 5-6 Song cycles. [Not found, see photocopies in [Series 6](#)]
- 7 Circumcision
- 8 Kinship terminology
- 9 Conception theories; totemic sites of the Blyth River region; totems and linguistic groups
- 10 Myths and totems, including sites and ownership
- 11 Language; linguistic groups, including football teams; genealogies
- 12 Genealogies, including marriage and betrothal; territorial ownership, with sketch maps
- 13-14 Associations; patrilineal groups
- 15 Trade; disputes over ritual matters
- 16 Genealogical statistics; representative sites and owners
- 17 Miscellaneous texts, some English translations including conception, birth and childcare; social structure (incomplete). [See photocopies in [Series 6](#) for complete set of notes]

- 18 Language including word lists and prose exercises
- 19-20 Ceremonies and song cycle (Gunabibi, mortuary and Rom), with sketches of body painting and designs
- 21-24 Marriage (incomplete). [See photocopies in [Series 6](#) for complete set of notes]
- 25 Circumcision; disputes (non-marital) (incomplete). [See photocopies in [Series 6](#) for complete set of notes]
- 26-27 Marriage texts. [Not found, see photocopies in [Series 6](#)]
- 28 Maraian ceremony; Papunya settlement; Pitjantjatjara word list
- 29-30 Religious beliefs; ceremonies (circumcision, Maradjura, Rom) with drawings of ritual artefacts (incomplete). [See photocopies in [Series 6](#) for complete set of notes. See also this series [Folder 52](#)]
- 31-32 Births, deaths, age groups at Maningrida, 1958-60 (incomplete). [See [Series 6](#) for complete set of notes]
- 33 Disputes (non-marital)
- 34 Marriage disputes
- 35 Trade. [Not found, see photocopies in Series 6.] [See also Field report 1960 in Series 9 [Folders 4-5](#)]
- 36-41 Marriage, including texts (incomplete). [See Series 6 for complete set of notes]
- 42 Joking relationships (djarawara); female sexuality
- 43 Brother/sister relationships; leprosy
- 44-45 Race relations (incomplete). Includes personal histories such as 'The life history of Gurrmanamana'; Bugula song cycle; Sweeney's patrol in July-August 1939 to Blyth and Liverpool Rivers; and notes headed 'Sweeney 1956'. [See Series 6 for complete set of notes. For related material on Japanese executions, Darwin 1942, see Series 14 Folders 19 and 21]
- 46 Subsections
- 47 Mortuary rites; social changes at Maningrida Settlement; Maningrida Social Club 48-49 Marriage disputes and bestowals
- 48 Sexuality; kinship behaviour
- 49 Sorcery; curing; disputes and their settlement
- 50 Death and mortuary rites. Numbered notes including some on 'Dada', 'Bokabod', 'Larakan' and 'Rom' that are probably a later compilation of original notes, 166 pp. [For original arrangement see Series 6 Folders 2-3, and 29-30]

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**Series 6 Field notes (Photocopies), 1958-60**

Hiatt carried out fieldwork among the Gidjingali/Maringarr and their neighbours at Maningrida, between 1958-60, while a research scholar at the Australian National University. His research was presented in his doctoral thesis in 1962 and was later published as *Kinship and conflict*, Australian National University, 1965.

This series contains photocopies of the complete original set of field notes (see Series 5). Initially copied by the Library in 1981 and catalogued as MS 1537 (volumes 1-51) they were incorporated into this collection (MS 4129) in 2006. Included are scattered notes dealing with disputes, kinship, language, marriage, population data, religion and ritual, sexuality, sickness and sorcery, social change and racial relations and trade. A 'Guide to Subjects' in the series is located in Appendix 2. See also Series 7 and Addition 2007 – **Gurrmanamana's 'plays' 1960**.

**Folder**

- 1 Marriage data
- 2-3 Death and mortuary rites; supernatural. [See also [Series 8 Folder 5](#)]
- 4 Genealogical data; residence and population data, Maningrida, 2/2/59 and 8/4/59, with sketch map
- 5-6 Song cycles
- 7 Circumcision
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- 21-24 Marriage

- 25 Circumcision; disputes (non-marital) 26-27 Marriage texts
- 28 Maraian ceremony; Papunya settlement; Pitjantjatjara word list
- 29-30 Religious beliefs; ceremonies (circumcision, Maradjura, Rom) with drawings of ritual artefacts
- 31-32 Births, deaths, age groups at Maningrida, 1958-60
- 33 Disputes (non-marital)
- 34 Marriage disputes
- 35 Trade. [See also Field report 1960 in [Series 9 Folders 4-5](#)] 36-41 Marriage, including texts
- 42 Joking relationships (djarawara); female sexuality
- 43 Brother/sister relationships; leprosy
- 44-45 Race relations; personal histories including 'The life history of Gurrmanamana'; Bugula song cycle; Sweeney's patrol in July-August 1939 to Blyth and Liverpool Rivers; and notes headed 'Sweeney 1956'. [See also field notes and correspondence on Japanese executions, Darwin 1942 in [Series 14 Folders 19 and 21](#)]
- 46 Subsections
- 47 Mortuary rites; social changes at Maningrida Settlement; Maningrida Social Club 48-49 Marriage disputes and bestowals
- 50 Sexuality; kinship behaviour
- 51 Sorcery; curing; disputes and their settlement [Back to top](#)

### **Series 7 Field notebooks, 1958-81**

This series contains shorthand notebooks and lined exercise books with notes on genealogy, word lists and language texts; an exercise notebook with handwritten diary entries from May 1958 to March 1959; and a number of carbon copy notebooks and small pocketbook notebooks which Hiatt referred to as 'checking books'. The material documents the Anbarra clans from around the Kopanga Outstation region, Maningrida, in the Northern Territory.

In most cases the notes have been written in pencil although a few have been written in blue ink. See also Series 5 and 6.

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**Folder**

- 1 Diary, May 1958 to 26 March 1959. Brown covered exercise book, with handwritten notes
- 2 Notes commencing 'Proceeding down the Blyth River', documenting landforms, flora and fauna. 'Orient' shorthand notebook with handwritten notes in blue ink, 1960
- 3 Diary style handwritten notes commencing 'Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov'. 'Orient' shorthand notebook, labelled 'Balpilja'
- 4-12 Nine 'Orient' shorthand notebooks, labelled 'Notebooks I-VI', and 4-6, 1958-
- 60 13-14 'Burera'. Two 'Orient' shorthand notebooks commencing 'Field notes 31/3/58'
- 15 Text beginning 'H Mulumbuk 14.7.58'. 'Oreint' Shorthand notebook and loose-leaf 'Notes taken at Djunawunya Aud 1958'
- 16 Text beginning '1.3.58?59'. 'Orient' shorthand notebook
- 17-18 'Genealogies I' and 'Genealogies II'. Two 'Orient' shorthand notebooks commencing 'Anbara', 1958
- 19-24 Genealogies including charts, diagrams, notes, and indexes. Seven, quarto, hard-covered, lined exercise books and some loose-leaf notes, 1958-59
- 25 'Gidjingali estates East of the Blyth River: Genealogies as at 1960'. Mainly genealogical charts with index. Handwritten in pencil on sheets from a lined quarto exercise book. [Held in folio box]
- 26 'Gidjingali, Nakara and Gunavidji estates (between Blyth and Liverpool Rivers): Genealogies as at 1960'. Mainly genealogical charts with index. Handwritten in pencil on sheets from a lined quarto exercise book. [Held in folio box]
- 27 Genealogical charts on project book size paper, originally taped together by estate, e.g. Estate: Kupanga. Hand-drawn in pencil and red ink, [1975? Held in folio box]
- 28 Photocopies of Anbarra genealogical charts. A set of colour transparencies depicting these charts was transferred to the Pictorial Collection 2006. [See also 'Quill Scrap Book' in [Series 9 Folder 20](#)]
- 29-30 Miscellaneous handwritten notes from notebooks, Maningrida, 1958
- 31 Miscellaneous handwritten notes from notebooks on conflict, Maningrida, 1958
- 32 Miscellaneous handwritten notes from notebook. Contains text with English translation. Informant - Geridaway, 1958

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**Series 8 Field trips, 1975-81**

This series comprises numbered carbon copy notebooks with blue covers that Hiatt used for

checking his field notes and occasionally adding diary entries, and making copies of his correspondence from the field. Folder 4 contains some of the original notes on 'Death'. The series also contains some smaller pocket notebooks that he carried with him while in the field during 1978 and 1981. The bulk of the material is dated to his field trip to Maningrida in 1975 and relates to the Anbarra genealogies in [Series 9](#), field diaries on 'Death' in [Series 5 Folder 52](#) and [Series 6 Folders 2-3](#). The headings on the folders below reflect Hiatt's original labelling.

The original recordings of some of the texts in this series may be found in the Audio Collection. A list of this transferred material is in Folder 13.

### Folder

- 1 CB 1. Checking 1960 'Death'. Notes on current texts. Miscellaneous notes on 'Death' including index. 'Flexiflat Carbon Book', 27 May-11 August 1975
- 2 CB 2. Dupin Book 1. Commences 'Larakan ceremony at Kopanga 1975'. 'Flexiflat Carbon Book', 26 June-23 July 1975
- 3 CB 4. Dupin Book 2. 'Flexiflat Carbon Book', 23 July-10 August 1975
- 4 CB 3. Text translations including index. 'Flexiflat Carbon Book', 1975
- 5 Original handwritten notes and diagrams on death and mortuary rites from the carbon books in Folders 1-3. The notes were later rearranged and held in a clip folder
- 6 CB A. Miscellaneous notes (apart from 'Death'). Includes index and '1975 Anbara census to determine living/dead status of 1960 population'. 'Flexiflat Carbon Book', quarto, 1975
- 7 CB B. Texts 1. Includes index; and original transcripts without translation into English of 'Approaching death' (Tape 75A/1/40), 'The man dies' (Tape 75B/2/40), 'Behaviour of the spirit after death' (Tape 75A/1/45) and others, June 1975. 'Flexiflat Carbon Book', quarto
- 8 Census: Anbara genealogies. FG and NB 31/7/75. Original handwritten notes from lined notebook, June-August 1975, 57pp
- 9 PB 1/78, PB 2/78 and PB 3/78. Three 'Croxley' pocket notebooks (5"x3") with daily notes on language, genealogy etc., July-August 1978
- 10 NB 1/78. Larrakan, Djunawunya 1978. Includes copies of brief summary of events 18 July-11 August 1978. 'Tudor Duplicate Book'
- 11 PB 1/81 and PB 2/81. Two (5"x3") yellow covered pocket notebooks with notes on meetings with groups and individuals, May 1981
- 12 SB 1/81. Notes describing 'shoots' [for a film?], May 1981
- 13 List of tape recordings and photographic colour slides transferred to the Audio Collection. List compiled by Library, August 2006. [These recordings are held at HIATT\_L04 in the Audio Collection.
- 14 Colour transparencies  
119 Transparencies taken in Maningrida. Annotated and arranged by Lester Hiatt.

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**Series 9** Field notes etc., 1958-98

This series includes notes, genealogies, diaries, reports and correspondence resulting from Hiatt's work in the field, mainly in Maningrida in the Northern Territory, but also in Sri Lanka [Ceylon] and Papua New Guinea.

Correspondents include John Barnes, Judith Barbour, Bill Rowe, R. Jayasuriya, Nur Yalman, Dennis McGilvray, S. Selvaratnam, and Mahen Vaithianathan. See also [Series 5-8](#).

The series also included a 'Filco Mark 450' wooden slide box containing Hiatt's colour transparencies taken during his field trips to Maningrida (1958, 1960), Kopanga (1960), East Arnhem Land (1963), Maningrida (1967), and Maningrida and Kopanga (1975); photographic negatives taken in Ceylon [Sri Lanka] (1970) and genealogical cards compiled in Kopanga (1975). These were transferred to the Pictorial Collection in September 2006.



Camp at Blyth River, Maningrida, NT,  
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- 1-2 Genealogies – raw data, 1958. Genealogies and questionnaire. Arrangement is by Aboriginal informant and occasionally by place, such as Maningrida. Handwritten and/or typescript carbon
- 3 Landowning group genealogies, 1960. Handwritten, foolscap
- 4-5 Field reports, 1958-60. Includes letter from Hiatt to his PhD Supervisor, John Barnes from Maningrida, June 1958; letter from Hiatt to his parents, brothers and sister-in-law from Darwin, 14 November 1958; 'Field report 1 – September 1958'; 'Field report 2. January 1959' (two copies); and 'Field report 1 – June 1960' (two copies)
- 6-7 Kimberley, 1963. Includes original and photocopy of handwritten diary notes; genealogies; notes on Broome, language, Beagle Bay Mission, Derby, and Kalumbaru; and typescript carbon and roneoed copies of field report for the AIAS
- 8-11 Maningrida, 1967. Includes handwritten notes entitled 'Maningrida, May-July 1967' covering 'Sexual behaviour and attitudes', 'Conflict', 'Circumcision and subincision', 'Gumadjayga', 'Spear in the ear', 'Death', and 'Sorcery'; 2x32 black and white photographic prints of 'FG' showing different facial expressions of emotion; and roneoed copy and photocopy of a field report prepared for the AIAS, with associated correspondence
- 12 New Guinea, 1968. Comprising handwritten and typescript notes for 'New Guinea House of Assembly Election Study 1968', newspaper clippings, photographic proof sheet, shorthand field notebook labeled 'Bimin' containing word lists; and related correspondence. Correspondents include Judy Barbour, Ted ?, Bill Rowe and John Barnes

- 13 Ceylon [Sri Lanka] field notes, 1970. Comprising handwritten quarto, notes including diagrams, genealogies, and typescript report originally organised in a large clip folder by subject e.g. religion, marriage, menarche, economic life, caste, pollution, etc., 203pp
- 14 Ceylon [Sri Lanka] correspondence etc., 1969-72. Includes 'Report on field reconnaissance in South India and Ceylon, May-June 1969'; and correspondence from R. Jayasuriya, Nur Yalman, Dennis McGilvray, S. Selvaratnam, and Mahen Vaithianathan, with copies of letters sent by Hiatt
- 15 Thambilavil, Ceylon [Sri Lanka] photos, c.1970. 56 (120x190mm) black and white photographic prints, proof sheets and negatives. [Negatives and one colour transparency transferred to Pictorial Collection.]
- 16 Kopanga/Kupanga, 1975. Administrative correspondence and 'Report on 1975 fieldwork among the Anbarra at Kopanga', by Hiatt and Margaret Clunies Ross (two copies)
- 17 Kopanga/Kupanga financial documents, 1975. Includes two bank cheque books, a cash receipt book and notebook listing food and clothing supplies purchased at Maningrida
- 18 Kopanga/Kupanga field notebooks, 1975. Six pocket 'Olympic' notebooks
- 19 Kopanga/Kupanga field diary, 18 May–15 August 1975. Brown-covered one year diary, one day to a page, containing Hiatt's handwritten entries on daily fieldwork at the Blyth River
- 20 Anbarra genealogies, 1960-98. Copies of printed genealogies in large 'Quill Scrap Book', 1960 [annotated 1986] with hand-drawn map entitled 'Anabarra genealogies: additions and revision 1998', 26pp [held in folio box]. Also early draft of genealogy [held in folio folder 3, Manuscript Plan Cabinet] and photographic proof sheets of genealogies [held in folio box. Photographic negatives of these genealogies were sent to the Pictorial Collection in 2006]
- 21 Transcripts of texts recorded, 1958-75. Includes Geridawaya's text, 'Gurrmanamana's life history' and 'Approaching death', given by Frank Gurrmanamana. [Some associated tape recordings were sent to Audio Collection in 2006. See [Series 8 Folder 13](#) and HIATT\_L04]
- 22 Miscellaneous reference material including 'Government settlements: Maningrida', by Michael Allen, Welfare Branch NTA, 1958 (6pp); Hiatt's notes from [Welfare Branch?] files; 'Coastal sites: Blyth River – Cape Stewart', by G.C. Bagshaw, 1979; Capell notes with 'Burera sentences' and 'Story texts'; and copy of hand-drawn map, by Peter Mackay, 1960. [Map held in folio folder 3, Manuscript Plan Cabinet]

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### **Series 10 Unpublished papers, 1957-2002**

This series includes some of Hiatt's earliest manuscripts dated from 1959. In 2002 Hiatt prepared a listing of these papers [see Folder 42] which formed the basis of the descriptions

below. The Library has added other papers to this series such as Hiatt's opening talk at the Rom Ceremony marking the opening at the new premises of the AIAS at Acton House, Canberra, in 1982. See also [Addition 2007, Folder 10](#).

**Folder**

- 1 'An analysis of conflict in some areas of Aboriginal Australia', Bachelor of Arts (Hons) thesis, submitted by L.R. Hiatt, November 1957. Original typescript carbon, quarto, with bibliography and field project summary, 79+4+1pp. [Two other bound photocopies are held in the Library at MS 569 and MS 1160]
- 2 Untitled address on Aboriginal leadership, conflict and social control. (Presented to officers at the Australian School of Pacific Administration, Mosman, and later published in a revised form in the journal South Pacific, no. 10, 1959). Typescript carbon with handwritten additions, quarto, double-spacing, 22pp
- 3 'Value judgments and social theory'. (Paper presented to discussion group consisting mainly of Australian National University PhD scholars in philosophy including Graham Pont, David Dockrill and David Armstrong (Visitor), University House, Canberra, 1959). Typescript carbon, quarto, double-spacing, 9pp
- 4 'Social and political development in the Northern Territory'. Seminar, Anthropology Department, RSPacS, Australian National University, 1959. Last page has comments by W.E.H. Stanner. Annotated typescript, quarto, 19pp
- 5 'Mortuary rites and practices in Central Arnhem Land' and 'Note'. Seminar, Anthropology Department, RSPacS, Australian National University, July 1961. Roneoed typescript, foolscap, 11 + 5pp. Also includes letter from Marie Reay, Roper River Mission, 17 September, 1961. Typescript quarto, single-spacing, 2pp
- 6 Untitled paper on problems faced by the policy of assimilation. (Probably presented at a FCAATSI Conference, Adelaide, 1962). Typescript, quarto, single-spacing, 2pp
- 7 'Sanctions: a summary statement'. Last paper in a series of post-doctoral seminars on 'Sanctions' in the Anthropology Department at the London School of Economics, 1964. Handwritten foolscap and quarto, 9pp
- 8 'A Neo-evolutionist approach to matriliney'. A review of David Schneider and Kathleen Gough's Matrilineal Kinship, London School of Economics seminar, 1964. Handwritten, quarto, 38pp
- 9 'Sexual jealousy'. Presented at the Third Annual Congress of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Sydney, October 1966. Roneoed typescript, foolscap, double-spacing (14pp) + conference programme, 1pp
- 10 Untitled paper on hunters and gatherers. Presented in a programme for schools on the Australian Broadcasting Commission, February 1966. Handwritten, quarto, 5pp
- 11 'The Uses of myth'. A lecture presented in the University of Sydney, Department of Tutorial Classes, c.1966. (Outlines and exemplifies some approaches to myth - an antecedent to Australian Aboriginal Mythology, 1975). Typescript, quarto, double-spacing, 17pp
- 12 'Levi-Strauss and Oedipus Rex'. (Presented at a seminar in the Anthropology Department at Sydney University), 1966. Typescript carbon, foolscap, double-

spacing, 12pp [+ diagrams]

- 13 'Male and female principles in Australian Aboriginal mythology and ritual'. (Probably a seminar paper presented in the Anthropology Department at the University of Sydney, c.1967). Handwritten, quarto, 17pp
- 14 'Totemism tomorrow', 1968. (Paper presented at a conference of the Association of Social Anthropologists in Canberra on a methodological theme like 'validity'. After an introductory section on this theme, the paper goes on to examine theories of totemism, and finishes with some speculations about 'serpent worship'. The middle section formed the basis for 'Totemism tomorrow: the future of an illusion', Mankind, 1969). Typescript, foolscap, double-spacing, 16pp. Also includes review of the book Australian totemism, by Geza Roheim, reprint of the 1st Edition of 1925, published by Frank Cass & Co., London, 1971. Typescript, quarto, 2pp
- 15 'Reflections on John Mathew's Eaglehawk and Crow', 1972? (Paper presented at an AIAS conference on the origins of the Australian Aborigines). Typescript, quarto, double-spacing, 16pp. Also includes two letters from Harold Scheffler, and three photographic slides
- 16 'Australian Aborigines as a 'Complex Society'', 1973. (Presented to postgraduate students in the Anthropology Department at the University of Cambridge. (A similar exposition was presented later in Arguments about Aborigines, 1996; and in the kinship section of the CD-Rom People of the Rivermouth, 2002). Handwritten, quarto, 22pp
- 17 'Arnhem Land religion: an overview', 1975. (Presented as the opening paper at a conference at Melbourne University organized by Nicolas Peterson in conjunction with his work on the papers of Donald Thomson). Handwritten draft photocopy, foolscap, 19pp [plus tables and note]; 53 speaking cards; and related correspondence with Nicolas Peterson, 1975-76
- 18 'Origins of religion [I and II]', 1977. Two lectures presented at a weekend conference on 'Philosophy and Anthropology', under the auspices of the Department of Adult Education and Sydney Philosophy Club. (Some of the material was taken from Hiatt's paper entitled 'Swallowing and regurgitation in Australian myth and rite', in L.Hiatt (ed) Australian Aboriginal mythology, A.I.A.S., 1975). Handwritten in red, quarto, 37 + 21pp. Also includes portion of conference programme
- 19 'Obscenity', 1977. (Paper presented at Bundanoon, NSW, as part of a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of John Anderson's arrival in Australia to take up the Chair of Philosophy at the University of Sydney). Typescript photocopy, quarto, (16pp) and 11 colour transparencies. [See also Series 17 Folders 5-6]
- 20-21 'Incest' , address to Humanist Society, Sydney, 28 September, 1977. Original speaking notes and photocopy (28pp), reference material including newspaper clipping and related correspondence concerning possible publication of a monograph on incest.
- 22 'The ideological functions of aboriginal religion', 1978. Paper presented at the International Conference on Hunters and Gatherers, Paris. (A version of the first part of the paper appeared in 'Maidens, males, and Marx: some contrasts in the work of Frederick Rose and Claude Meillassoux', Oceania, vol. 56, no. 1, 1985). Roneoed typescript, quarto (15pp) and related correspondence, 1978-82. [See also Series 12 Folder 7]

- 23 'Sexual jealousy, sociobiology, and free choice', 1979. (Paper presented at a seminar in the Department of Biological Anthropology, University of Oxford, October 1979. The second part of the paper deals with the Nayar case but makes no reference to Bill Irons' solution). Original typescript, quarto manuscript (16pp) and photocopy
- 24 'Australian Aboriginal Studies', 1980. Paper presented at University of Oxford as part of a series on race relations. (A large part of it is a sketch of the political history of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies). Handwritten, quarto, 15pp
- 25-26 Handwritten speaking notes for the first day's performance of the Rom [ceremonial dances] for the public opening of the AIAS at Acton House, Canberra, 31 October 1982, with correspondence concerning arrangements and funding for the ceremony, 1979-83.  
Also included is 'Chapter 2. Rom in Arnhem Land', by Hiatt, [1983?]. Photocopy, 13pp
- 27 'New research perspectives on Aboriginal land tenure: 1971-80'. Presidential address to ANZAAS, Sydney, May, 1982. Annotated typescript quarto (19pp), related correspondence and newspaper clippings
- 28 'Reproductive competition among the Australian Aborigines', 1983. (Presented at a conference on 'Adaptive Strategies of Colonizing Species', Boden Research Centre, Thredbo, NSW, February, 1983). Typescript and handwritten, quarto, (16pp) and conference programme
- 29-30 'Freud and anthropology', 1983. (Presented at a seminar for postgraduates. Parts of it formed a basis for a chapter published later in *Creating culture: profiles in the study of culture*, edited by Diane Austin-Broos. Sydney, Allen & Unwin, 1987). Typescript and handwritten, quarto, (16 + 6pp) and related correspondence.
- 31 'The not-so-gay life of the Ten-Spined Stickleback', 1987. (Paper written during study leave at the Max-Planck-Institut, Seewiesen). Printed typescript, 7pp
- 32 'Do Mountain Bluebirds beat their wives?' 1987. (Paper written during study leave at the Max-Planck-Institut, Seewiesen. Included as part of 'On Cuckoldry', *Canberra Anthropology*, 11, 1988). Printed typescript, quarto, 4pp
- 33 'Titi and Squirrel Monkeys', 1987. (Paper written during study leave at the Max-Planck- Institut, Seewiesen). Printed typescript, 6pp
- 34 'Gibbons and chimpanzees', 1987. (Paper written during study leave at the Max-Planck-Institut, Seewiesen. Some material included in 'Homo mobilis', in *Histories of old ages*, edited by A. Anderson and others, 2001). Printed typescript, 4pp
- 35 *Odysseus and the suitors*, 1987. (Written in Sydney as part of a general inquiry into cuckoldry). Printed typescript (3pp), related correspondence and reference notes
- 36 'Two paradigms of cuckoldry: Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* and Wycherley's *The Country wife*', 1988. (Written in Sydney; most of it, without the pictures, appeared in 'On Cuckoldry', *Canberra Anthropology*, 11, 1988). Typescript photocopy (11pp), drafts, letter to the editor *Sydney Morning Herald* (1987), and research notes
- 37 'The High-God Controversy', 1988. (Paper presented at the International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies, Darwin, 1988. It formed a basis for the chapter



on High Gods in Arguments about Aborigines: Australia and the evolution of social anthropology, by Hiatt, published by Cambridge University Press, 1996). Printed typescript manuscript and appendix, 11+2pp

- 38 'Morality and self-interest: an anecdote', 1990. Printed typescript, single-spacing, 1pp
- 40 'Reply on the occasion of the launch of Scholar and sceptic: Australian Aboriginal Studies in honour of LR Hiatt', 1997. Printed typescript, 2pp; and 'Australian anthropology: reflections on anthropological practice, 1950 to 1970: Three anthropologists Ruth Latukefu, Jeremy Beckett and Les Hiatt – reflect on anthropological practice in the 1950s and 1960s', April 1997. Printed typescript and related letter, 4+2pp. [See also Series 1 Folder 62]
- 41 "After the dreaming': a talk at Brunel University 10.10.02'. An overview of the impact of British colonisation on the Indigenous peoples of Australia. Printed paper, 2002, 9pp
- 42 Book review of *The best of Anthropology Today*, edited by Jonathan Benthall, 2002. Submitted to *Critique of Anthropology*, January 2003, 1p. Also Hiatt's original listing of 'Unpublished papers', 2002, 3pp

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### **Series 11 Evolutionary anthropology, c.1970-87**

This series includes several handwritten manuscripts, handwritten notes, reference material and correspondence on evolutionary anthropology. Topics include male parental investment in non-human primates, cuckoldry and anti-cuckoldry, jealousy, love and hate, and symbolism.

#### **Folder**

- 1 'Darwin and sociobiology', [1970s]. Original and photocopies of handwritten notes
- 2 'Ardrey's *The Social Contract*', [1970]. Handwritten notes on the book by Robert Ardrey
- 3 'Sociobiology and reproductive success among the Australian Aborigines', paper given in the Department of Sociology, University of N.S.W., March 1983. Photocopied handwritten notes with diagrams
- 4 'Reproductive competition among the Australian Aborigines', n.d. Photocopies of typescript and handwritten notes
- 5 Review of *Love and hate*, by I. Eibl-Eibesfeldt, [early 1970s]. Handwritten notes
- 6 Review of *Men in groups*, by Lionel Tiger, [early 1980s]. Handwritten notes
- 7 Review of *The ethnic phenomenon*, by Pierre van den Berghe. Handwritten notes, n.d.
- 8 Male parental investment in non-human primates. General reviews, theories, etc. Handwritten notes and photocopied reference articles with sections on apes and monkeys, n.d.
- 9 Gibbons and chimpanzees. Typescript and handwritten notes and reference material, 1980s



- 10 Gibbons and chimpanzees. Chapter 1 – Additions and revisions, 1980s. Draft manuscript, handwritten notes, reference articles and correspondence
- 11 Paternity and protection in old world monkeys, 1980s. Handwritten notes and reference articles
- 12 Non-human paradigms: (1) Mountain bluebirds; (2) 10-spine sticklebacks, 1980s. Handwritten notes and photocopied reference articles
- 13 Squirrels and titis, 1980s. Typescript and handwritten notes, and reference material
- 14 Cuckoldry and related topics in non-primates, 1980s. Handwritten notes and reference article
- 15 Anti-cuckoldry (including sexual jealousy) in humans, 1970s. Handwritten notes and reference articles
- 16 Aetiology and symbolism. Definitions (horns, the cuckoo etc.). Handwritten notes and reference articles, 1980s
- 17 Cuckoldry. Handwritten notes and reference articles, 1980s
- 18-19 Cuckoldry. Miscellaneous reference material, newspapers clippings, bibliographic lists, images on slides and postcards, compiled late 1980s
- 20 Cross-cultural. Handwritten notes and reference articles, 1980s
- 21 Literary reference notes (on cuckoldry). [See also [Series 10 Folder 36](#)]
- 22 Jealousy notes, bulk 1979-80. Handwritten notes
- 23 Jealousy writings, notes and correspondence, 1966-1980 [mainly correspondence]
- 24 Correspondence with Roger Sandall, Richard Wright, Bob Brissenden and others, 1986-87. Includes handwritten index.
- 25-26 Research notes and reference material on 'sexual reciprocity' and 'parental investment and human mating habits', 'loss of oestrus', 'cuckoldry in sociobiological theory' and cuckoldry in reference to the Australian Aborigines, compiled 1987
- 27 Cuckoldry references

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## **Series 12 Conferences, occasional papers and reports, etc., 1971-91**

The bulk of this series comprises correspondence relating to papers presented by Hiatt at conferences he attended and the publications that followed. Some of the folders contain the final conference paper. Occasionally Hiatt was asked to contribute towards reports, and these contributions can also be found amongst the papers in the series.

### **Folder**

- 1 AIAS Conference entitled 'Aboriginal Antiquities in Australia', May 1972. Includes correspondence, programme and opening speech, by Minister for the Aborigines, Environment and the Arts, the Hon. Peter Howson
- 2 Handwritten summaries and analysis of Aboriginal myths, 1972-73
- 3-4 AIAS Symposium on 'Ethnoscience', Canberra, May 1974. Correspondence between the Convenor, Les Hiatt, contributors and publisher
- 5-6 and 'The outstation movement on Aboriginal Australia', by H.C. Coombs, B.G. Dexter  
L.R. Hiatt. Draft manuscript and related correspondence, 1978-81.  
[Published versions held in library at B L434.62/P1]
- 7 International Conference on Hunters and Gatherers, Paris, June 1978. Correspondence, 1978-82. [See also [Series 10 Folder 22](#)]
- 8 Symposium on 'Aboriginal Sites and Rights, and the Impact of Resource Development', Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, Canberra, 11 November, 1981. Correspondence and programme
- 9 'First International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies', Bad Homburg, West Germany, 12-16 June 1983. Correspondence and programme
- 10 'Fourth International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies', London, 8-13 September 1986. Correspondence
- 11 Correspondence relating to 'Aboriginal conceptions of the workings of nature', by Hiatt and Rhys Jones, 1986-87. Paper published in *Australian science in the making*, edited by R.W. Home, 1988. [Copy held in Library at B H765.31 A1]
- 12 Symposium on 'Pseudo-procreative symbolism', American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 1987. Includes paper entitled 'The procreative fantasies of Judge Schreber', by L.R. Hiatt, and related correspondence
- 13 Symposium on 'Egalitarian and Hierarchical Tendencies in Aboriginal Social Life', Australian National University, 1988. Correspondence
- 14 Correspondence with Warren Shapiro concerning a special issue of *Mankind*, *Australian Journal of Anthropology*, in honour of John Barnes, 1987-90
- 15 'First Annual Meeting of the Human Behaviour and Evolution Society', Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, August 25-27, 1989. Correspondence and paper presented by Hiatt. This paper formed the basis of paper entitled 'Towards a natural history of fatherhood' published in *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 1990. [Copy held in Library at S 57/13]
- 16 Coronation Hill controversy. Report to Commonwealth Resource Assessment Commission, 1991
- 17 Comments on Chubb Report on higher education in the Australian Capital Territory. Correspondence, February 1991

- 18 Conference on 'Psychoanalysis and Anthropology', Paris, 10-12 July 1991. Correspondence and programme

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### Series 13 Published papers, 1959-2003

This series comprises Hiatt's writings on Aboriginal culture that appeared as book chapter or journal, newsletter and newspaper articles, and related correspondence. It also includes some of Hiatt's writings on non-anthropological topics.

Arrangement is in a chronological order from his early writings on anthropology. If the Library holds other copies of these publications this has been indicated in the descriptions below.

**Note:** For a comprehensive bibliography on the writings of Lester Hiatt see *Scholar and sceptic*, edited by Francesca Merlan. Canberra, Aboriginal Studies Press, 1997, pp.243-249. [This book is held in the Library at B M564.14/S1].

### Folder

- 1 'Social control in Central Arnhem Land', in *South Pacific*, vol. 10, no. 7, 1959, pp. 182-192 (photocopy). [Also held in Library at RS 35.9/1]
- 2 'Local organization among the Australian Aborigines', *Oceania*, vol. 32, 1962, pp.1-25 (two photocopies). [Later published 2002 in *Before it's too late: anthropological reflections, 1950-1970*, edited by Geoffrey Gray, held in Library at B G779.25/B1]
- 3 'Aborigines in the Australian community' in *Australian society: a sociological introduction*, edited by Davies, A and S. Encel, Melbourne, Cheshire, 1965 (photocopy). [Book held in Library at B D255.05/A1]
- 4 'Incest in Arnhem land', *Oceania*, vol. 25, no. 2, 1964, pp.124-128. Offprint (three copies). Also includes 'Incest and redemption in Arnhem Land', by R. Makarius, *Oceania*, vol. 37, no. 2, 1966, pp.148-152 (one offprint) and Hiatt's response to Makarius' article entitled 'A spear in the ear', *Oceania*, vol. 37, no 2, 1966, pp.153-154 (four reprints). [Also also held in Library at S57/27]
- 5 'Mung', *Balcony*, no. 3, 1965, pp.15-21 (photocopy)
- 6 'The conservatism of Alex Comfort', *Broadsheet* (newsletter of the Libertarian Society at the University of Sydney), no. 42, April 1965, pp.3-6
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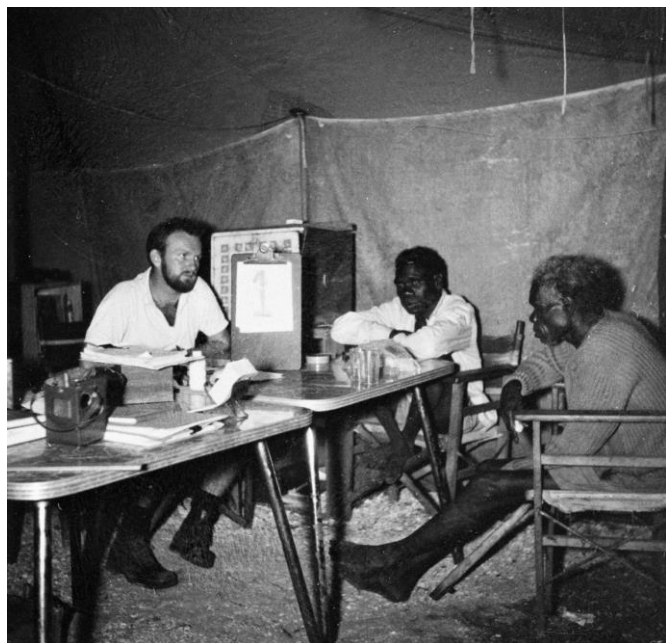
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#### Series 14 'Waiting for Harry' and 'People of the Rivermouth', 1978-98

In 1960 Frank Gurrmanamana dictated to Les Hiatt, over three months, a series of texts in Burarra describing the main institutions of his own culture or 'Jaborr', translated as custom-law. This material provided a basis for Hiatt's book *Kinshhip and conflict* (1965).

In 1978 film-maker, Kim McKenzie, collaborated with Les Hiatt and the Anbarra people of the Blythe River area near Maningrida in the Northern Territory to make the film entitled 'Waiting for Harry'. It covered the elaborate sequence of mortuary rites for a man, Les Angabarabara, who had died seven years earlier. The impetus for conducting these rites and for making the film came from Frank Gurrmanamana who was a close advisor and colleague to Hiatt and McKenzie. Gurrmanamana was a classificatory brother of the dead man as was Hiatt.

The papers listed below include transcripts of camera rolls made at the University of Sydney in 1979 with Margaret Clunies Ross with the aid of two Anbarra men, Johnny Mundrugmundrug and Albert Nganmarra. Hiatt comments that 'much of the material on the 105 camera rolls did not appear in the eventual 57 minute film' (Folder 4). The film was released in 1980 and won two international awards – the Biennial Prize to the finest film in anthropology from the Royal Anthropological Institute, London, and the Special Prize at the Festival International Du Film De Grand Reportage, Luckon, France, 1982.



L to R. Les Hiatt, Frank Gurrmanamana and Les Angabarraparra, Maningrida,, NT, 1958. Photographer: © Betty Meehan. AIATSIS N421.10a

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After the release of the film, Hiatt stated that he wished to complete a book begun years earlier under AIATSIS auspices entitled 'Jaborr'. Essentially it was to be a transcription and translation into English from the series of texts given to Hiatt by Frank Gurrmanamana in 1960, describing the secular institutions of Gidjingali/Maringarr culture, plus a glossary and outline of Gidjingali grammar, and a biography of Frank himself. It was conceived as a joint effort by Frank and Les Hiatt. The book was never published but was the basic concept behind the subsequent multi-media project that began in the late 1980s.

The CD-Rom project entitled 'People of the Rivermouth' was a collaborative effort between Hiatt, Gurrmanamana, Kim McKenzie, Betty Meehan, Betty Ngurrabangurraba, and Rhys Jones. The aim of the project was to publish some of the results of a four decades long relationship between the Anbarra people and a number of scholars from various fields of study. The book and CD-Rom was published by the National Museum of Australia, in collaborations with AIATSIS, in 2002. [The book is held in the Library at B G981.45/P1 and the CD-Rom is



housed separately in the Reference collection]. See also Anabarra genealogies in [Series 9 Folder 20](#) and Hiatt's original field notes transcribing the 'plays' given to him by Frank Gurrmanamana in 1960, in [Addition 2007 – Gurrmanamana's 'plays' 1960](#).

Correspondents include Kim McKenzie, Betty Meehan, Nicolas Peterson, officers within the Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Margaret Clunies Ross and Peter Sculthorpe.

In 2017, a number of items were added to this series; the bulk of these new items relate to the production of 'People of the Rivermouth'.

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- 1 'Badurra film. July-August 1978 at Djunawunya. Diary'. Handwritten notes in uncovered diary, octavo, pp.2-44, and photocopy
- 2-3 'Waiting for Harry'. Handwritten foolscap notes on ideas for film and transcripts of camera rolls, 1978-79
- 4-5 'Waiting for Harry'. Handwritten foolscap notes comprising summary of contents and transcriptions of camera rolls, 1979
- 6 'Waiting for Harry'. Typescript quarto dialogue notes between Hiatt and Frank Gurrmanamana, and opening shooting sequence, 1979
- 7 'Waiting for Harry'. Loose handwritten notes and genealogies, Millingimbi and Maningrida, 1981
- 8 'Waiting for Harry'. 'Milingimbi' correspondence and notes including handwritten notes on the Northern Territory Sacred Sites Authority and transcripts of film rolls for proposed book to accompany the film 'Waiting for Harry', 1981-1982. The book was never published
- 9 'Waiting for Harry'. Correspondence concerning promotion of film and awards received, 1976-82. Includes two articles in the University of Sydney News, 21 October 1980, p.206; and 20 July 1982. [Held in folio box]
- 10 'Waiting for Harry'. Mainly research notes for a proposed book to accompany the film and a small amount of related correspondence, 1980-82
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- 12 Harry Mulumbuk's death, 1985. Includes obituary by Hiatt, notes and related correspondence
- 13 'Mulumbuk's funeral 22/9/85 (including index to tapes 1-3)'. Handwritten notes in 'Olympic' shorthand notebook, 20-22 September 1985
- 14 'Diary: Maningrida 1985-86. Joborr Project'. Handwritten notes in 'Olympic' shorthand notebook, 18 December 1985-23 January 1986
- 15 Joborr fieldwork administration, 1985-86. Includes expenditure details, report and correspondence

- 16 Joborr correspondence related to grant application, 1997. Correspondents include Peter Sculthorpe
- 17 Australian Research Council grant application for 'Joborr: Gidjingarli custom-law' Project, submitted by Hiatt and Kim McKenzie, 1998. Includes application and typescript notes, 'Joborr: Gidgingarli custom-law', by Frank Gurrmanamana, assessor's report and correspondence, 1998-99.
- 18 Two Joborr record books labelled 'Book A' and 'Book B'. 'Olympic Copymate' record books containing copies of handwritten diary notes, genealogies, and word lists compiled in Maningrida, Northern Territory, 1998; and original diary notes 'continued from Book B' (1998) and 'Joborr Field Trip', July 1999
- 19 'Kim's printouts – Joborr' including 'Execution of Japanese prisoners' (6pp); 'Frank Gurrmanamana: boyhood and youth from birth to the end of the war, c. 1920-1943' (7pp); 'notes' (6pp); and 'The Joborr texts of Frank Gurrmanamana: people of the Rivermouth', Australian Wheels for the Mind, vol. 8, no. 2, November 1998, pp. 6-7
- 20 'Joborr 12. Japanese executions, Darwin c.1942'. Includes original field notes [2pp], and transcript of the original recording with informant, Frank Gurrmanamana, 1958-60; copy of letter to Fred Chaney, M.P., and newspaper clippings on the debate over a proposed Australian 'War Crimes Bill', 1988. The original recording [BASF Magnetophonband 180m tape] of the interview with Gurrmanamana entitled '1. Jap execution' was transferred to the Audio Collection in June 2006

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- 21 Film transcript, 'Waiting for Harry' (typescript, photocopy)
- 22 Uncaptioned photographs and images. Includes:
- man using a woven fishtrap (b&w) x 3; four children carrying waterlilies (b&w) x 1; group of people on the beach (colour) x1; older man and younger woman x 1 (2 copies, b&w); two women, one breastfeeding a child (b&w) x1; white man, holding a discarded can and carrying a bag over his shoulder, and boy standing on the beach (colour) x 1; images of the Djunawunya clan estate (colour) x 1; multiple images of the Goyulun Barks (laminated paper); collages of anthropologists (b&w photocopies); smiling woman holding a crab (colour original) x 1; Blyth River Aerial, photographer: Kim McKenzie (colour photocopy) x 1; two men painted up and dancing (colour) x 2; older woman with blue scarf over her head (colour) x 1; boy wearing ceremonial attire x 1 (colour, 2 copies), two boys wearing ceremonial attire (colour) x 1; man in a hat with a notebook talking with a woman (colour) x 1; older man in hat and check shirt x 1; portrait images of Professor Radcliff-Brown, Rev Lorimer Fison, Donald Thomson, Sir W Baldwin Spencer, and Alfred William Howitt (b&w photocopies); Les Hiatt, another white man and a woman sitting at a table with notebooks (colour) x 1; one white woman, one Indigenous woman and a white man (colour) x 1. [All unnamed subjects are Indigenous unless otherwise noted]
  - 'Sacred painting buried with coffin of Nancy Bandayama (wife of Frank Gurrmanamana), buried at Djibena outstation – photos by Kim McKenzie Community permission required for viewing, copying and quotation [Access code B6]

- 23 'Rivermouth Copyright'. Correspondence regarding use of and payment for images for use in the Rivermouth book and CD. [Typescript, original, typescript, photocopy, emailsprintouts)
- 24 'PotR Images © as at 15/1/01'
- 25 PotR, Correspondence, Dec 1997-Aug 2000. Correspondents: Les Hiatt, Kim McKenzie, National Museum of Australia, Dr Betty Meehan, Professor Rhys Jones [Includes extracts and references for the book]
- 26 'Kim McKenzie PotR-The Book', Dec 2000. Images, correspondence and outline for the People of the Rivermouth book.
- 27 PotR CD Working papers. Papers divided into the following sections: Outstanding details from Data Docs; Audio; Captions; FIN; KBK; Map; PRT; TRT; VID
- 28 PotR Book and CD, working papers (1999-2001).
- Captions for Meehan-Jones. Colour slides 9/6/99
  - Correspondence with Lynn Parker Pitt Rivers Museum re photographs, 7/2/00
  - Description by Les Hiatt of a painting by (Mick) Makani
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  - 'Caption notes for Axel Poignant pics ... 8/05/00'
  - References with suggestions for scanned texts for PotR (25/8/2000)
  - PotR "Readings" (& references) as at 11/2/01
  - PotR "Readings" (& references) as at 8/5/01
  - POTR "Readings" (& references) as at 13/4/01
  - PotR Pics
  - Un-named, undated chart of photo numbers and captions
  - Introduction to Burarra
- 29 Excerpts from journal articles and monographs (typescripts), as follows:
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- Hiatt, Les, (1986) Obituary Harry D, *Australian Aboriginal Studies, No 2*

30 Genealogical tables. [Hand drawn (original), hand drawn (photocopy)]

- Charts: 'Growing up', 'Marriage payments', 'Niece exchange', 'Bestowal', 'Sharing a wife/Jealousy', 'Wifebeater', 'Elopement', 'Death'
- 'Order of texts' and charts

31 'FC581/1-21'.

- Chapter 3 in *Kinship and Marriage*, pp 38-53 [photocopy]
- Sketches of Goyulun Barks 1-5 and 7, by Painter 'JMM' [?JM Manginda or Johnny Munding Munding or Johnny Mundrugmundrug], with Gidgingali [Burrara] language and English annotations of the images (hand drawn, photocopies) [Colour images of the Goyulan Barks are included in Folder 21]
- 'Important points to make in the section of general observations' Discussion of the meaning of Goyulun and Djambidj barks [handwritten, photocopy]
- 'Documentation of Djambisj and Goyulun Poles, plus the bark painting of Johnny Munding Munding and Frank Malkorda [?Malkoida] in the Rom

exhibition' [handwritten, photocopy]. [Audio tape AIAS-70 is related to this part.]

- A Short outline of Gidjingali (Burrara) Grammar [typescript, photocopy]
- Gidgingali [Burrara] word-lists
- Gidgingali [Burrara] language cards [handwritten index cards, photocopy]

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### **Series 15 University of Sydney undergraduate courses and lectures, 1969-91**

From 1962-91 Hiatt lectured in Anthropology at the University of Sydney where his focus increasingly became the teaching of 'Aboriginal Studies'. 'Aboriginal Studies' was an interdisciplinary course within the Faculty of Arts. Hiatt's contribution to the subject began in an Aboriginal Performing Arts course within the Department of Music.

This series includes course outlines, printed handouts, essay and exam questions set for his undergraduate and honours students, and handwritten and typescript lecture notes.

**Access:** Open access for reading, copying and quotation for most of this Series.

The **exception** is a photographic print in Folder 16 that requires Community approval for copying [Access code B6]

#### **Folder**

- 1 Anthropology, 1969-89. Course outlines
- 2 Proposal to introduce a course on 'Aboriginal studies' in the Department of Anthropology. Correspondence, minutes of meetings and notes, 1981-82
- 3 Australian Aboriginal kinship and marriage. Lecture notes, c.1986 (photocopy)
- 4 Classificatory kinship (Social Anthropology 1). Lecture notes and course outline, 1986
- 5 Social Anthropology I. Old lecture notes and related material, c.1987
- 6 Social Anthropology I. Lecture notes and exam questions, 1988
- 7 Australian Aboriginal religion (Anthropology III). Lecture notes and course outline, 1982
- 8 Australian Aboriginal religion (Hons). Reading lists and topics, 1985-86
- 9 Australian Aboriginal religion (Social Anthropology III). Lecture notes, course outline, essay topics etc., 1987-91
- 10-11 Australian Aboriginal religion (Social Anthropology III). Lecture notes, course outline, essay topics etc., 1988-89
- 12 Aboriginal land claims (Anthropology III) with Alan Rumsey. Lecture notes, 1985-86
- 13 Aboriginal land claims (Anthropology III) with Alan Rumsey and Francesca Merlan. Lecture notes, 1988-91

- 14 Proposal to introduce course on 'Aboriginal performing arts' based in the Department of Music, University of Sydney, commencing c.1984. Reports, memorandums and newsletter articles, 1987-88
- 15 Gidjingarli language. Lecture notes 1988-91
- 16 Gidjingarli language and culture. Lecture notes and exam questions, 1990. Also correspondence relating to visits from Anbarra people for 'Aboriginal Studies' courses (1986-90), and black and white photographic print of Frank Gurrmanamana and Jack Riala with staff and students in Aboriginal Studies, University of Sydney (1989) (Community permission required to copy the print.)
- 17 Exam and essay questions for 'Aboriginal Performing Arts' and 'Aboriginal Studies' in the courses on Gidjingali/Maringarr language etc., 1984-91, and completed student assessment forms for courses in 'Aboriginal Performing Arts' (bulk 1989)

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### **Series 16 Supervision of post-graduate students, 1966-79**

This series includes correspondence between Hiatt and his post-graduate anthropology students. It includes the students' letters from the field and occasionally their preliminary field work reports and supervisor's comments.

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#### **Folder**

- 1 Peter Brokensha
- 2 Vicky Burbank
- 3 Athol Chase, Gill Cowlshaw, and Chris Eipper
- 4 Annette Hamilton
- 5 R. Macaulay, Douglas Miles; Peter Myers and others
- 6 Chuck Smythe

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### **Series 17 The University of Sydney – Activities, controversies etc., 1969-91**

This series includes material relating to issues and activities of the University of Sydney with which Hiatt had an involvement, in particular, a conference Hiatt organized in 1977 commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Anderson's arrival in Australia to become Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney.

For related sites on John Anderson, prepared by the University of Sydney Library, see the

exhibition at <http://setis.library.usyd.edu.au/anderson/> and a finding aid at [http://www.usyd.edu.au/arms/archives/anderson\\_john/welcome.html](http://www.usyd.edu.au/arms/archives/anderson_john/welcome.html).

## Folder

- 1-2 'The Thailand controversy', 1969-71. Correspondence, minutes of meetings, and reports concerning the Tribal Research Centre in Chiang Mai, the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney, and allegations of counter insurgency
- 3 Vietnam War and Moratorium, 1971. Correspondence and newspaper clippings covering Hiatt's response to the campaign by the organisers of the Moratorium to suspend 'all academic activities on June 30<sup>th</sup>, in favour of anti-war activities'
- 4 Argument between Hiatt and Wal Suchting on 'The myth of value free science: from bourgeois pseudo-neutrality to knowledge for the people', paper written by Suchting, 1974. Includes copy of the paper, Hiatt's response and related correspondence
- 5-6 John Anderson commemoration. Lectures and conference, Bundanoon, 15-17 April 1977. Includes original programme, opening speech notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographic portrait of John Anderson (1920s), financial notes and list of donors, and drafts of paper entitled 'Obscenity' which was Hiatt's contribution to a John Anderson Commemoration publication, 1975-80
- 7 Correspondence concerning the publication of a poem entitled 'Sydney wins the Beckett Nut', published in the Department of Anthropology newsletter, 1988
- 8-9 'Associate Professorship' controversy, 1989-91. Correspondence about a proposal by Hiatt to change the way the professorial system operated within the University of Sydney, especially as it related to the appointment of professors and associate professors. Includes a paper by Hiatt entitled 'The professoriate under devolution', 1989

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## Series 18 Harvard University – Visiting Professorship, 1990-91

The Chair of Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at Harvard University was established by a gift from the Australian Government to Harvard in 1976 in commemoration of America's Bicentennial. It was the intention to bring to Harvard distinguishing scholars in various fields of organization who would offer lectures and/or seminars. Hiatt held the Chair for the academic year 1990-91.

During this time Hiatt presented a series of lectures on 'The Australian Aborigines and the American connection' at Harvard, occasionally accompanied by film screenings; gave talks entitled 'US Exploring Expedition 1838-42' and 'Too many Captain Cooks' at the Peabody Museum and the Australian Studies Center, University of Texas respectively; and wrote three newspaper articles on American universities. For copies of the articles and related correspondence see [Series 13 Folder 62](#).

This series includes Hiatt's lecture notes, correspondence, diary notes, photocopies of reference material, invitations and miscellaneous notes. See also [Addition 2007 – 'Arguments about Aborigines', 1991-98](#).

Correspondents include Mervyn Meggitt, John Barnes, Michael Spence, Irvn De Vore, Stanley Tambiah, Jan Senberg, John Mulvaney, Graeme Davison, Roger Sandall, Deborah Rose,

Warren Shapiro, Bruce Rigsby, Nancy Williams, Vickie Burbank, Frederick Myers, and Francesca Merlan.

**Open access** for reading. Open copying and quotation for most of the folders listed below [Access code A1 B5]. The **exceptions** are Folder 3 that is available for reading, copying and quotation only to people who have written permission from the *AIATSIS CEO* [Access code A3a B1].

### Folder

- 1-2 Application, appointment, congratulatory letters, information from previous incumbents, and other correspondence, 1988-1991
- 3 Handwritten and typescript diary notes, 30 September-6 October, 1990. Documents departure from Sydney to commencement of academic year at Harvard University.
- 4 Films to be screened at Harvard. Correspondence 1990
- 5 'Australian Aborigines and the American connection'. Original prospectus, notes, ideas, book lists and student lists for course
- 6 'Australian Aborigines and the American connection'. Printed lecture notes
- 7-17 'Australian Aborigines and the American connection'. Handwritten lecture notes, portrait photographic prints and other images, photocopies of related reference material and correspondence. Folders reflect original headings of lecture topics:
- Horatio Hale – 'US Exploring Expedition, 1938-42'. [Probably used for talk to the Peabody Museum, 1991]
  - List of American anthropologists writing on the Australian Aborigines including Victoria Burbank, Joseph Birdsell, Bruce Rigsby, Deborah Rose, Warren Shapiro, Lauriston Sharp, and Nancy Williams. Also some biographies, portrait photographs and related correspondence.
  - Deborah Rose – 'Captain Cook stories'
  - Joseph Birdsell – 'Origins of Australian Aborigines' and 'Territoriality'
  - Nancy Williams – 'Contemporary land rights – the Gove Case' and 'Conflict and fighting'
  - Lauriston Sharp – 'People without politics'
  - Victoria Burbank – 'Adolescence' and 'Ritualised aggression'
  - Nancy Munn
  - Fred Myers
  - CWM Hart – 'The politics of bestowal and marriage; Lloyd Warner – 'Male secret cults' and 'Death' ; and Francesca Merlan – 'Gender' and 'Conception and paternity'
- 18 'Australian Aborigines and the American connection'. Examination questions and gradings.



- 19 'Australian Aborigines'. Course summary, student lists and gradings delivered for Anthropology 220, Spring 1991.
- 20 Talks presented at the Australian Studies Center, University of Texas and Peabody Museum. Correspondence and notes, 1991
- 21 Functions at Harvard, 1990-91. Includes invitations, report to Harvard Australian Studies Committee, and related correspondence

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### **Series 19 AIAS correspondence, 1964-71**

Les Hiatt was a Founding Member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (then known as the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies or AIAS). This series covers Hiatt's involvement with the new Institute. Any personal papers relating to staff have been removed by the Library.

Correspondents include Frederick McCarthy, first Principal of the AIAS.

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### **Series 20 AIAS President and Chairman of Council correspondence, etc., 1972-85**

Les Hiatt was elected as Chairman by Council on 11 October 1974. At a Council meeting on 7 May 1982, as retiring Chairman, he called for election for a new Chair. He then stayed on as a Council Member attending his last Council meeting on 7 March 1986. During this period Hiatt was also Chair of the Selection Committees for the Appointment of Deputy Principal (1974-75) and for the Principal of the Institute (1981,1985), was a member of various committees of the Institute including the Research Committee, the Publications Executive Committee, and the Social and Anthropology Committee. Since 1998 Hiatt has been an Honorary Visiting Fellow at AIATSIS.

This series mainly includes correspondence, reports, Executive minutes etc. that came before the Chairman of the Institute from 1974-82. The papers cover such matters as staff restructuring and related industrial matters, the review of the Institute commencing 1981; and the report on the Executive Committee system. Any personal material such as job applications, referees reports and notes on applicants relating to the appointment of the AIAS Principal and Deputy Principal and any other internal staff and industrial matters have not been retained by the Library.

Arrangement and headings used in the folders below reflect the files as they were received by the Library.

Correspondents include Peter Ucko, N.W.G. Macintosh, Francesca Merlan, Ken Maddock, W.R. Geddes, Eric Willmot, Warwick Dix, Fred Chaney, John Mulvaney, Jim Keefe, David Horton, and Katherine Strehlow.

For related material see the Council minutes (Series 21), Walsh Review of the AIAS (Series 22), and material on the establishment of ATSIC (Series 23), professional correspondence between Peter Ucko and Hiatt in Series 1, and Hiatt's farewell speech to Peter Ucko at MS 1573.

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Principal and Council Members at the opening of the new AIAS premises at Acton House, Canberra, 1977

L-R: Peter Ucko (Principal), Daymbalipu Mununggurr, Ian Viner (Minister), Les Hiatt, and Rev. Lazarus Lamilami  
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## Folder

- 1 Letters to Hiatt confirming his appointment as Chairman and President of Council, and Chairman to Social Issues Committee, 1974. Includes related correspondence, 1974-78, and farewell card signed by AIAS staff, 1982
- 2 Correspondence with Principal Peter Ucko, 1974-79. Includes various drafts of 'Aboriginal studies: retrospect and prospect' (on the work and policies of the AIAS in relations to recent and future research), by Peter Ucko, 1977. Later published in *Survival International Review*, vol. 3, no. 3, 1978. [Held in Library at S20/9]
- 3-5 Correspondence etc., 1972-79. Covers issues that came before the Chairman of Council including appointments and resignations of AIAS committee members and appointment of new members to Council, obituary for Professor N.W.G. Macintosh, 'Eaglehawk and Crow', fieldwork and financial considerations, opening of AIAS premises at Acton house (1977), and proposed ANU Chair in Ethnomusicology. Correspondents include Peter Ucko and N.W.G. Macintosh
- 6 Publications Committee, 1972-77
- 7 Course for Aboriginal inmates at Goulburn Gaol, 1976-77. Correspondence and programme
- 8-9 Land claims, 1975-80. Correspondence (some relating to reconstruction of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy), 'Transcript of Proceedings of Interim Aboriginal Land Commission (N.T.)' and 'On the outside of the inside. Some logistics, aspects, and problems encompassed by land claim field work', conference paper by John Dymock (1980)
- 10 AIAS Workshop on Northern Territory Land Claim, 1979. Includes agenda, programme, papers, and correspondence, 1979-81

- 11-12 Strehlow Research Foundation, 1976-81. Mainly correspondence with Katherine Strehlow, including *Strehlow Research Newsletter*, no.1, December 1977, an article on the establishment of the Foundation entitled 'The Strehlow Research Foundation', *Australian Nurses Journal*, September 1977 [held in folio box] and paper entitled 'Strehlow and Central Australia', by K.S. Strehlow, 27pp
- 13 Correspondence, 1980-81 [bulk 1980]. Covers issues that came before the Chairman of Council including the Institute's submission to the Committee of Review of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, pilot project on resource sharing in Alice Springs, and teaching of social anthropology in Australian universities. Main correspondent is Peter Ucko.
- 14 Resignation of Principal, 1980-81. Correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings
- 15 Correspondence etc., 1981. Covers issues that came before the Chairman of Council including proposed structure and function changes within the Institute. Main correspondents are Eric Willmot and Warwick Dix
- 16 Correspondence with Ministers, 1981-82
- 17-18 AIAS Executive Committee minutes, 1980-82
- 19 Committee of Review of the Academic Functions and Future of the Institute, March-November 1981. Typescript carbon 'History' (7pp), terms of reference, correspondence, notes, and newspaper article from internal review of the the AIAS. [See also Walsh Review at [Series 22](#)]
- 20 AIAS Advisory Committee System report, October-November 1981. Includes copy of AIAS Steering Committee Report entitled 'The Institute's philosophy and function', 1975
- 21 Correspondence concerning AIAS-funded Chair in Prehistory, University of Western Australia, 1981-83
- 22 Correspondence and notes for Darwin Community College, Bachelor of Arts accreditation, 1981
- 23 AIAS Publications Executive Committee, 1985-86. Includes minutes and correspondence and Hiatt's letter of resignation
- 24 Correspondence and minutes of meetings concerning the future of the AIAS, 1986-88 [Back to top](#)

**Series 21 AIAS Council minutes, 1964-87 (incomplete)**

The bulk of the minutes (incomplete), related letters received and notes in this series cover the period in which Hiatt was Chairman of Council (1974-82). Folder 1 comprises copies of the Acts, Rules, conditions of appointment, and research grant information.

**Folder**

- 1 Acts, Rules etc. of the AIAS. [Open access. Access code A1 B5]
- 2 1964, 1973-76
- 3 1977-80
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### **Series 22 Review of the AIAS (Walsh) Review, 1981-83**

In 1981 the Review of Australian Commonwealth functions was presented to Parliament and recommended that an external Review be undertaken of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. Senator the Hon. Peter Baume, then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, invited R.J. Walsh to undertake this task which commenced in February 1982. Paul Kauffman was later seconded as Secretary to the Review. The Report of the Review was submitted to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in September 1982.

Walsh's terms of reference were 'to examine and report on the activities of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies in relation to its statutory functions of promoting Aboriginal studies; and to make recommendations about the future conduct of the Institute activities, taking into account the inter-relationship between the Institute and the proposed Museum of Australia, and the Australian Heritage Commission' (Reference: Series 22, Folder 5).

This series includes background papers and the final submission made by the AIAS to the Walsh Inquiry, a copy of the Walsh Report (1982), minutes of meetings, discussion papers and memoranda, and draft and final report of the AIAS Task Force (chaired by John Mulvaney), set up by the AIAS Council to consider Professor Walsh's recommendations arising from his review.

Les Hiatt was a member of the AIAS Task Force.

#### **Folder**

- 1-2 AIAS discussion papers, by various committees and sections of the Institute, 1981-82
- 3-4 Submission by the AIAS to the Walsh Inquiry. Includes various drafts and related correspondence, 1982
- 5 Walsh, R.J. *Report of the Review of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies*, September, 1982. Includes manuscript and two copies of the published version. [Open access. Access code A1 B5]. [Other copies held in Library at MS 1706 and B W226.87/R1].
- 6-8 AIAS Task Force, 1982-83.

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### **Series 23 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), 1983-90**

This series includes correspondence, notes, brochures and other material that had an impact on the development of ATSIC. Included are reference papers used in a seminar entitled 'The Study of Structure and Functions of the National Aboriginal Conference', organized by H.C. Coombs in October 1983, and a draft discussion paper entitled 'Part I. A National Aboriginal political organization; Part II. Notes for the legislative charter for the National Aboriginal Organisation', by

H.C. Coombs, December 1983. See also Papers of Michael Dillon at [MS 4346](#) Series 15, 17 and 18.

#### Folder

- 1 Discussions and seminar on a National Aboriginal political organization, 1983-84. [See also MS 4433]
- 2 Correspondence, press releases, notes and brochures relating to the establishment of ATSIC, 1990

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#### Series 24 Miscellaneous

Listings of (1) Hiatt's audio tapes and (2) Hiatt's photographic prints, negatives and colour transparencies transferred to the Audio and Print Collections, September 2006. [Note: Some of the material may have been deposited in these Collections prior to 2006].

An additional carton of photographic prints and colour transparencies was deposited in the Library in 2007. This material, referred to in [Addition, April 2007](#), was transferred to the Pictorial Collection in May 2007.

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#### ADDITION April 2007 – Gurrmanamana's 'plays' 1960

This material, deposited in AIATSIS Library by Kim McKenzie on behalf of Lester Hiatt in April 2007, was used in the preparation of the book and CD entitled *People of the Rivermouth*. It includes the original handwritten notes of the 'plays' by Frank Gurrmanamana given to Hiatt between 1958-60. These 'plays', arranged in four loose-leaf notebooks bound in hand-made covers, provided the basis for the publication and CD. The Addition also includes manuscript drafts and related reading material, compiled 2000-01. See also [Series 5](#), [Series 6](#) and [Series 14](#).

A large collection of photographic prints, some slides and a few photographic negatives [mostly relating to Maningrida 1958-60 and the publication of *People of the Rivermouth*, late 1990s-2001] that accompanied this material was transferred to the Pictorial Collection in April 2007.

Hiatt's speech notes prepared for the AIATSIS launch of this finding aid to his collection, and photos which were taken at that event, which was held on 1 May 2007, are located in Folder 10. The photos were added to the Collection in 2017.



Frank Gurrmanamana and Les Hiatt, Canberra, ACT  
c.  
1993

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## Folder

- 1 'Marriage and betrothal'. Original handwritten notes [with annotations] from 'plays' given to Hiatt by Frank Gurrmanamana, 1960. Contained in handmade cardboard cover.
- 2 'Circumcision'. Original handwritten notes [with annotations] from 'plays' given to Hiatt by Frank Gurrmanamana, 1960. Contained in handmade cardboard cover tied with string
- 3 'Economic life. A. Ritual partnerships. B. Trading partnerships'. Original handwritten notes [with annotations] from 'plays' given to Hiatt by Frank Gurrmanamana, 1960. Contained in handmade cardboard cover tied with string
- 4-5 'Death 1960 I'. Original handwritten numbered notes [with annotations] from 'plays' given to Hiatt by Frank Gurrmanamana, 1960, 314pp. Contained in handmade cardboard cover originally tied with string
- 6 'Miscellaneous texts'. Original handwritten notes [with annotations] from 'plays' given to Hiatt by Frank Gurrmanamana, 1960. Includes 'Conception, birth and child care' and 'Capital punishment'. Contained in small folder
- 7 'People of the Rivermouth. Frank Gurrmanamana's texts'. Blue foolscap 'Unistat' spiral spring action file, 2000
- 8 'People of the Rivermouth. Text for proofreading'. Blue foolscap 'Unistat' spiral spring action file, 2000
- 9 'People of the Rivermouth. Background readings A-L'. Blue foolscap 'Unistat' spiral spring action file containing references and quotes from various texts. Compiled by Kim McKenzie, 2001
- 10 'Archive launch, 1/5/07'

- Speech notes, invitation and article from *Institute News* August 17 2007 p. 17

on the launch of this finding aid for the Papers of Lester R. Hiatt

- 'Photos from Les Hiatt launch 01.05.2007' [CD] [Added 2017] [Also available from AIATSIS Library, call number: AIATSIS.126.DF]

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### **ADDITION 2007 – 'Arguments about Aborigines', 1991-98**

This Addition comprises correspondence and review articles relating to the publication of Hiatt's book entitled *Arguments about Aborigines*, published by Cambridge University Press, 1998. See also [Series 18](#).

Correspondents include Jessica Kuper, Ken Inglis, Mervyn Meggitt, Ken Maddock. There are copies of letters sent by Hiatt.

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### **ADDITION 2008 – Obituaries.**

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### **APPENDIX 1 Correspondents in Series 1**

The following list covers writers who are either well-known or who were frequent correspondents and indicates the approximate date range of their correspondence with Hiatt, who included copies of his letters sent.

It should be noted that letters of many of the writers listed below can be found in other series, in addition to Series 1.

<b>Correspondent</b>	<b>Date range</b>
Abbie, A.A.	1958-61
Albrecht, Paul	1971-72
Allen, Louis	1975-76
Allen, Michael	1958-2002
Armstrong, Gowan	1968-72
Attenborough, Robert	1980-91
Avery, John	1975-83
Bagshaw, Geoff	1982-87
Baker, Jim	1966-83
Barnes, Frances	1980-91
Barnes, John A	1957-2003

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Barwick, Diane	1961-77
Barwick, Richard	1986
Bateson, Gregory	1971
Baume, Peter	1982
Baxter, Paul	1973
Beckett, Jeremy	1966-89
Bell, Jim	1961-67
Bern, John	1968-84
Berndt, Catherine	1990
Berndt, Ronald	1960-89
Bick, Georgeda	1962
Biernoff, David	1972-73
Billings, Dorothy	1969
Blewett, Neal	1984
Blows, Mieke	1975-78
Borsboom, Ad	1975-90
Bottomley, Gill	1983
Bowden, Ross	1972
Boyden, Stephen	1968
Brissenden, Bob	1964-82
Brown, Bob	1966
Brunton, Ron	1970-96
Buchler, Ira	1980
Bulmer, Ralph	1981-83
Burbank, Vicky	1979-85
Burnett, Gill	1972-73
Campbell, Perry	1966
Carrick, John	1982
Chagnon, Napoleon A.	1966
Chaney, Fred	1979
Chase, Athol	1980-87
Clunies Ross, Margaret	1981
Colbung, Ken	1982
Coleman, Peter	1969
Cook, Peter	1979-97
Coombs, H.C. (Nugget)	1981
Cooper, Louise	1980-91

Cowen, Zelman	1974
Cowlishaw, Gill	1979-88
Davey, Stan	1961-62
de Lepervanche, Marie. Marie	See Munster,
Denham, Woody	1968-72
Devereux, George	1971-79
DeVore, Irvin	1981
DeVore, Nancy	1981
Dexter, Barrie	1980-81
Dix, Warwick	1979-83
Dixon, Bob	1976
Djerrkura, Gatjil	1997
Doolan, Jack	1967-82
Douglas, Mary	1965
Drysdale, David	1958
Drysdale, Ingrid	1962-76
Eibl-Eibesfeldt, I.	1972-90
Elkin, A.P.	1961-84
Ellefson, John	1967
Emeljanow, Victor	1972
Encel, Sol	1963-64
Epstein, Bill	1961-82
Evans, Ted	1961
Farnill, Doug	1964-68
Fegan, Brian	1970
Firth, Raymond	1963-82
Forge, Anthony	1981-88
Forge, Jane	1981
Fortes, Doris	1983
Fortes, Meyer	1966-82
Foster, Gilbert	1973-74
Fox, Robin	1965-88
Freedman, Maurice	1970-74
Freeman, Derek	1962-91
Friedl, Ernestine	1969
Furedy, Christine	1966-85
Gardner, Peter M.	1969

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Gathercole, Peter	1973
Geddes, Bill	1964-74
Giese, H.C.	1958-60
Gillen, Paul	1970-74
Gillespie, Dan	1974-81
Glasgow, David	1962
Glover, Ian	1971-75
Godelier, Maurice	1967-74
Golson, Jack	1970
Goody, Esther	1973
Goody, Jack	1975-89
Gould, Dick	1978
Grau, Andree	1996
Gray, Brenda	1969-81
Gray, Ron	1969-70
Grey, Lex	1972
Groves, Murray	1962-69
Hale, Ken	1969
Hamilton, Annette	1980-92
Hamilton, Peter	1961-74
Hand, Gerry	1987-88
Harris, Stephen	1981
Harrison, Geoffrey	1981-82
Hasluck, Paul	1958
Haynes, Chris	1976-90
Helm, June,	1966
Heppel, Mike	1979
Herle, Anita	1998
Hinton, Peter	1966-91
Hodgkin, D.K.R.	1958-59
Hogbin, Ian	1967-73
Holding, Clyde	1983
Holmes, Sandra	1977
Hugh-Jones, Stephen	1975
Husain Khan, C.G.	1987
Inglis, Ken	1966
Iverson, David	1961



James, Kerry	1966
Jayasuriya, Laksiri	1968-72
Jayawardena, Chandra	1966-76
Jenkins, Sue	1996
Jones, Rhys	1972-91
Jones, Trevor A.	1962
Kaberry, Phyllis	1962, 1970
Kapferer, Bruce	1974-75
Kessler, Clive	1966-91
Kesteven, Sue	1981
Kimber, Dick	1990
Kinslow-Harris, Joy	1976
Koepping, Klaus-Peter	1983
Kolig, Erich	1984-91
Kwok, Natalie	1992
Lambert, Jacquie	1982-91
Langham, Ian	1981
Larbalestier, Jan	1978
Lawergren, Bo	1998
Lawrence, Peter	1959-86
Layton, Bob	1981-84
Leach, Edmund R.	1964-73
Lee, Richard B.	1966-82
LeVine, Robert A.	1965
Levi-Strauss, Claude	1973
Lewis, Gilbert	1980
Lienhardt, Godfrey	1975-86
Lindenbaum, Shirley	1969-91
Long, Jeremy	1960-88
Macintosh, N.W.G.	1960-67
Maddock, Ken	1963-99
Maxwell, Mary	1989
Maybury Lewis, David	1968
McArthur, Margaret	1979
McBride, Isabel	1997
McCarthy, Frederick	1965-68
McDougall, David	1981
McGilvray, Dennis	1970-87

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McGlynn, Frank	1970
McKenzie, Kim	1982-83
McKenzie, Robin	1969-73
McNally, Ward	1981
McQuillen, Kenneth	1973
Meehan, Betty	1970-2001
Meggitt, Mervyn	1961-91
Mellinkoff, Sherman	1987
Merlan, Francesca	1982-98
Middleton, Hannah	1970-74
Miles, Douglas	1968-75
Milliken, Ted	1959-81
Mirrawana, David	1975-76
Morris, Desmond	1964-79
Moyle, Alice	1964-77
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Mulvaney, John	1972-92
Munster, Anna	1983
Munster, George	1969-83
Munster, Marie	1972-88
Needham, Rodney	1968-81
Nelson, Venetia	1987-88
Nerlich, Graham	1979
Owen, Hugh	1973
Palmer, Kingsley	1983-87
Parker, R.S.	1962
Patterson, Mary	1970
Peach, Bill	1968-71
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Peterson, Nicolas	1965-87
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Prince Peter of Greece & Denmark	1976
Pringle, John	1977
Quinn, Michael	1987-90
Reay, Marie	1961-78
Reece, Bob	1966
Reid, Jan	1974-83
Reynolds, Vernon	1971-87
Riebe, Inge	1966-74
Rigsby, Bruce	1976-89
Robertson, Susan	1971-87
Roche, Chris	1964
Rose, Frederick	1965-89
Rose, Tom	1974-80
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Rowley, C.D.	1962-65
Rowse, Tim	1990
Rumsey, Alan	1979-92
Ryan, D'Arcy	1978
Sahlins, Marshall	1962-70
San Roque, Craig	1983-87
Sandall, Roger	1968-91
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Scheffler, Hal	1961-79
Schneider, David M.	1966-71
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Shapiro, Warren	1965-91
Sinha, D.P.	1968-69
Smith, Diane	1982
Springborg, Patricia	1991
Stanner, W.E.H.	1960-81
Stevens, Frank	1966
Stevenson, Michael	1971-74
Stivens, Maila	1973
Stocking, George	1973
Strathern, Andrew	1968
Strathern, Marilyn	1980-85
Strehlow, Ted	1962
Studdert, Dick	1979

Summers, Ann	1973
Sutton, Peter	1980-90
Swift, Michael	1972
Tambiah, S.J.	1969
Tatz, Colin	1961-84
Taussig, Michael	1969-73
Thomson, D.F.	1962
Throsby, David	1973
Tindale, Norman B.	1958-61
Tonkinson, Bob	1974-85
Tonkinson, Myrna	1983-85
Toohey, Paul	2002
Tuck, Bill	1970
Tuden, Arthur	1969-79
Turner, Terence	1974
Tuzin, Don	1972-89
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Urry, James	1997
Vaithianathan, Mahen	1972-81
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Weaver, Sally	1979-82
Weigold, Erich	1971-90
Weigold, Joy	1970
Weiner, James	1983
Wells, Graeme	1977
Wentworth, W.C.	1962-87
Westlake, Phillip	1973
Wheelright, Ted	1974-86
White, Carmel. See Schrire, Carmel	
White, Neville	1987
White, Peter	1971-86
Wiener, Kurt & Susie	1982-83
Wijewardena, Gehan	1969-90

Wild, Ron	1974-85
Wilkinson, R.L.	1967
Wilmot, Eric	1985-87
Wilson, Katrin	1961
Woodger, Helen	1958-60
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