
Register of the Eric Lennard Berne Papers, 1959-66

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Eric Lennard Berne Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1959-66

Collection number: MSS 82-0

Creator: Berne, Eric Lennard, 1910-1970

Extent: 4 cartons, 2 boxes

Repository: University of California, San Francisco. Library. Archives and Special Collections.
San Francisco, California 94143-0840

Shelf location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language: English

Provenance

Received from the International Transactional Analysis Association, San Francisco, July 1982. The donation included as well Dr. Berne's library (ca. 350 volumes, most with his annotations), housed at the Institute, which has been separately shelved; see contents list. Tapes in carton 4 were acquired in August 1985.

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biography

Eric Berne was born in Montreal May 10, 1910, son of David Hillel and Sara Gordon Berne. His father, a physician, founded the Herzl Dispensary; his mother was a journalist. Berne graduated BA from McGill University in 1931. He received his MD there in 1935. He interned at the Yale Psychiatric Clinic 1936-38, and was a clinical assistant in psychiatry at Mt. Zion Hospital in New York City, 1941-43. During the latter years he was also a student at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute; 1940-43 he was in private practice in New York City and Norwalk, Connecticut. Berne was a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, 1943-46, reaching the rank of major.

After WWII he came to the West Coast where he established a private practice in San Francisco, and Carmel, California. He was a student at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute 1947-56. Berne was adjunct psychiatrist at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco 1952-70, lecturer on psychiatry at UCSF 1960-70, and consultant in group therapy to the McAuley Clinic, 1962-70. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and a founder and president of the International Transactional Analysis Association.

Perhaps known best as the founder of transactional analysis, Dr. Berne wrote numerous works on psychoanalytic theory: *Games People Play* being the most popular of his works. It was translated into 20 languages.

Dr. Berne had five children: Ellen, Peter, Ricky, Terry, Robin Way and Janice Way. He died July 15, 1970, at Monterey, California.

Scope and Content

Collection includes audio tapes, video tapes, lecture displays, photographs, reprints, correspondence.

Carton Ctn. 1 **Audio tapes, 1959-65 and undated.**

Physical Description: 37 tapes (7" reels)

Carton Ctn. 2 **Audio tapes, 1963-66.**

Physical Description: 14 tapes (7" reels), 8 tapes (5" reels)

Video tapes. 11 tapes (* numbers 5. and 7. not used/missing?)

Carton Ctn. 3, item 1 **Fanita. English life scripts**

item 2 **Saul Samuels. Strokes**

item 3 **H.D. Johns. Basic positions**

item 4 **Lois Johnson. Time structuring**

item 6 **Bob and Mary Boulding. Injunctions, decisions, redecision, and rackets**

item 8 **Pete Stunts. Organizations and groups**

item 9 **Steve Karpman. The drama triangle**

item 10 **Jack Dusay. Egograms and transactions**

item 11 **Haimowitz. Feelings, rubberbands and rackets**

item 12 **Mary Boulton. Women's scripts**

Muriel James. Structure of a personality [unnumbered]

Carton Ctn. 4 **Audio tapes, 1963-69 and undated.**

Physical Description: 32 tapes (7" reels)

Box Box 1 **Photographs, reprints, correspondence**

Box Box 2 **Reprints/programs with summaries of papers presented**

Lectures displays

Physical Description: (one roll, 27")