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Descriptive Summary

Title: Laud Humphreys papers

Dates: 1951-1988

Bulk Dates: 1968-1988

Collection number: Coll2007-012

Creator: Humphreys, Laud (Robert Allan), 1930-1988

Collection Size: 12 archive boxes(4.8 linear feet).

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Abstract: Drafts, correspondence, journal articles, notes, newspaper clippings, surveys, legal documents, memoranda, transcripts, speeches, course curricula, subject files, ephemera, photos, and an audiocassette tape created or collected by sociologist and Episcopalian priest, Laud Humphreys, who is best known for his book, *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places* --the first publication to examine the social and sexual behaviors of men who perform sex acts with other men in public restrooms. The majority of the collection consists of manuscripts, correspondence, lecture material, surveys, journal articles and newspaper clippings relating to Humphreys' career--from his doctoral work in 1968 until his death in 1988--and research in the field of sociology and, more specifically, homosexuality and criminology. The collection also contains personal papers including correspondence, documents and clippings related to his experience as an Episcopalian priest from 1955 to 1965, an altercation with a professor at Washington University in 1968, and his trial and subsequent imprisonment for an antiwar demonstration in Illinois in 1970.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Biography

Born on October 16, 1930 in Oklahoma, Robert Allan (Laud) Humphreys is a pioneer researcher in the study of homosexual behavior, combining academic study with political activism.

Humphreys graduated from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois in 1955. He took the name of "Laud" from William Laud, a seventeenth-century Archbishop of Canterbury, and as "Laud" was ordained an Episcopalian priest. In 1960, Humphreys married Nancy Wallace. In 1965, Humphreys undertook graduate work in sociology at Washington University in St. Louis. His doctoral dissertation on male-male sex in St. Louis-area public restrooms--known in gay slang as "tearooms"--was published as *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places* to much controversy in 1970. The book won the C. Wright Mills Award of the Society for the Study of Social Problems but was frequently denounced as covert research and condemned for its invasion of the privacy of those having sex in a public place. Humphreys moved on to teach at Southern Illinois University. On May 5, 1970, he led an antiwar demonstration that invaded a draft board office, where he destroyed a picture of President Richard Nixon. He was subsequently convicted of destroying government property. He served three months of a one-year prison sentence in the summer of 1972. While in jail, he was hired by Pitzer College, one of the Claremont Colleges in Southern California, where he became a full professor of sociology in 1975. In 1972, Humphreys published *Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation*, one of the first scholarly accounts of the emerging gay liberation movement. In 1980 Humphreys left his wife and two children to live with his protégé, Brian Miller. Also in 1980, Humphreys earned California certification as a psychotherapist and established a private counseling practice. In his final years, he served as a consultant to police forces and frequently provided expert testimony in court cases. He also retained his position at Pitzer College. Humphreys died from complications of lung cancer on August 23, 1988 in Sherman Oaks, California.

Source: Stephen O. Murray, "Humphreys, Laud (1930-1988)," *An Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Culture*, http://www.glbtc.com/social-sciences/humphreys_1.html, last accessed June 20, 2007.

Scope and Content of Collection

Drafts, correspondence, journal articles, notes, newspaper clippings, surveys, legal documents, memoranda, transcripts, speeches, course curricula, subject files, ephemera, photos, and an audiocassette tape created or collected by sociologist and Episcopalian priest, Laud Humphreys, who is best known for his book, *Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in Public Places*--the first publication to examine the social and sexual behaviors of men who perform sex acts with other men in public restrooms. The majority of the collection consists of manuscripts, correspondence, lecture material, surveys, journal articles and newspaper clippings relating to Humphreys' career--from his doctoral work in 1968 until his death in 1988--and research in the field of sociology and, more specifically, homosexuality and criminology. The collection is divided into four series: (1) Research, (2) Teaching and Administration, (3) Professional Activities, and (4) Personal.

The first series, Research, compiles material related to research that Humphreys has conducted throughout his career. This series is divided into (1) Writings, (2) Subject Files, and (3) Reference Materials. The bulk of the Writings subseries contains manuscripts and notes for Humphreys' published and unpublished material. This includes manuscripts for *Tearoom Trade*, *Sex & Righteousness* and other articles, including an interview with Evelyn Hooker. The Subject Files comprise mostly newspaper clippings and journal articles related to homosexuality. The Reference Materials include surveys, interview transcripts and legal papers used in Humphreys' research.

The second series, Teaching and Administration, consists of student papers, lectures, notes, memoranda and course administration documents related to Humphreys' work teaching sociology courses at Southern Illinois University (1968-1970), State University of New York at Albany (1970-1972) and Pitzer College (1972-1986).

The third series, Professional Activities, includes peer reviews, speeches, memoranda, minutes, flyers, newsletters and clippings related to Humphreys' activities outside of the university. This includes consultations and presentations at professional conferences, such as the

Society for the Study of Social Problems. This series also includes documents related to his professional involvement in such organizations as Alternative Lifestyles and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

The fourth and final series, Personal, contains personal papers, including correspondence, documents and clippings related to his experience as an Episcopalian priest from 1955 to 1965, an altercation with a professor at Washington University in 1968, and his trial and subsequent imprisonment for an antiwar demonstration in Illinois in 1970.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Gay activists--Los Angeles

Gay liberation movement--United States--History

Homosexuality and education

Homosexuality--Psychological aspects

Homosexuality--Religious aspects

Homosexuality--Research

Homosexuality--Social aspects

Hooker, Evelyn Caldwell

Humphreys, Laud

Miller, Brian

Sociology

Sociology--Methodology

Tearoom Trade

Box: 1:1-5:7; 11:6-7; 12:1-3 [OS] Series 1. **Research 1966-1988**

Physical Description: 2.2 linear feet.

Series Scope and Content

This series contains publications, typescripts, correspondence, notes, surveys, transcripts, legal papers, subject files, news clippings, and an audiocassette tape compiled throughout Humphreys' career and related to research he has conducted in sociology, criminology, homosexuality and health-related issues. The series is divided into three subseries: (1) Writings, (2) Subject Files and (3) Reference Materials.

Box: 1:1-2:10; 11:6-7; 12:1 [OS] Subseries 1.1. **Writings 1966-1988**

Physical Description: 0.8 linear feet.

Subseries Scope and Content

This subseries consists of typescripts, notes, publications, and newspaper clippings related to Humphreys' published and unpublished works. This includes the manuscripts and notes to his published book, *Tearoom Trade*, as well as his unpublished third book, *Sex and Righteousness*, (which has also been referred to as *Immoral Crusaders*.) Also included are several newspaper and journal articles written by and about Humphreys, such as Humphreys' interview with Evelyn Hooker (see "Journal Articles" folder).

Box 1 : 1 - 2 : 2 ; 12 : 1 [OS] **Sex & Righteousness c. 1970 - 1988**

Box 1 : 1 - 2

Manuscript c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 3

General Notes c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 4

"Introduction - Moral Crusaders" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 5

"Crusaders with Clay Feet" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 6

"Sex, Celibacy and Right-Wing Politics" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 7

"The Impersonality of Public Sex" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 8

"The Bible on the Table...And Footsie Under It" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 1 : 9

"Secrets in the Sacristy" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 2 : 1

"Righteous Killers" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 2 : 2

"Ayatollahs on the Left and Right" c. 1970 - 1988

Box 12 : 1 [OS]

"Moral Crusaders" Clippings 1963 - 1988

Box 11 : 6 - 7 ; 2 : 3

Tearoom Trade 1967 - 1970

Box 11 : 6 - 7

Manuscript 1968

Box 2 : 3

General Notes 1967 - 1970

Box 2 : 4 - 7

Publications by Laud Humphreys 1970 - 1982

Box 2 : 4

Journal Articles by Laud Humphreys 1970 - 1979

Box 2 : 5

Book Reviews 1970 - 1980

Box 2 : 6

Letters to the Editor 1978 - 1979

Box 2 : 7

Co-authored Articles 1980 - 1982

Box 2 : 8

Miscellaneous Manuscripts 1966 - 1967

Box 2 : 9 - 10

Reviews and Articles about Laud Humphreys c. 1968 - 1988

Box: 2:11-4:2; 12:2-3 Subseries 1.2. **Subject Files 1966-1987**

Physical Description: 0.7 linear feet.

Subseries Scope and Content

This subseries includes newspaper and journal articles compiled by Humphreys and related to topics that include AIDS, gay victimization and violence, and male prostitution.

Series 1. **Research 1966-1988**

Subseries 1.2. **Subject Files 1966-1987**

Box 2 : 11	AIDS c. 1983 - 1988
Box 2 : 12	Ethics of Research Dispute 1979-1980
Box 3 : 1 - 5	Gay Victimization and Violence c. 1966 - 1988
Box 3 : 6 - 7	Homophobia c. 1966 - 1988
Box 12 : 2 - 3 [OS]	Male Prostitution (Hustlers) [OS] 1966-1987
Box 3 : 8	The Vatican and Homosexuality c. 1966 - 1988
Box 4 : 1 - 2	Miscellaneous Journal Articles & Newspaper Clippings c. 1966 - 1988

Box: 4:3-5:7 Subseries 1.3. **Reference Materials 1966-1987**

Physical Description: 0.7 linear feet.

Subseries Scope and Content

This subseries consists of correspondence as well as surveys and studies related to health, crime, and homosexuality. It also includes interview transcripts and court case documents.

Box 4 : 3 - 9 ; 5 : 1	Studies and Surveys 1966 - 1987
Box 4 : 3	Criminal Population Hopper 1966 - 1969
Box 4 : 4	Forensic Psychologists 1980 - 1987
Box 4 : 5	Gay Relationships Survey 1979 - 1980
Box 4 : 6	Hepatitis B Gay Male Vaccine Study 1984
Box 4 : 7	Homicide Study Sampling 1968 - 1980
Box 4 : 8 - 9	Study of Lesbians & Gay Men in Pre-Professional Training 1979 - 1980
Box 5 : 1	Systematic Observation Sheet 1967
Box 5 : 2 - 6	Court Cases 1982, 1986
Box 5 : 2 - 5	Preliminary Hearing Transcripts 1982
Box 5 : 6	California v. Michael Miller Discovery Motion 1986
Box 5:7	Interviews 1967

Box: 6:1-7:5 Series 2. **Teaching and Administration 1968-1988**

Physical Description: 0.6 linear feet.

Series Scope and Content

This series consists of student papers, lectures, notes, memoranda and course administration documents related to Humphreys' work teaching sociology courses at Southern Illinois University (1968 - 1970), State University of New York at Albany (1970 - 1972) and Pitzer College (1972 - 1986).

Box 6 : 1 - 12	Course Administration 1966 - 1988
Box 6 : 1	Southern Illinois University Employment 1968 - 1970
Box 6 : 2	Credit Union Managers Course 1976 - 1980
Box 6 : 3	Claremont Graduate School Criminal Justice Program 1979 - 1983
Box 6 : 4	Dr. Joseph Harry Faculty Appointment Papers 1974 - 1979
Box 6 : 5	Graduate School Recommendations 1984 - 1985
Box 6 : 6	Pitzer College Course Schedule 1987 - 1988
Box 6 : 7	Crime in Mass Society Course 1966 - 1986
Box 6 : 8	Occupations & Subcultures Course 1976 - 1988
Box 6 : 9	Crime and Criminal Justice Course 1985 - 1986
Box 6 : 10 - 11	Sociology of Sexual Interaction Course 1987
Box 6 : 12	Miscellaneous Course Administration and Memoranda 1985 - 1987
Box 6 : 13 ; 7 : 1 - 5	Student Papers 1969 - 1988
Box 6 : 13	Occupations & Subcultures Student Papers 1976 - 1988
Box 7 : 1	Occupations & Subcultures Student Papers 1976 - 1988
Box 7 : 3	Chris Macauley's Dissertation Undated
Box 7 : 4	Mason Sommers' Dissertation 1982
Box 7 : 5	Miscellaneous Student Papers 1969 - 1978

Box: 7:6-8:13; 12:5-8 Series 3. Professional Activities 1967-1987

Physical Description: 0.7 linear feet.

Series Scope and Content

This series consists of peer reviews, speeches, memoranda, minutes, flyers, newsletters and clippings related to Humphreys' professional activities. Included in this series are presentations and consultations he conducted as well as his involvement on committees and boards of directors for such professional associations as the International Academy of Sex Research and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties.

Box 7 : 6 - 10 ; 8 : 1 -Peer Reviews 1973 - 1987

5 ; 12 : 4 - 6 [OS]

- Box 7 : 6 **Patrick Biernacki: Addicts & Snowball Sampling 1979**
- Box 7 : 7 **Brian Casey Study Undated**
- Box 12 : 4 [OS] **Gerald P. Jones Papers [OS] 1978 - 1981**
- Box 7 : 8 **Mary R. Laner Papers 1979**
- Box 7 : 9 **J. Robert Lilly Papers 1977 - 1980**
- Box 7 : 10 **Charles H. McCaghy Papers 1979 - 1983**
- Box 8 : 1 **David P. McWhirter & Andrew M. Mattison Papers 1978**
- Box 12 : 5 - 6 [OS] **Stephen O. Murray Papers [OS] 1978 - 1984**
- Box 8 : 2 **Ken Plummer Paper 1978**
- Box 8 : 3 **Richard P. Smith Paper Undated**
- Box 8 : 4 - 5 **Miscellaneous Peer Reviews 1973 - 1987**
- Box 8 : 6 - 8 ; 12 : 7 **Conference Presentations, Speeches & Consultation 1974 - 1984**
[OS]
- Box 12 : 7 [OS] **Predicting the Unpredictable Presentation [OS] 1974**
- Box 8 : 6 **University of Oklahoma Speech 1980 - 1981**
- Box 8 : 7 **Psychological Rape Film Consultation 1983**
- Box 8 : 8 **Miscellaneous Academic Presentations 1969 - 1984**
- Box 8 : 9 - 13 ; 12 : 8 **Committees, Boards and Professional Associations 1967 - 1987**
[OS]
- Box 8 : 9 **Alternative Lifestyles 1977 - 1983**
- Box 8 : 10 **Gay Academic Union 1978 - 1983**
- Box 8 : 11 **International Academy of Sex Research 1981 - 1987**
- Box 12 : 8 [OS] **National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties [OS] 1979 - 1980**
- Box 8 : 12 **P.L.E.A. - Incest Survivors 1987**
- Box 8 : 13 **Society for the Study of Social Problems 1967 - 1982**

Box: 8:14-11:5; 12:9
Series 4. Personal 1951-1988

Physical Description: 1.3 linear feet.

Series Scope and Content

This series consists of correspondence, ephemera, legal papers, newspaper clippings, vitae, manuscripts and photographs from Humphreys' personal files. Material in this series relates to his political activism, experience as an Episcopalian priest, altercation with a Washington University professor, trial and subsequent imprisonment for leading an antiwar demonstration. Also included are biographical material and miscellaneous personal papers.

Box 8 : 14 - 15 ; 9 : 1 **Correspondence 1951 - 1988**

- 6 ; 10 : 1 - 2

Box 8 : 14 **1951 - 1959**

Box 8 : 15 **1960 - 1969**

Box 9 : 1 - 4 **1970 - 1979**

Box 9 : 5 - 6 **1980 - 1988**

Box 10 : 1 **1980 - 1988**

Box 10 : 2 **No Date**

Box 10 : 3 - 7 **Political Activism 1975 - 1985**

Box 10 : 3 **"CBS Reports: Gay Power, Gay Politics" 1980**

Box 10 : 4 **Los Angeles Black & White Men Together 1981 - 1984**

Box 10 : 5 **Newsletters 1978 - 1985**

Box 10 : 6 **Ephemera Undated**

Box 10 : 7 **Newspaper Clippings 1975 - 1983**

Box 10 : 8 **Biographical Material and Vitae 1952 - 1987**

Box 10 : 9 **Trinity Episcopal Church 1955 - 1965**

Box 11 : 1 - 2 **Washington University Incident 1968**

Box 12 : 9 [OS] **United States v. Robert Allan Laud Humphreys Trial & Appeal [OS] 1970 - 1972**

Box 11 : 3 **Advocate Experience 1981**

Box 11 : 4 **Burglary 1984 - 1985**

Box 11 : 5 **Personal Papers 1952 - 1987**