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SUMMARY INFORMATION

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Abstract

Herbert H. Hyman (1918-1985), an expert on the science of polling, was a professor of sociology at both Columbia University (1951-1969) and Wesleyan University (1969-1985). His papers deal primarily with his professional research interests and projects, but also include some teaching materials. His files include budgets, code books, correspondence, course materials, drafts, grant files, proposals, surveys, and typescripts.

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Biographical Note

Herbert H. Hyman was born in New York City on March 3, 1918.

Hyman received all of his degrees from Columbia University. He completed a bachelor's degree in 1939, a master's in 1940, and a PhD. in Social Psychology in 1942. During World War II, Hyman worked for the United States Government. At first, he worked as a Social Science Analyst for the Division of Program Surveys in the Department of Agriculture. From 1942-1944, he worked as a Public Opinion Analyst in the Surveys Division of the Officer of War Information. From 1942-1946, he was involved in the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey of Germany and the Bombing Survey of Japan, and in 1947, he was a member of the Expert Mission on Public Opinion and Sociological Research, Army of Occupation, Japan.

In 1947, Hyman became a Senior Project Director at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC). He joined the faculty of Columbia University as an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology in 1951, although he continued to work part-time at NORC until 1957. While at Columbia, Hyman chaired the Sociology Department (1965-1969) and served as the Associate Director for the University's Bureau of Applied Research (1957-1969). He also served as the Program Director for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development in Geneva (1964-1965). From 1969 until his retirement, he was a professor of sociology at Wesleyan University. During his career, Hyman also held visiting professorships and lectureships at several institutions, including the Universities of California at Berkeley, Oslo, Ankara, Turin and Milan, Catania and Turin, Temple University, and MIT.

Hyman was the author of four books on public opinion polling, and is credited with helping to advance the science of polling. He is well-known as a survey researcher, and had strong interests in education, socialization, and attitude change. But as David Sills notes in his review of *Surveying Social Research: Papers in Honor of Herbert H. Hyman*, Hyman did not see survey work as a purely technical exercise. He felt that survey work was "both a method for obtaining information needed by policy makers and scholars and a form of ethnography – a way of enabling people to reveal their culture and their feelings to a researcher."

Hyman married Helen Kandel, a freelance writer, in 1945. The couple had two sons, Alex and David, and a daughter, Lisa. Hyman died in China after suffering a heart attack in December 1985. He had traveled to the country to speak at a conference on "Uses of Sociology in Developing Countries" at Zhongshan University.

Description

The papers deal primarily with Hyman's professional research interests and projects, and include material on both published and unpublished projects. In general, Hyman grouped materials together by topic or project. The files also include some course, lecture and teaching materials; budgets, code books, correspondence, course materials, drafts, grant files, proposals, research, surveys, and typescripts.

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The papers reflect Hyman's interest in education, socialization, and attitude change. They include files on research projects related to blind individuals, civil liberties, comparative survey research, desegregation in schools, public opinion, race and race relations, and widowhood. At the time of his death, Hyman was researching the history of survey research; there are several files related to the project.

Hyman often kept files on similar subjects or projects together in small groups. For example, the files on research projects include large sets of files on two topics. The first set of files relates to Hyman's research study on the blind, referred to in reports as "Communication, Perception and Social Behavior: Explorations in These Fundamental Processes through the Study of the Inter-group Relations and Attitudes of the Blind." This project was started in the early 1960s at Columbia University. The files include code books, correspondence, proposals, and reports. Although Hyman produced several articles from the research, the unrest at Columbia University in 1968 caused the disruption and abandonment of the project.

The second set of files relates to the Office of War Information (OWI). These files include code books, correspondence, memoranda, reports, and background material. Although Hyman did work for the Surveys Division of OWI during World War II, it is clear from his correspondence that he also conducted research on this topic in the early 1980s. It is not clear if these materials document Hyman's research activity, his work at OWI, or both.

There are two items which appear to date from Hyman's time as a student: a course paper (1942) and a resource list of materials relating to Social Psychology written with Gardner Murphy. Both are in Box 2. Otherwise, the collection contains no material from Hyman's pre-professional activities.

A few files that contain biographical information and reviews of Hyman's work are filed in Boxes 5, 7, and 10. There are a few publicity photographs of Hyman in the "Personal Data" file in Box 7; otherwise, there are no photographs in the collection. The collection does not contain any material related to Hyman's personal life or interests.

Arrangement

The files have been left in the order in which Herbert Hyman stored them during his lifetime.

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Biographical information for Hyman can be found in the Historical Biographical Files of the University Archives. The file includes both a curriculum vita and a list of his writings that date from 1985.

ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL

Provenance and Acquisition

This collection was donated by Mrs. Helen Kandel Hyman in 1989.

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No additions are expected.

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Correspondence
Hyman, Herbert Hiram, 1918-
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Political psychology
Political socialization
Public Opinion Polls
Social psychology
Social sciences--Research
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Social surveys

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Box 1

- F. 1 Readings in Public Opinion, 1957 (In Turkish)
F. 2 Collected Lectures: Introduction the Methodology of the Social Sciences, 1957-1958 (In Turkish)
F. 3 Animals, 1948-1972
F. 4 Civil Liberties, circa 1946-1962
F. 5 Public Opinion, circa 1949-1962
F. 6 Texas Lecture on Communication and Integration, 1967
F. 7 Mass Communication, 1974 (Draft for book chapter and correspondence)
F. 8 PSD and Later ISR (Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan), 1977-1982
F. 9 Voluntary Association, 1960-1977
F. 10 Handbook Chapter, 1973 (Hyman wrote an article for the Handbook of Political Psychology in 1973)
F. 11 Strategies in Comparative Social Research, 1963 July (Inter-University Consortium for Political Research)
F. 12 Prose Surveys--HH Memos, 1942-1943
Political Socialization: A Study in the Psychology of Political Behavior, 1957-1958
F. 13 Correspondence
F. 14 Typescript

Box 2

- F. 1 Social Psychology--List of Teaching and Research Material, circa 1940s (Compiled by Gardner Murphy and Herbert Hyman)
F. 2 Catholic Physicians and Birth Control/Experimental Selective Empanelling, 1964, 1971 (Proposal and correspondence)
F. 3 An Outline for the Comparative Study of National Images of America, 1957 (Draft)
F. 4 Historical Trends in the Study of Genius, 1942 January (Course paper)
F. 5 Democratic Potential/Values Study, 1959 (Turkey)
F. 6 An Experimental Study of Functional Autonomy, 1942 (Correspondence, typescript)
F. 7 Material related to the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey of Germany, 1944-1945
F. 8 Expert Informant Article, 1966
F. 9 Social Science Research Council--Comparative Sociological Research Committee, 1967-1968
F. 10 Problems of Inducing Social Change: Some Implications for Education, 1969 (Lecture at the University of Michigan)
F. 11 The Mysterious Case of Gini and Galvani: The Cause of Random Sampling Abetted by the Nonrandom Sampling of Scientific Information, 1963-1964 (Correspondence; typescript)
F. 12 1976 Italy Sabbatical, 1976
F. 13 Stouffer Article for Dictionary of American Biography, 1979
F. 14 295-361, circa 1952-1972 (Includes teaching materials and a research proposal entitled, "Problems and Principles of Secondary Analysis of Survey Data: A Proposal for the Codification of Past Experience Leading to the Improved Utilization in the Future")
F. 15 Anomie Paper, 1961
F. 16 Race, 1982-1985 (Research on school desegregation)
F. 17 Secondary Analysis of Sample Surveys Sample Pages, circa 1972 (Book

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- reviews)
F. 18 Readings in Reference Group Theory and Research--Correspondence, 1966-1972

Box 3

- F. 1 Spencer--Budget, 1973-1975 (Grant for "The Enduring Effects of Education")
F. 2 Survey Design, 1969-1970 (Royalties for "Survey Design and Analysis")
F. 3 Reference Group Book Royalties, 1966-1970
F. 4 National Science Foundation (NSF)--Principles of Secondary Analysis Grant, 1969-1972
F. 5 Enduring Effects of Education Royalties, 1974-1985
F. 6 Sabbatical, 1980 (Related to research for "History of the Sample Survey Method of the United States")
F. 7 Contract--Encyclopedia (Klineberg article), 1975-1978
F. 8 1971-1972 Italy--Papers, 1971-1973
F. 9 Civil Liberties Piece, 1962 (The piece is "England and America: Climates of Tolerance and Intolerance")
F. 10 Arno Press Foreign Status, 1979 (Related to the reprinting of his dissertation)
F. 11 Spencer, 1975-1978 (Related to "The Enduring Effects of Education")
F. 12 John Reed--Lecture on South, Undated
F. 13 Unemployment, 1975-1979 (Related to "The Effects of Unemployment: A Neglected Problem in Modern Social Research")
F. 14 Italy Survey Analysis Lectures and Comp. Survey Analysis MS, Undated
F. 15-16 Bob Smith Chapter and Manuscript, 1971-1984 (2 folders) (Related to "Strategies in Comparative Survey Research," written for Quantitative Methods: Focused Survey Research and Casual Modeling)
F. 17 Encyclopedia of Public Opinion, 1984-1985 (This is related to "Opinion Measurement" written for the International Encyclopedia of Communications)
F. 19 SOC 224, 1980-1981
F. 20 Public Opinion Classes, 1971, 1976

Box 4

- F. 1 Proposal--University Linkage Program for Scandinavia, 1983
F. 2 Material on Various Courses, 1955-1968
F. 3 SOC 295, 1955
F. 4 Bureau of Applied Social Research (BASR)/ORR, 1974-1985
F. 5 Social Conditions for Public Opinion, Undated (Typescript; Drafts)
F. 6-7 Sociology Classes, 1954-1956 (2 folders)
F. 8 A Substitute for the Traditional Control Group in Evaluation Studies (with Charles Wright), 1959, Undated
F. 9 Political Institutions and Political Cultures, circa 1964 (Correspondence; drafts)
F. 10 Hold--Valuable Correspondence--Pending, 1969-1975
F. 11 Civil Liberties Project, circa 1954
F. 12 Reference Groups File, 1963-1971, Undated

Box 5

- F. 1 Public Opinion/Political Culture, Undated
F. 2-3 The Expanding Public, Undated (2 folders) (See the preceding folder for a larger table of contents)
F. 4 Personal Response Project, 1968 (Correspondence with R.A. McGonigal)

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- F. 5 SOC 195 and 196, 1952-1955
- F. 6 Public Opinion, 1975 Spring (Includes reading list; drafts of research writings)
- F. 7 Political Institutions and Political Cultures/The Expanding Public, Undated (Drafts; typescripts)
- F. 9 H. Hyman's Publication List, 1965-1968 (Includes correspondence)

Box 6

- F. 1 HH--Sex Roles, Undated
- F. 2 Social Structure and the Structure of Publics, Undated
- F. 3 Public Opinion, 1977 ()
- F. 4 University Linkage with Scandinavia, 1983
- F. 5 Proposal for Senior Seminar, 1982
- F. 6 Proposal for Research Project on the Social and Psychological Effects of Widowerhood, 1978
- F. 7 SOC 206x (Previously 292) Secondary Analysis, 1977-1982
- F. 8 Old Course Materials, 1954-1956
- F. 9 Communication Research G6094y Reading List, Undated
- F. 10 Public Opinion Course--Reading List, 1966 Spring
- F. 11 Race Relations Experiment, 1969
- F. 12 Secondary Analysis Proposal, 1968 February (Full title is "Problems and Principles of Secondary Analysis of Survey Data: A Proposal for Codification of Past Experience Leading to Improved Utilization in the Future")
- F. 13 Special Correspondence--References, Letters to Students, Etc., 1966-1969
- F. 14 Survey Design--Guido Martinotti, 1966-1968 (Related to the Italian edition of "Survey Design and Analysis")
- F. 15 Reading List for G9073x (Evaluational Research), 1967 September
- F. 16 Miscellaneous Reading Lists, 1965-1968
- F. 17 Bob Smith MS, 1970, 1984-1985 (This is "Strategies in Comparative Survey Research, written for Quantitative Methods: Focused Survey Research and Casual Modeling")
- F. 18 Obits/Obituary Study, 1963-1964
- F. 19 Overseasmanship, 1964 (Correspondence on Hyman's contribution to "Studying Politics Abroad: Field Research in Developing Areas")
- F. 20 Sociology 197, 1956, 1959

Box 7

- F. 1 Mixed Blood, 1966-1967
- F. 2 1952 New York State Political Study, circa 1956 (Title of typescript is "New York State and the 1956 Presidential Election: A Survey Sample of Voters")
- F. 3 Editing Instructions and Codes--Hyman Political Survey (Confidential), 1956
- F. 4 Correspondence May-June, 1964 March-July, 1968
- F. 5 Correspondence with publisher, related to Secondary Analysis of Sample Surveys
- F. 6 Secondary Analysis, 1984-1985
- F. 7 Wiley--Secondary Analysis Book, 1985
- F. 8 Memorials--Stember, Dibble, Schmiedeck, 1980-1982 (Written by Hyman)
- F. 9 Reprints, circa 1984
- F. 10 Wesleyan--Benefits, 1977, 1983 (Includes correspondence on retirement plans)
- F. 11 Consulting, 1983 (Related to a report evaluating a "Survey of Consumer

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- Reactions to Three Reader's Digest Promotional Mailing Pieces")
F. 11-12 Correspondence, 1969-1970 (2 folders)
F. 13 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1984-1985
F. 14-15 Personal Data, 1952-1985 (2 folders)
F. 16 Correspondence, 1970-1971

Box 8

- F. 1 Dr. Kandel's Publication, 1966
F. 2 Retirement Letter, 1983
F. 3 Hyman Personal Correspondence, 1967-1968
F. 4 HHH Personal, 1967
F. 5 Psychology of Status Contract, 1979
F. 6-7 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1969-1983 (2 folders)
F. 8 China Trip, 1985
F. 9 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1961-1983
F. 10 Unidentified Binder, circa 1950
F. 11 Preface for Secondary Analysis, 1985
F. 12 Reading Lists Communications Research, circa 1957-1981

Box 9

- F. 1-5 A Personal History of Survey Research, 1967-1985 (5 folders)
F. 6 Miscellaneous Notes to Check with Department, 1979-1982
F. 7 Stouffer, 1974
F. 8 SSRC--pre-elect. 48 meas. Consumer wants wtc., 1948-1952
F. 9 Radvanyi--McCarthyism, 1954-1955, 1983
F. 10 State Polls--University Centers (Specialized Centers), 1982-1983
A Personal History of Survey Research
F. 11 Russell Sage, 1982
F. 12 For General Intro (I) Intro to Part II, Undated (Ratings of the proposal)
F. 13 Russell Sage Progress Reports and Budgets, 1983-1985
F. 14 Russell Sage Letter of Award and Budget, 1981-1984
F. 15 The Rise of Survey Research: An Insider's Remembrance of Things Past
 (Address to New York Chapter of the American Association for
 Public Opinion Research), 1980 October
F. 16 The Sample Survey: Its Nature, History, Utilization and Effects. A
 Preliminary Report to the National Science Board, 1979 February

Box 10

- F. 1 "Public Opinion Research in Japan" from Opinion News, 1947
The Enduring Effects of Education
F. 2 Research Proposal, 1971
F. 3-4 Papers Presented on, 1973-1974
F. 5 Reviews of Hyman's Work, circa 1959-1980
F. 6 Long Term Trends in Belief About the Characteristics of Women and Men:
 Study of social change by semi-secondary analysis of national
 surveys, 1973 November
F. 7 The Enduring Effects of Education II: Effects in the Realm of Values: A
 Research Proposal to the Spencer Foundation, 1975 March 1
F. 8 The Utility of the Sample Survey in the Study and Care of Epilepsy I.
 Design and Validation of the Method and Basic Findings on
 Prevalence, circa 1970s
F. 9 Working Papers and Memos--Encampment for Citizenship
 Evaluations/Hyman and Wright, 1955
F. 10 Experiment--Black Prestige Suggestion, 1969 (Social Research Curriculum

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- F. 11 Project--Research in Race Relations)
F. 11 Reflections on the Development of Methodology (Unpublished), 1983
August (Written for Hyman's reception of the Helen Dinerman Memorial Award)
- F. 12 The Evolution of Heroes (People Magazine), 1984
- F. 13 Civil Liberties, circa 1956 (Some of this relates to "England and America: Climates of Tolerance and Intolerance")
- F. 14 Russell Sage Foundation (Review of Irving Crespi Proposal), 1983
- F. 15 Correspondence (Kenneth Langston), 1970
- F. 16 Miscellaneous for Follow-up Study and Proposal (Widowhood), 1979-1983

Box 11

- F. 1 Texas Poll, circa 1979
- F. 2 The Sciences of Man, 1984-1985
- F. 3 Coca-Cola, 1981 (Consultation work for Pepsi Challenge Commercials case)
- F. 4 Social Survey Manuscript, Undated
- F. 5 Serendipity (Final Copy), Undated
- F. 6 PALIO, Undated
- F. 7 Warner Studies, 1981-1982
- F. 8 Japanese Survey Mission, 1947
- F. 10 Otto Klineberg, 1975 October (Corrected Copy)
- F. 11 Civil Liberties, 1956 (Research Proposal)
- F. 12 USSBS Bombing Article, 1972-1981
- F. 13 Survey Methodology--History--Daniel Katz and Steve Nelson, 1979
- F. 14 Dan Katz File and Case Study, 1982-1983 (This is related to "A Personal History of Survey Research")
- F. 15 SRC December Revision, 1985 (The appears to be related to the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan)
- F. 21 SRC Miscellaneous Items to check against manuscript and Dan's Case Study, 1985

Box 12

- Files related to Blind Studies, circa 1963-1973
- F. 1 Professor Hyman's Grant, 1967
- F. 2 Blind Article, 1963-1973
- F. 3 Supplementary Report on Phase I of Communication, Perception and Social Behavior (Attitudes of the Blind), 1963 March 1
- F. 4-5 Proposal to the National Science Foundation: Phase II of Research (Attitudes of the Blind), 1963 January (2 folders)
- F. 6 [Children's?] Sample, Undated
- F. 7 Sample Blind Finished
- F. 8 Blind--Mimeo Appendices
- F. 9 Adult Blind North Occupational Choice
- F. 10 Blind Occ./Manpower, circa 1967

Box 13

- F. 1-2 Untitled (2 folders)
- F. 3 Reliability, 1965
- F. 4 Correspondence on Blind, 1963-1965
- F. 5 Blind Materials, circa 1964
- F. 6 Application for Conference Grant, 1966
- F. 7 Draft--Blind Project (Appendix D)
- F. 8 Untitled
- F. 9 Personal Blind, 1967

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- F. 10 Correspondence--Blind Study, 1962-1963
F. 11-12 Blind Study (2 folders)
F. 13 HH Letter to M. Raeder, 1963 December 20
F. 14 HH Memoranda, 1961-1963
F. 15 Untitled
F. 16 Sample Report
F. 17 M. Raeder--Boston Report, 1964
F. 18 Sample Data New York, 1965
F. 19 NORC (National Opinion Research Center) Correspondence on the
Blind, circa 1964
F. 20 New Orleans, 1964
F. 21 Boston, 1964
F. 22 Blind--North Carolina, 1964
F. 23 Essex County
F. 24 Children's Interview--Drafts and Pretest Questionnaires, 1964

Box 14

- F. 1 Blind Correspondence (General), 1963-1964
F. 2 Blind--Children's Study, 1964
F. 3 Atlanta, 1964
F. 4 Blind, New York, 1964
F. 5 Mimeo, 1965
F. 6 Blind Special Interest Items, 1964
F. 7 Untitled, 1961-1966 (Correspondence; Survey Designs)
Code Books
F. 8 Adult Blind
F. 9 Blind Children
F. 10 Master Code Book: Blind Children

Box 15

- F. 1 Adult Matched Sighted
F. 2 Matched Parents
F. 3 Matched Sighed Siblings
F. 4 NORC White Blind Adult

Office of War Information (OWI) Files, circa 1942-1946

- F. 5 Shipbuilding Background, 1942
F. 6 Surveys Division Memoranda # 46, 53, 53A, 53B, 99, 1943-1944
F. 7 Instruments Absenteeism Study, 1943
F. 8 OWI, 1942-1944, 1984
F. 9 Material on Labor Surveys, 1942

Box 16

- F. 1 Surveys Division Memoranda #44, 54, 60, 1943
F. 2 USSBS (US Strategic Bombing Survey of Germany), 1940s, 1970
F. 3-4 Untitled (2 folders)
F. 5-6 Surveys Division Memoranda #32, 42, 47, 61, 66, 71, 79, 82, 89, 97, 98,
1943 (2 folders)
F. 7 Memoranda and Reports, 1943-1944

Box 17

- F. 1 Memoranda and Reports, 1943-1944
F. 2 DU-1 Reports A-L
F. 3 Untitled Binder (Appears to continue the previous DU-1 Reports)

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- F. 4 NORC (National Opinion Research Center), 1947, 1964, 1983-1984
F. 5-7 Master Code Books for Surveys S-17, S-29, and T-17, 1942-1943 (3
folders)
F. 8 Office of War Information--Rationing, circa 1942-1944