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## **Finding Aid for the**

**Stone Ishimaru Collection, 1970s-2000s**

## **Los Angeles Public Library, Photo Collection**

**Los Angeles, California**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Title**

Stone Ishimaru Collection, 1970s-2000s

### **Collection Number**

GPC\_b228 - GPC\_b229

### **Extent**

2 Hollinger boxes in collection

### **Repository**

The Los Angeles Public Library. Photo Collection  
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### **Abstract**

Stone Ishimaru, a Californian photographer, captured various events through his camera lens. His photography journey began as a U.S. Army photographer in the late 1940s and continued passionately, documenting daily events in the Southern California (SoCal) area until his passing. This collection, personally photographed by Ishimaru, showcases diverse social events, including protests, marathons, street and historical views. Additionally, it features photo slides of one of the nation's largest school systems, LAUSD. The collection vividly illustrates the daily life of an Angeleno. The donation comprises two Hollinger boxes, housing a total of eight meticulously organized manila folders.

### **Physical Location**

Central Library "Cold Room" located on Lower Level 4

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection is stored on-site at the Central Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library. It is open for research by appointment only.

### **Provenance/Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Stone Ishimaru

### **Preferred Citation**

[Item], Stone Ishimaru Collection/Los Angeles Public Library

### **Biography/History**

This collection by Stone Ishimaru features a variety of photography, capturing different social events from the 2000s and portraits of LAUSD administration and staff in the 1970s. The photographs are in various formats, ranging from photo slides to 8 x 11 prints. Stone Ishimaru was born in El Centro, California on May 9, 1923. His passion for photography began during his internment in Arizona during World War II when he started documenting camp life with a Kodak 120 box camera that was gifted to him. After spending 2 years in the internment camp, he was offered a photography position in New York and subsequently volunteered for the army, where he served as a U.S. Army photographer, private first class, for Gen. Robert Eichelberger's 8th Army Headquarters. His work focused on documenting the repatriation forces based out of Yokohama. Following his military service, Stone returned to California to pursue education, earning a BA in Cinema and Education and an MA in Cinematography. He became a lifelong educator, working as a teacher, media consultant, and archival/historical coordinator for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 46 years. This background explains the inclusion of LAUSD photo archives in this collection.

### **Scope and Content**

Stone Ishimaru's collection is a compilation of various social events from the 2000s, showcasing significant and inclusive activities that have helped shape Los Angeles as a city. Additionally, it includes a photo archive of the public school system he once worked for, LAUSD, featuring portraits, school activities, campus construction, student body, and administrative staff captured on photoslides dating back to the 1970s. Ishimaru's archive of social events depicts protests and movements that were prominent during that era, such as the immigration protests of 2006-2007 and the 2007 Writers Guild Strike. Within the same collection, you'll find photographs of numerous festivities, including those at Placita Olvera in 2008, images from the 2007 LA Marathon, street views of Main Street in 2007, and the Downtown skyline in 2010, offering a snapshot of the experiences of LA residents. The collection is organized into two main subjects. Social events are stored together in their own Hollinger box, and LAUSD photos have their own dedicated box. Given the abundance of social event photos, the Hollinger box contains five manila folders, with the photos arranged in the order they were donated. The LAUSD Hollinger box comprises three manila folders, with the photoslides organized by both date and

subject. For instance, within the folder GPC\_229\_F06, you'll find LAUSD high schools photo slides arranged chronologically, followed by slides featuring LAUSD elementary schools.

### **Organization and Arrangement**

The collection is organized into two Hollinger boxes, comprising a total of eight manila folders. One box contains materials related to social events, illustrating protests, boycotts, marathons, festivities, and iconic locations in Los Angeles. The second box houses LAUSD photoslides from the 1970s, showcasing student body activities, portraits, and campus construction. Notably, the manila folders inside the boxes are arranged based on the order of donation receipt, rather than in chronological order.

### **Container List**

#### **GPC\_b228**

##### **GPC\_b228\_F01**

- Portraits of Stone Ishimaru (5 color photos, 5 x 7)

##### **GPC\_b228\_F02**

- LA skyline, buildings and Hollywood sign (2010) (26 color photos, (18) 4 x 6 and (8) 8 x 10)
- Writer's Guild Strike at Paramount pictures (2007) ( 4 color photos, 4 x 6)
- Main Street (2007) (31 color photos, 4 x 6)

##### **GPC\_b228\_F03**

- LA Marathon (2007) (11 color photos, 4 x 6)
- Social Events including Lotus Festival, Grand Avenue Festival, and Indian Festival (2007 & 2008) (26 color photos, 4 x 6)
- Placita Olvera Event (2008) (12 color photos, (11) 8 x 10 and (1) 4 x 6)

##### **GPC\_b228\_F04**

- Immigrant boycott at the Federal building (2007) (9 color photos, 4 x 6)
- Immigrant protest in Downtown (2007) (26 color photos, 4 x 6)
- Protest on Broadway and City Hall (April 2007) (14 color photos, 4 x 6)
- School March/Walkout (2007) (7 color photos, 4 x 6)

##### **GPC\_b228\_F05**

- Immigrant protests (2006)(28 color photos, 8 x 11)

## **GPC\_b229**

### GPC\_b229\_F06

- LAUSD Photoslides of classroom activities in High Schools and Elementaries (1972-73) (19 Photo slide sheets)

### GPC\_bb29\_F07

#### LAUSD photoslides (19 photo slide sheets)

- Hospital/convalescent (1972) (2 photo slide sheets)
- Snowtrip (1976) (5 photo slide sheets)
- LAUSD Administration/staff picture day (1972) (8 photo slide sheets)
- Evans Community Adult School construction (1973) (4 photo slide sheets)

### GPC\_b229\_F08

#### LAUSD - Berendo Middle School (1980s)

- Physical Education activities (1979 & 1989) ( 5 b/w photos, (1) 5 x 8 and (3) 8 x 10)
- Classroom activities (1980 & 1982) (6 b/w photos, (2) 8 x 11 and (4) 10 x 14)