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Biographical Information

Dr. Clark Louis Taylor, Jr., Ph.D., Ed.D. (1937-2004) was a scholar and activist who worked in San Francisco. With joint appointments at San Francisco State University (SFSU) and the Institute of Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS), Taylor taught sex education and anthropology courses. Taylor's work as a professional anthropologist included cofounding the Anthropology Research Group on Homosexuality (ARGOH), a group for anthropologists that later became an official group for LGBT members within the American Anthropological Association (AAA).

Born in Texas in 1937, Taylor moved to California to study at UCLA. He began his teaching career as a tenured associate professor at Sacramento State University, where he also headed a federal project on Mexican-American education. Facing charges for protesting marijuana laws, Taylor fled to Mexico, where he lived as a fugitive from 1970-1973. Upon his return, he studied for a Ph.D at UC Berkeley. His thesis on gay communities in Mexico, *El Ambiente*, detailed how LGBT communities are culturally specific. Taylor received a second doctorate in sexology at IASHS in 1985. As a faculty member at IASHS, Taylor co-founded the Sexologists Sexual Health Project as part of his widespread efforts to address the AIDS epidemic through safer sex workshops and health worker programs. At City College of San Francisco (CCSF), Taylor helped design, teach, and find funding for a sexual health worker training programs. He was Resource Instructor/Coordinator of the AIDS Education Office at CCSF. He was also a mentor for safer sex and anti-homophobia programs nationally, both through the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and IASHS.

Taylor cofounded ARGOH, the Anthropology Research Group on Homosexuality, in 1978. He was officially recognized for his safer sex teaching, winning the Puckett Award from the Stop AIDS Project of San Francisco in 2000, and an AACC award for extraordinary community health engagement, from 1996-2000. Taylor died of AIDS on October 7th, 2004.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Clark Taylor papers document three decades of Taylor's professional career as an anthropologist and sexologist. Major topics in the collection include the relationship between LGBT politics, the social sciences, and HIV/AIDS. The bulk of these materials relate to San Francisco, but the small amount of material on Mexico and Latin America is significant. The collection has been divided into 14 series: Series 1. Correspondence; Series 2. Diaries/Journals/Scrapbooks; Series 3. "El Ambiente"; Series 4. Writings; Series 5. Writings by Others; Series 6. Grants; Series 7. Teaching Materials; Series 8. Professional Activities; Series 9. Conference Materials; Series 10. Research and Subject Files; Series 11. Biographical Materials; Series 12. Textiles; Series 13. Audiovisual and Photographic Materials; and Series 14. Artifacts.

Container Listing

Series 1: Correspondence, 1964-1999.

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 1-6

Arrangement: Arranged into incoming and outgoing professional and personal correspondence. Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically by surname, first name, or name of institution. Outgoing correspondence is arranged chronologically. Undated, unidentified, and forwarded letters are filed at the end.

Scope and Content Note: The bulk of the correspondence consists of incoming professional correspondence from the 1980s; however, the outgoing personal correspondence of the 1970s is highly personal in nature. There is some overlap between professional and personal correspondence because some letters with primarily professional content express personal sentiment. Some outgoing and incoming letters are filed together; these are found in incoming

correspondence. Some correspondence is attached to articles or other publications, some was forwarded to Taylor, and a small amount is in Spanish. The correspondence from George M. Raya consists of a single packet with a letter and biographical materials. Correspondence primarily related to Taylor's professional affiliations is found in Series 8. There are some mass mailings in Series 10.

Carton 1, Folder 1	Incoming personal correspondence A-Z, circa 1974-1996
Carton 1, Folder 2	George M. Raya mailing, 1986
Carton 1, Folder 3	Outgoing personal correspondence, circa 1970s-1980s
Carton 1, Folder 4-5	Incoming professional correspondence, 1974-1999
Carton 1, Folder 6	Outgoing professional correspondence, 1964-mid 1990s

Series 2: Diaries/Journals/Scrapbooks, circa 1970-1990s.

Physical Description: Cartons 1-2

Scope and Content Note: The diaries, journals and scrapbooks start in 1972, when Taylor lived in Mexico and continue through his teaching career at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in the 1980s-1990s. "The Kahlil Gibran Diary for 1976" appears to have been written by other people. The diaries, journals and scrapbooks contain highly personal autobiographical entries and anthropological analytical observations about Taylor's life in Mexico and memories of earlier events. There are at least two volumes consisting mostly of field notes for *El Ambiente*. Other entries include schedules, bibliographies, hand-copied news articles, poems, Spanish-language vocabulary lists, contact information, and teaching notes. The original order of loose items in pages has been maintained. These include incoming letters, magazine and news clippings, and other writings. Note that some material is in Spanish. Parts of a few books have retained water damage, rendering these parts unreadable.

Series 3: El Ambiente, 1970s

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 7-8

Scope and Content Note: Consists of materials related to Taylor's thesis, *El Ambiente*." There is grant information, research proposals, drafts, bibliographies, research notes, copyright documents, and criticism. Note that there is extensive material on Mexico in Series 10. Slides in Series 13 may be part of Taylor's *El Ambiente* research.

Carton 1, Folder 7	Bound <i>El Ambiente</i> with edits, 1978
Carton 1, Folder 8	<i>El Ambiente</i> copy and related materials, 1970s, undated

Series 4: Writings, 1976-2000

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 9-32

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by title of completed work. Unidentified writings are filed at the end of the series.

Scope and Content Note: This series consists of completed published and unpublished writings, drafts, and related materials written or co-written by Taylor. The bulk of the writings are on male homosexual cultures, homophobia, or safer sex. The untitled book project may be an earlier draft of other anthropological work on LGBT communities found in the series. For political and

research material related to nonoxynol-9 and the pink triangle see Series 10. Note that a record of activities prepared by Taylor for his degree at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality degree in Series 11 may provide further information about his writings.

Carton 1, Folder 9	"An Anthropological Study of Community Standards for Homosexual Conduct in Dade County, Florida," circa 1985
Carton 1, Folder 10	"Basic Condom Sense and Sexual Enrichment," early-mid 1980s
Carton 1, Folder 11	The Complete Guide to Safer Sex, 2nd ed., 1992
Carton 1, Folder 12	"Condom Use, AIDS Prevention, and Increased Sexual Enjoyment," 1987
Carton 1, Folder 13	"A Culture-Grammar of Sex and Social Control," 1982
Carton 1, Folder 14	"Dating Tips in the Age of AIDS," 1994
Carton 1, Folder 15	"An Ethnographic Survey of the Dinkey Creek Hydroelectric Project," 1982
Carton 1, Folder 16	"HIV Prevention: A Dramaturgical Analysis and Practical Guide to Creating Safer Sex Interventions," 1992
Carton 1, Folder 17	"How Mexicans Define Male Homosexuality: Labeling and the Buga View," 1978
Carton 1, Folder 18	"Mexican Homosexuality in Historical Perspective," 1986
Carton 1, Folder 19	"Nonoxynol-9 Causes Rapid Exfoliation of Sheets of Epithelium," 2000
Carton 1, Folder 20--21	"The Pink Triangle, its Origin and Significance Today," 1978
Carton 1, Folder 22	"Preventing AIDS by Eroticizing Sexual Health," 1990
Carton 1, Folder 23	"Safe or Sorry," 1993
Carton 1, Folder 24	"A Social Science Perspective of Sexual Addiction," undated
Carton 1, Folder 25	"The Socio-Sexual Response Cycle," 1998
Carton 1, Folder 27	"Tenderloin Applied Ethnography Project," 1976
Carton 1, Folder 28	"The Tenderloin's Past," undated
Carton 1, Folder 29	"The World of Chemical Barrier Technology," circa 2000
Carton 1, Folder 30	Untitled book drafts, undated
Carton 1, Folder 31	Fragment/unidentified materials, undated
Carton 1, Folder 32	Newspaper articles, 1986-1987, undated

Series 5: Writings by Others, 1972-2000.

Physical Description: Carton 1, Folders 33-35; Carton 3, Folders 1-4

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by surname or first name. Unidentified writings are filed at the end of the series.

Scope and Content Note: This series consists of typescripts of published and unpublished social science articles, both complete works and drafts. The bulk of the manuscripts are anthropological studies of LGBT communities in other cultures, including Mexico and Japan. These are works by scholars who shared Taylor's academic interests. Among them are a significant number drafts from Jim Carrier, an anthropologist who also worked on homosexual communities in Mexico. A significant portion of articles in this series were originally presented at American Anthropological Association or Anthropology Research Group on Homosexuality conferences,

and some include brief notes to Taylor. There is a small amount of scientific material. Some articles, reviews, and other anthropological critiques can be found in Series 8. Note that a record of activities prepared by Taylor for his degree at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in Series 11 may provide further information about his interest in these writings.

Carton 1, Folder 33-35	“arb”-“ken”
Carton 3, Folder 1-4	“loc”-“wyc” and unidentified writings

Series 6: Grants, 1977-1998.

Physical Description: Carton 3, Folders 5-7

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by name of funder, and then by name of grant.

Scope and Content Note: The bulk of this series consists of drafts of grant proposals, related correspondence, deadlines/schedules, and evaluations from the granting agency. Funders include the American Association of Community College’s Bridges to Healthy Communities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Carton 3, Folder 5-7	A-Z
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Series 7: Teaching/Course Materials, 1970s-1990s.

Physical Description: Carton 3, Folders 8-25

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by name of institution. Unidentified materials are filed at the end of the series.

Scope and Content Note: The bulk of the series consists of ephemera, course evaluations, syllabi, informational and exercise handouts, student bios, and teaching notes. Public education classes were filed with Institute of Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) material because Taylor gave public safer sex workshops through that institution. This material may have been used for safer sex courses taught at City College of San Francisco (CCSF), by CCSF’s AIDS Resource Center, which Taylor directed, or for IASHS’s health worker training program. There are some unidentified teaching materials, and ephemera filed with one class may have been used for others.

City College of San Francisco

Carton 3, Folder 8-12	Project SAFE, Health 67-69, circa 1985-1990s
Carton 3, Folder 13	Anthropology course(s), circa 1992

Institute of Advanced Study of Human Sexuality

Carton 3, Folder 14-18	Mid-1980s-undated
Carton 3, Folder 20	Nebraska Health Dept. Workshop, 1986
Carton 3, Folder 21	UC Berkeley Extension, late 1970s
Carton 3, Folders 22-24	Unlabeled course materials
Carton 3, Folder 25	Anthropology course reader

Series 8: Professional Activities, 1971-2000.

Physical Description: Carton 3, Folders 26-30; Carton 4, Folders 1-10

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by name of organization or institution

Scope and Content Note: The bulk of the series consists of newsletters, correspondence, resolutions, memos, membership rosters, reports, materials about pedagogical enrichment and other documents related to Taylor's work with professional organizations. A significant portion of the series documents Taylor's involvement with LGBT scholars. American Anthropological Association (AAA) and Anthropology Research Group on Homosexuality (ARGOH) conference materials and scholarly articles are included in these files. Also of note is information on projects designed to fight HIV/AIDS and homophobia that were sent to Taylor by community colleges. There is some correspondence between Will Roscoe and AAA representatives regarding a controversial conference on AIDS and social science.

Carton 3, Folder 26-27	AAA, circa 1983-1993
Carton 3, Folder 28-30	ARGOH and earlier professional organizing, circa 1971-1997
Carton 4, Folder 1-6	American Association of Community Colleges, 1980s-2000
Carton 4, Folder 7-8	Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, 1980s, undated
Carton 4, Folder 9	San Francisco State University, 1980s, undated
Carton 4, Folder 10	Other and unidentified organizational materials

Series 9: Conference Materials, 1978-2000.

Physical Description: Carton 4, Folders 11-15

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by year.

Scope and Content Note: The bulk of the series consists of abstracts, programs, typescripts of opening remarks, and some correspondence from medical, anthropological, and other LGBT-related conferences, as well as other non-LGBT scholarly meetings. Prominent conferences include the 1983 Anthropology Research Group on Homosexuality (ARGOH) conference on Homosexuality and the Social Sciences; the 1983 Amsterdam congress "Among Men, Among Women," and "Microbicides," which was held in 2000. There is minimal ARGOH/AAA material in this series. Series 1 contains some correspondence related to conferences.

Series 10: Research and Subject Files, 1959-1990s.

Physical Description: Carton 4, Folders 16-32, Carton 5, Folders 1-32

Scope and Content Note: This series consists of collected materials which may or may not have been used to produce scholarly work related to homophobia, minority rights, and sex education. The materials include ephemera, mass mailings, news clippings, newsletters, articles, legal documents, educational materials, research notes, and correspondence. A significant amount of material is in Spanish, and there are a few postcards in German.

Carton 4, Folder 16-25	Politics and homophobia
Carton 4, Folder 26	The Men behind Hitler by Bernhard Schreiber, English translation
Carton 4, Folder 27	Materials Taylor titled "Gay Holocaust"
Carton 4, Folder 28	HIV/AIDS insurance/California AIDS strategic planning commission
Carton 4, Folder 29	Nonoxynol-9 dispute

Carton 4, Folder 30	Department of Public Health, City and County of San Francisco
Carton 4, Folder 31	Prostitution materials
Carton 4, Folder 32	ONE Archive mass mailings
Carton 5, Folder 1	Atascadero Gay Encounter/ Atascadero State Hospital mailings and legal documents
Carton 5, Folder 2	Newsletters, news articles, fact sheets (check and edit if time)
Carton 5, Folder 3-4	Flyers and informational handouts
Carton 5, Folder 5-6	Pamphlets
Carton 5, Folder 7	Large pamphlets and other ephemera
Carton 5, Folder 8	Postcards
Carton 5, Folder 9	Taylor's pamphlet design
Carton 5, Folder 10	Safer sex party materials
Carton 5, Folder 11	English-language political correspondence and articles on LGBT life in Mexico
Carton 5, Folder 12	Latin American health workers' curriculum vitae, circa 1997
Carton 5, Folder 13-14	Latin American newsletters and news articles by or about LGBT and/or HIV/AIDS, 1970s-1980s
Carton 5, Folder 15	Taylor's professional activities and educational materials for Latin American projects, 1980s, undated
Carton 5, Folder 16	Taylor's travel documents for Latin American projects, [1980s]
Carton 5, Folder 17	Latin American LGBT group Colectivo Sol daily planner, 1990
Carton 5, Folder 18	Latin American LGBT and HIV/AIDS ephemera
Carton 5, Folder 19	Latin American newspapers and clippings
Carton 5, Folder 20	Other Latin American materials
Carton 5, Folder 21	Social science bibliographies, abstracts, notes, other source listings
Carton 5, Folder 22	Dinke Creek/Cold Springs research and related materials, 1983-1984
Carton 5, Folder 23	Safer sex bibliographies, abstracts, notes, other source listings
Carton 5, Folder 24	El Ambiente (center) safer sex workshops, 1990s
Carton 5, Folder 25-26	Safer sex chemical barrier research and product development, 1990s
Carton 5, Folder 27	BioGard patent documents, 1994
Carton 5, Folder 28	Safer sex MSM surveys/studies, 1983-1984, undated
Carton 5, Folder 29	Other social scientists' curriculum vitae and course materials
Carton 5, Folder 30	Others' amateur literary art, 1977, undated
Carton 5, Folder 31	George M. Raya signed portrait prints, 1975-1978
Carton 5, Folder 32	Miscellaneous ephemera

Series 11: Biographical Materials, circa 1947-2001.

Physical Description: Box 5, Folders 33-40

Scope and Content Note: This series contains Taylor's doctoral coursework; legal documents; news clippings regarding his protest of marijuana laws; and a certificate of service belonging to, and news clippings about, Taylor's father, Clark Taylor Sr. Materials related to his studies at UC

Berkeley include an extensive course critique of their Medical Anthropology senior seminar by Taylor and his peers.

Carton 5, Folder 33	UC Berkeley materials, 1975-1977
Carton 5, Folder 34	Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality coursework, circa 1985
Carton 5, Folder 35	Selective service system registration card, 1955
Carton 5, Folder 36	Marijuana news coverage, 1970-1973
Carton 5, Folder 37	Clark Taylor Sr., circa 1947-1986
Carton 5, Folder 38	Rental dispute, 1991
Carton 5, Folder 39	Court Documents, 1985-1991
Carton 5, Folder 40	Awards, 1983-2001

Series 12: Textiles, 1970s.

Physical Description: Carton 6, Carton 7

Scope and Content Note: This series consists of handmade textiles primarily from Mexico and possibly other Central American countries. The bulk is clothing. There are also raw pieces of cloth and a feathered bird mask.

Series 13: Audio-visual and Photographic Materials, circa 1970s-1994.

Physical Description: Carton 7, Folders 1-7

Scope and Content Note: The series consists of slides, photographs, and microcassettes related to Taylor's academic research on LGBT communities and HIV/AIDS,, safer sex teaching, and personal life. Taylor's identification of "Mexican gay research slides" and his arrangement of beefcake photos have been maintained.

Carton 7, Folder 1	Mexican gay research slides
Carton 7, Folder 2	Latin American photos and postcards
Carton 7, Folder 3	Slides and filmstrip
Carton 7, Folder 4-5	Photographs
Carton 7, Folder 6	Beefcake photographs

Series 14: Artifacts, circa 1980s-1994.

Physical Description: Carton 7

Scope and Content Note: The series consists of artifacts primarily related to Taylor's safer sex work. Materials include Taylor's American Association of Community Colleges Bridges to Healthy Communities award, English and Spanish-language political and safer sex buttons, safer sex kits, and other safer sex artifacts.