

Register to the Papers of  
Philleo Nash

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## Biographical Note

Philleo Nash was born on October 25, 1909, in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. He studied at the University of Wisconsin, taking a year off to study music at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. On his return to the University of Wisconsin, Nash completed his undergraduate degree in anthropology (1932) and went on to the University of Chicago for a Ph.D. in anthropology (1937). His doctoral dissertation explored the concepts of revivalism and social change with a focus on the Klamath Ghost Dance activities of the 1870s.

Nash held positions in teaching as well as in government and his family business. He was a lecturer in anthropology at the University of Toronto (1937-1941). He also lectured at the University of Wisconsin (1941-1942) and at American University in Washington, D.C. (1971-1977).

From 1942 to 1953, Nash served in various positions in the federal government, first in the Office of War Information and later as Assistant to President Truman, focusing on minority affairs and as liaison to the Department of the Interior. During this period in Washington, Nash also acted as President of the Georgetown Day School (1945-1952), where he was one of the founders of this racially integrated cooperative school. In 1953, Nash returned to Wisconsin where his interest in politics continued, and he became Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin from 1959 to 1961. In 1961, he returned to Washington, DC as U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, a position he held until 1966.

Following his work as Commissioner, Nash remained in Washington where he acted as a consultant in applied anthropology and held offices in various associations including the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), the American Anthropological Association (AAA), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). During all the years of professional responsibilities, Nash also held positions in the family business, Biron Cranberry Company. He returned to Wisconsin in 1977 to be President and Manager of the Company.

Throughout his life Nash was active in various associations for science and anthropology. He was awarded the AAA's Distinguished Service Award in 1984. In 1986, the SfAA presented him with the Bronislaw Malinowski Award in recognition of outstanding scholarship and long term commitment in applying the social sciences to contemporary issues.

Philleo Nash died in 1987. Some years before his death Nash sent his archaeological research material from the Pound Village Site (1938-1939) to Toronto and his research material from the DuBay Village Site (1940) to the Milwaukee Public Museum. According to the terms of his will, his government and political papers are housed at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri.

Reference: Landman, Ruth H. and Katherine S. Halpern (eds.). *Applied Anthropologist and Public Servant: the Life and Work of Philleo Nash*. NAPA Bulletin #7. Washington, DC: American Anthropological Association, 1989.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Philleo Nash Papers attest to Nash's interest in anthropology, not only research and teaching but also in its application to public service. His papers can be separated into four main areas: undergraduate and graduate education, research, teaching, and public service. Files contain class notes from Nash's undergraduate and graduate studies as well as papers by well-known professors lecturing at the University of Chicago including Ralph Linton, Robert Redfield, and R.A. Radcliffe-Brown. The bulk of his research was conducted in the Pacific Northwest where he studied the Klamath-Modoc culture on the reservation, focusing on revivalism and socio-political organization (1935-1937). Other research included archeology at two sites, a study of the Toronto Jewish community, and a continuing interest in minority issues. Nash taught at the University of Toronto (1937-1941) and at American University in Washington, D.C. (1971-1977). Teaching files contain lecture notes from his work at the University of Toronto. Public service files include correspondence from the period when he was Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin (1959-1961) as well as reports and photos from the years as Commissioner of Indian Affairs (1961-1966). Other public service and business positions are not represented in these files.

## **Box and Folder Listing**

### **Series 1. Education (1931-1937)**

72 boxes (4 linear feet)

Education includes class notes, reading notes, and term papers from both undergraduate and graduate studies. It also includes lectures by various well-known anthropologists including Ralph Linton, Robert Redfield, and A.R. Radcliffe-Brown. Class reading and lecture note topics range widely from Physical Anthropology to theoretical issues to kinship to linguistics. Geographically the range is enormously widespread, from Europe to Africa, Latin America and North America, India, and the Pacific including Australia, Polynesia, and Papua New Guinea. The North American material includes a number of tribes but focuses on southwestern groups, including language. The material on India focuses on the Oraon, their socio-political organization and religion. There is an extensive bibliography and field notes from work in the Ross Region of Wisconsin in the 1930s.

### **Box 1**

Class Reading, Lecture Notes

#### General Anthropological Topics:

American Philosophy (Otto)

Method - Dewey

Method - Redfield

Boas on Theory

Written Assignments:

R-B ms. [Radcliffe-Brown]  
R-B [Radcliffe-Brown] Thesis  
Malinowski - Thesis  
Science of Society  
Primitive Law  
Political Science  
Systematic Social Science (Adler)  
Kinship:  
    Kinship  
    [Kinship, Folk Society]  
    [Kinship] Kroeber  
    Kinship - Ontong, Java & Tikopia  
Race Relations

## **Box 2**

Class Reading, Lecture Notes (continued)

### General Anthropological Topics (continued):

I-E Philology (Senn)

Kultur & Gegenwart

Physical Anthropology:

    Misc. Paper: [Trends in German Physical Anthropology]

    Physical Anthropology, Edith [Rosenfels]

    Physical Anthropology

    Anthropology 201

    Paleontology

Economics (Pueblo)

Social Systems:

    Social Integration

    Social Systems

    Social Systems [various]

Geology (Schrock)

Seminar 1936, NRM - lecture notes

University of Chicago (UC) Divisional Lectures (2 folders)

## **Box 3**

Class Reading, Lecture Notes (continued)

### General Anthropological Topics (continued):

Pre-History - European

Africa:

    Africa

    Native Policies in South Africa

Australia

Asia:

    Bishop: [Eastern Asia]

    Eastern Asia

- Malaysia
- Mongols
- Latin America:
  - Andean Cultures
  - Latin America
- Pacific:
  - Andamans
  - Melanesia
  - Thurnwald [notes]
  - Thurnwald - Banaro [notes]
  - Polynesia
  - [Polynesia] Arioi
  - Samoa
  - Samoa - S. Brown Ms.

**Box 4**

- North America:
  - Explorations in N. A. [Archeology]
  - Antiquity of Man in North America
  - Ethnology [Linton]
  - Ethnology - N.A.
  - American Indians
- Linguistics:
  - Science of Language
  - Linguistics - Hoijer
  - Phonetics
  - Lamda [Bantu]
  - Mayan
  - Quilyut
  - American Indian Language:
    - American Indian Language
    - Apache
    - Apache Chiricahua
    - Basket-Makers
    - Oneida Pronouns
  - Language - Other Areas:
    - Chinese
    - Europe & Asia

**Box 5**

- Papua New Guinea - Robert Redfield (R.R.):
  - In Primitive New Guinea (Holmes)
  - NG: Maps
  - History:
    - Papua: Hist[ory]
    - Papua: Desc[ription]

Papua: [British Foreign Office] BFO  
Papua: Administrative Set-up  
[Australian Administration] (Murray)  
Papua: Aboriginal Ceremonialism  
Papua: Communication  
Papua: Industries  
Papua: Labour  
Papua: Land Tenure  
Papua: Missionaries  
Papua: Native-White Relations  
Taro Cult (W[illiams])  
Religious Movements:  
    Religious Movements  
    Vailala Doctrine  
    Vailala: Changes in Customs  
    Vailala: Person[n]el  
    Vailala: Spread  
    Vailala Madness (W[illiams])  
New Guinea: Ms. & Notes

## **Box 6**

### India

Indian Economics: Jathar & Beri  
The Oraon (Roy)  
Oraon: Adjustive Movements  
Oraon Census  
Oraon [Risley, Russe] - Ethnography  
Oraon: Land Tenure  
Oraon: Money Lending  
Oraon: Pol[itical] Org[anization]  
Oraon Religion: Dehon  
Oraon: Soc[ial] Org[anization]  
Oraon: Status  
PN: Oraon  
Oraon [Revivalism] Summary, Conclusion, Appendix  
Oraon: Ms. Notes  
Master's Thesis - Final Draft, Notes  
Master's Thesis - Final Draft, 1937

## **Box 7**

### Research Proposed

Psychoanalytic Training  
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Application Notes  
Navaho Project  
Navaho Project Correspondence

[Master's] Thesis [Proposal]  
Cassels - Correspondence  
Gower - Correspondence  
Bibliography:  
Bibliography (3 folders)  
Kulturkeis  
Petitot  
Bibliography: Race and Culture  
Field Notes  
Ross Region [Wisconsin, 1931)

### **Box 8**

Field Notes (continued)  
Notebooks (4) 1934  
Notebooks (2) 1938  
Notebooks (2) 1941 [Du Bay, Portage Co., WI]  
Notebooks (4) (n.d.) [Miscellaneous Notes and Bibliography]  
Notebook (1) (n.d.) [Clearville Site]  
Notebook (1) (n.d.) [Veddah]  
Notebook (1) (n.d.) [Aylmer]

### **Series 2. Klamath-Modoc Culture (1930s)**

5 boxes (2.5 linear feet)

The Klamath-Modoc Culture series includes notes on background reading on the Klamath-Modoc cultures of the Pacific Northwest where Nash did fieldwork for his Ph.D. dissertation (1935?-1937). He explored the issues of two or more tribes living on a reservation as well as conducting fieldwork and interviews with various informants. This series also includes information on the Ghost Dance (GD) gathered by Cora DuBois (CD), who shared her work with Nash, who was particularly interested in religion and revival movements.

### **Box 8 (continued)**

Reprints  
History - Oregon:  
Oregon Historical Quarterly  
Oregon History - General  
Bancroft: Hist. Ore.  
Eastern Oregon - Settlement  
Southern Oregon - Settlement  
Emigrant Routes  
Klamath Settlers  
Bancroft: Hist. Ore.  
Biographies [Bancroft]  
Treaty of 1864 - signing [Bancroft]

Meacham: Wigwam and Warpath  
Meacham: Wigwam and Warpath, Oregon History Society Quarterly,  
Bancroft:Hist. of Oregon  
[Inter-Indian]  
Federal Indian Policy, Oregon [1849-1852]  
History - California:  
Cal. Hist: Hunt and Sanchez  
California - Oregon Rivalry  
Walla Walla in Calif.  
California, Indian- White Relations [Bancroft]  
Snake War  
Inter-Cultural Community  
Informants

### **Box 9**

Correspondence and Reports:

Klamath Agency (KA) Correspondence 1870-72  
[Klamath Agency Correspondence 1866-77]  
YA: 1867-1877  
Yainax Station: Reports 1869

Letters to Edith

Paviotso:

Administrator - Indian: General [Meacham]  
Paviotso - Administrator  
Paviotso - Military  
Paviotso - Settlers

Modoc:

Modoc Administrator  
Acculturation  
Modoc - Chronology  
Modoc Geography  
Reservation Modocs: leadership  
Rebellion Modocs: Leadership and Personnel  
Modoc - Military  
Modoc Place Names & Boundaries  
Modoc - Settlers  
Gatshet  
Billy Moore

Science - Research Materials, Klamath-Modoc - Misc. Notes

Autobiographies

Chiefs: richmen: status

Count Songs

Fall Food Ceremony

Girl's Puberty [and boy's]

Household Groupings

Kinship:  
Genealogies  
Kinship Blank Form

**Box 10**

Klamath Statistics  
Loleinas  
Phonetics  
[Ritual]  
Secular Ceremonies  
Shamanism  
Slaves  
Treaty Signers  
Tule  
War Dance (Preparatory Dance), Scalp Dance  
Warfare and Feuds  
Modoc Misc.  
Klamath Miscellaneous  
CD - Summary Hist.  
CD - Summary  
Cora DuBois' Notes  
CD - Origins of Ghost Dance  
Collier: Kiowa Pre-Ghost Dance  
CD - Chronology and Diffusion  
Peyote Religion, O. C. Stewart  
First Movement:  
    Cora DuBois - First Movement, Mrs. Jackson, Klamath  
    CD - First Movement, Modoc, Jennie Clinton  
    CD - First Movement, Modoc, Peter Sconchin  
    CD - First Movement, Klamath, Harrison Brown  
    CD - First Movement, Klamath, Anton Merritt  
Second Movement:  
    CD - Second Movement, Peter Sconchin, Modoc  
    CD - Second Movement, Anton Merritt, Klamath  
CD - Ghost Dance in Northern California  
CD - Modoc informant [Jennie Clinton, GD]  
Rod: Ghost Dance [CD - Peter Sconchin; Brick Jim; Stonewall Jackson; Harrison Brown]

**Box 11**

Dream Dancing:  
    Ghost Dance, Dream Songs  
    CD - Dream Dancing  
    KA - Dream Dance: CD  
    CD - Dream Dance, Anton Merritt, Klamath  
    CD - Dream Dance, Modoc, Jennie Clinton

KA Prophet Dance  
KA - Ghost Dance  
CD - GD on Klamath  
Dreaming:  
    PN - Modoc Dreaming, Mrs. George, Lobert  
    CD - Aboriginal Dreaming, Anton Merritt, Klamath  
    CD - Aboriginal Dreaming  
CD - Pavlotso on Klamath res.  
CD - Earthlodge Cult - Klamath, Harrison Brown  
CD - Judgements  
Pom-Pom:  
    KA - Pom-Pom  
    Anton Merritt, Pom Pom  
    Harrison Brown, Klamath Pom Pom [CD]  
KA - Ad.egal  
Ms. Loleinas  
Shakerism:  
    KA Shakers  
    Shaker-Smohalla Project  
    Smohalla  
    CD - Shakerism, Stonewall Jackson, Klamath (PR)  
    CD - Shakers, Klamath, Harrison Brown  
    CD - Shakerism, Anton Merritt, Klamath  
CD - Newspapers  
GD - Newspapers  
Klamath-Modoc Culture  
    Nativistic Religion  
    Nativistic Religious Movements and the Race Relations Cycle  
        (Term Paper, 1934)  
        Revivalism - notes, ms  
    Religious Revivalism, Mss.  
    [Klamath and Modoc] Aboriginal Ritual  
    1871-77 Revival [continuation of previous folder]

**Box 12**

Klamath-Modoc Culture (continued)  
    Klamath Revivalism Ms.  
    Aboriginal Klamath-Modoc Ritual Ms  
    Abstract of Religious Movements - prepared for Committee on Culture  
        and Personality, 1935  
    Territory: Relations With & Knowledge of Other Tribes  
    Maps, Klamath res  
    [Correspondence (Leslie Spier, Elna Smith)]  
    Ms Notes general  
    Klamath Notes, 1936, typed

Klamath Ms. Notes (2 folders)  
Dissertation Ms  
Dissertation Proof

**Box 13**

Klamath-Modoc Culture

Field Notes and Photo Record (12), 1936-1937

**Series 3. Teaching (1937-1942, 1971-1977)**

2 boxes (1.0 linear feet)

The Teaching Series includes lectures and lecture notes for introductory courses in anthropology and a lecture at the royal Canadian Institute. In addition, there are examinations from 1937-1941. Included as well are notes about numerous American tribes.

**Box 13 (continued)**

Lectures and Lecture Notes

Comments - R-Koption 4<sup>th</sup> year, 1937-38

Class List

Examinations 1937-38, 1938-39

New Haven, 1940

Exams, 1940

Exams, 1941

Films

Lecture - Royal Canadian Institute

Intro. to Anthropology

Introductory Course - Anthropology

Introductory Course in Anthropology

**Box 14**

American Tribes

Agricultural Tribes of the Eastern Woodlands

Akwa'ala

Arikara (2 folders)

Cocopa Migratory

Crow

Dakota

Eskimo

Kamia

Migratory Tribes of the Eastern Woodlands

Ontario Indians

Shawnee

A Visiting Indians@ in Canada

Yuma

Zuni Folklore

**Box 15**

American Tribes (continued)

Father Berard's Navaho Texts, Ms.

Journal of the Wisconsin Indians Research Institute, Vol. II, No. 2, Dec. 66

Opler: Southern Ath. Kinship

Social and Economic Change in the Context of Pima-Maricopa History - Weaver

The Spirit is Alive - John Pelton: Winnebago

**Series 4. Miscellaneous (1936-1986)**

5 2 boxes (2.5 linear feet)

The Miscellaneous Series includes papers and publications by other people and three papers Nash wrote or collaborated on.

**Box 15 (continued)**

Miscellaneous Papers/Publications of Others

Acculturation

Comparative Social Movements

Negroes

Problem of Race Tension

Toronto Jewish Community Study

Field Notes - Pound Village Site, Museum Lecture, 1938

Pound Village Site - Mrs. Kaphes

Pound Village Site Report

Calendar - 1956

Calendar - 1963

Calendar - 1964

**Box 16**

Miscellaneous Papers/Publications of Others (continued)

Calendar - 1965

Calendar - 1966

Broadcast, 1940-1941, Jan.

Broadcast, CBC, Scripts

Book Reviews - general

Miscellaneous

Jury: Clearville Prehistoric Village Site, Kent County, Ontario, 1941

American Indian Development, 1952

Materials for Menominee Study Committee, 1959

**Box 17**

Banks: From Mean to Harris: Popular Anthropology in Twentieth Century

America, 1986  
Britan: Towards an Anthropology of Formal Organizations, 1978  
Daniels: Cultural Identities Among the Oglala Sioux, 1965  
Eicher: Constraints on Economic Progress on the Rosebud Sioux Indian  
Reservation  
Fischer: Handbook for Indian Education in a Public School  
Henning: American Indians and Anthropologists: An Analysis of a  
Confrontation, 1971  
Jules-Rosette: From Art to Manufacture: Some Aspects of Contemporary  
Art Production in Urban Africa, 1976  
Jules Rosette (Oversize - See Box 24)  
MacGregor: Indian Agency-Indian Interpersonal Relationships  
Radcliffe-Brown: The Development of Social Anthropology  
Radin: The Italians of San Francisco, Their Adjustment and Acculturation  
Redfield: The Nature of Anthropology, 1936  
Stout: The Corporate Peasant Community  
R. & M. Wax: Education for What?  
R. A. White: The Urban Adjustment of the Sioux Indians in Rapid City, SD

**Box 18**

Miscellaneous Papers - Nash:

Can We Learn From History, the Klamath Century

History of Maize - Notes

Nash & Dent - Update on Maize

**Box 19**

Notes on Linguistics, Books on Anthropology, Values

**Box 20**

Bibliography, Addresses, Notes on Middle America, Australian Tribes

**Series 5. Non-Academic Positions (1939-1970)**

2 2 boxes (1.25 linear feet)

Nash held many non-academic positions. The documents from his work with the federal government (1942-1953) are located in the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. Some papers from his work in the Wisconsin government (1960) and at the Department of the Interior (1961-1966) are listed in this series. Also included are documents from his work at the American Anthropological Association (AAA).

**Box 18 (continued)**

Non-Academic Positions

Lieutenant Governor - Wisconsin, Correspondence, Fall, 1960

Department of the Interior:

Commissioner Nash - Visit to South Dakota  
Report on the Effects of Withdrawal of Federal Supervision - Klamath, 2/6  
Puyullup Tribe vs. Department of Game

**Box 21**

Non-Academic Positions (continued)

Department of the Interior

AAIA - 1967, Puyullup

Correspondence: Commissioner to Secretary Udall, November,  
1964

[Cultural Deprivation as an Educational Ideology]

Misc[ellaneous] After 1966

Indian Resource Development Act of 1967

Corres[pondence] & Manuscript submitted by Ethel Nurge, 1967

Model ADemonstration Community@ Manpower and Resource  
Center

Upward Bound - Ada Deer

Mental Hospitals - Cumming

Pacific Northwest Indian Center

Area Directors' Conference - Phoenix, Trip to Havasupai, etc.  
April 22-26, 1963

HEW - Indian Activities

NEH Film Project

ABC (A Better Chance)

Father Peter J. Powell

Tama School Project

Socialization of Psychiatry, Kast and McDonald

American Psychiatric Ass'n, San Francisco May 12, 1970, American  
Indian Suicide

Eastern Oklahoma Cherokee - Wahrhaftig

Department of the Interior (continued)

Annual Report - The National Congress of American Indians, 1968

American Anthropological Association

AAA - By-laws

**Box 22**

Non-Academic Positions (continued)

American Anthropological Association

AAA - MacMillan Contract, 1967

Treasurer, AAA - Jan. thru Oct., 1968

Treasurer, AAA - Nov. 1968 to Present

AAA - Corr. & Board Matters, 1969

Am. Anth Assn Gen'l, 1970

AAA Data Processing Project, 1969

AAA Simon Frazer (Aberle), 1969  
AAA Nash to Foster 3/23/70

**Series 6. Photos (1931-1967)**

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Photos include a student archeology project (1931) as well as an archeology project in Ontario, Canada, that Nash worked on in 1938-1939 when he was teaching at the University of Toronto. There are numerous photos of activities and meetings he was involved in as Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (1961-1966).

**Box 23**

Photos

1938 or 1939 Summer, Pound Village Site, U. of Toronto archeology  
at Aylmer - Ontario

Negatives, 1938 or 1939 Summer, Pound Village Site, U. of Toronto  
archeology at Aylmer - Ontario

1961

April-May 1962

October 11, 1962, Mescalero, NM

1962

Hopi Indian Agency-1963

Portland Trip July 1963

Southwest - Oct. 13, 1963, Logina Burnell

1963

East Bay United Indian Council, June 1964, Ute Mountain, May 1964,  
other 1964

1964

1965

Interior Department 1966

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Developed April 1967

Time/Place Unknown

Miscellaneous

**Box 24**

Photos (continued)

Summer 1931

1961

Crow Agency, Montana 1964

Oversize Item

Miscellaneous Papers/Publications of Others (continued)

Jules Rosette: The Veil of Objectivity: Prophecy, Divination, and  
Social Inquiry