

Ms 4802 -- Sol Tax -- Fox field notes and Fox Project records 1932-1959

Sol Tax was trained and has taught at the University of Chicago. His dissertation on Fox social organization was based on fieldwork at the Mesquakie settlement at Tama, Iowa, in 1932-1934.

Sol Tax began the Fox Project to provide field experience to anthropology students at the University of Chicago (1948-1953). During the first season, the students conducted inquiries into Fox social organization and leadership. This led them to suspect that the Tama settlement was threatened with internal dissension brought on by outside pressures of the white community. When they decided to interfere in the ongoing process, the students and Tax were confronted with the fact that they were only students and had no real authority to enforce changes. In response to this situation, Tax and the students developed a theoretical framework for action that has come to be known as action anthropology. The students also began discussing approaches to the problems they perceived while they were studying the Fox. In consultation with the Fox, the group devised a plan of action and obtained money from a private foundation in 1953. At this time, students and faculty from the University of Iowa joined the University of Chicago group. The Fox Project was largely educational in its conception but over time it came to include economic and social aspects. Several educational efforts were made including the Fox Indian Professional Education Program. They helped to establish a community center; sought a clinic; and launched a crafts industry (Tama Indian Crafts).

Students who participated in the project included Herbert Becker, Ariane Brunel, Charles Callendar, Marie Furey Callendar, Carl Couch, Paul Diesing, Lloyd Fallers, Eugene Fugel, Frederick O. Gearing, Irving Gerick, Grace Gredys, Jerry Jayne, Richard Kluckhorn, Charles Leslie, Joseph R. Marlin, William McCormack, Walter Miller, Fred Okita, Lisa Redfield Peattie, Steven Polgar, Robert Rietz, Sarah Robinson, Lucinda Sangre, Walter H. Sangre, Florence Simon, Claude Tardita, Caroline Wiesender, and Davida Wolffson. Also involved were Alton Fischer, Otis Imboden, Carol Ruppe, and Reynold Ruppe.

Correspondents include Len Borman, Henry F. Dobyns, William Dunning, Charles Frantz, Robert A. Hackenburg, Wesley R. Hurt, Alexander Lesser, La Verne Madigan, Lola Manzolillo, D'Arcy McNickle, Ralph Nader, Ben Reifel, Emil J. Sady, Robert K. Thomas, and Tillie Walker.

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