

Register to the Papers of Walter P. Zenner

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Biographical Note

Walter P. Zenner was born on October 18, 1933 in Nuremberg, Germany to Justin and Hertha Zenner. In 1939, Zenner came to the United States with his parents and his older sister Eve to escape the Nazi regime. The family settled in Chicago, where the elder Zenners and Eve would remain for the rest of their lives.

Zenner earned a B.A. in Anthropology from Northwestern University in 1955, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1958 and 1965 respectively. He also earned an M.H.L. (Master of Hebrew Letters) from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1960. After a brief stint at Lake Forest College, Zenner joined the Anthropology Department at the State University of New York at Albany, where he taught until his retirement in 2002.

In the mid-1960s Zenner met and married his wife, Linda. They had two daughters, Rachel and Abigail.

Walter P. Zenner died in Albany on March 17, 2003.

Scope and Content Note

The Papers of Walter Zenner document his extensive career as a teacher and scholar of cultural anthropology. Through articles, correspondence, clippings, drafts, field notes, research notes, and other documents, the papers record Zenner's work on a variety of anthropological subjects including Middle Eastern ethnic groups, Jewish communities, immigrant groups, and the concept of a 'middleman minority' or a distinct ethnic population which serves the needs of the majority by filling a vital economic or cultural niche.

Walter P. Zenner was born in Germany in 1933, but the Zenner family soon immigrated to the United States. Correspondence and legal documents, some in German, record their negotiations with the U.S. Immigration Service, assistance from the Rothschilds, and the family's eventual settlement in Chicago. (Series V.) Zenner remained in the Chicago area for college, attending Northwestern University. An assortment of the syllabi, class notes, papers, and correspondence document his undergraduate career as well as his graduate study at Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. (Series IV.)

Zenner spent the majority of his professional life in the Department of Anthropology at the State University of New York at Albany, where he taught from 1966 until his retirement in 2002. Class materials including syllabi, handouts, exams, lecture notes, departmental memos, and correspondence among faculty document his long and successful tenure there. Zenner taught a wide variety of courses, from introductory surveys to graduate proseminars in specialized topics such as the ethnology of religion. His particular interests in teaching, however, were Judaism and Jewish communities, folklore, and urban anthropology. (Series IV.) A significant number of folders in this series are restricted because they contain student work, grades, and social security numbers.

The areas of cultural anthropology that Zenner specialized in teaching shared some commonality with his major research interests: Middle Eastern ethnic groups, the Jewish Diaspora, and immigration. He produced many publications on these subjects, as shown by the manuscript drafts, correspondence, and reprints in the Papers. (Series I, Subseries 1.) Zenner's subject files (Series I, Subseries II) provide a record of his research both in libraries and in the field. A significant amount of typed and handwritten notes and correspondence document Zenner's field work in Isfiya, a Druse village in Israel that he visited in 1967-8 while working with the Cross Cultural Study of Ethnocentrism directed by Northwestern University and again while on sabbatical in 1973-1974. An extensive collection of clippings from the Jerusalem *Post* provides further context on inter-ethnic relations in Israel at the time. A small collection of photographs (Series VI) also documents the 1973-1974 work in Israel. Other fieldwork projects documented include a study of Soviet Jewish immigrants to Albany in the early 1980s, and an examination of proceedings in Immigration Court in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Additional material documenting Zenner's work on Sephardic Jews is held by the American Sephardi Federation at the Center for Jewish History, 15 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011.

Processing Note

The Papers of Walter Zenner arrived at the National Anthropological Archives arranged in rough groups according to function. For example, most of the material documenting Zenner's teaching at SUNY was together. Many folders had no labels, however, and the collection contained a significant number of loose papers. The archivist drew on the original functional groups to establish six series. When arranging documents within series, the archivist retained original order when possible, and imposed alphabetical or chronological arrangement when necessary. Original folder titles were retained when possible, and sometimes edited for clarity. Preservation measures undertaken included removing all staples and paper clips, replacing them when necessary with archival quality stainless steel paper clips, separating newspaper clippings from other materials with acid-free paper, refolding all materials, and rehousing them in document cases.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish or quote from portions of this collection must be obtained from the Zenner Family until 2032.

Box and Folder Listing

Series I – Research (1954-2001) [Bulk 1965-1990]

(19 boxes, 9.5 linear feet)

This series contains materials relating to Zenner's anthropological research. The series has been divided into two subseries. The first subseries, Writing, contains copies and drafts of many of Zenner's publications, as well as correspondence directly related to writing or publishing particular works. This subseries is arranged chronologically. The second subseries, Subject Files, consists primarily of clippings, correspondence, field notes, reading notes, and reprints on a variety of subjects that Zenner studied. Some materials related to Zenner's field work in Israel in 1967-8 and 1973-4 are in Hebrew and Arabic. This subseries is arranged alphabetically by folder heading. In both subseries, items are filed chronologically with undated materials at the back of the folder.

Subseries I: Writing

Box 1

Beth Emet (Free Synagogue Religious School) *Stories about Jewish Life*
Teacher's Resource (1954)
Articles by WZ (1956, 1964-2000 and n.d.) (2f)
Articles on "Revitalization Movements" (1956-1957)
Book Reviews (1956-2000)
Study Guides to *Great Ages and Ideas of the Jewish People*: text, correspondence.
(1957)
"Jews in Late Ottoman Syria" (1965)
"Ethnic Assimilation and the Corporate Group" [c.1965]
"Culturalism in an Ashkenazic Guise" (1967)
"Arabs of the Galilee: Inter-Group Relations and Stereotypes" (1967-2001) (1f)

Box 2

"Arabs of the Galilee: Inter-Group Relations and Stereotypes" (1967-2001) (2f)
Background on "The Arabs of the Galilee" (1967-2001)
"Syrian Jews in Three Social Settings" (1968)
"Syrian Jewry in Late-Ottoman Syria" [c. 1968]
"Joking and Ethnic Stereotyping" (1968-1970)
"Middle-Aged Women in Muslim Arab Villages in Israel" Working Paper by WZ
and Linda R. Zenner. (1969)
"Aqiili Agha: The Strongman in the Ethnic Relations of the Ottoman Galilee"
(1969)
Articles by WZ on Ethnic Groups in Israel (1969, n.d.)
"Some Aspects of Ethnic Stereotype Content in the Galilee" (1969-1972)
Arabs and Druses – book by WZ and Leonard Kasdan collaboration –
correspondence (1969-1972)
Arabs and Druses – book by WZ and Leonard Kasdan (1969-1978)

Box 3

- Arabs and Druses – WZ and Leonard Kasdan collaboration (1970-1977)
- Arabs – Writing – Drafts (1970-1972)
- “Druses as a Divided Minority” by WZ and Maurice N. Richter (1971-1994)
- “Points for Comparison of Jewish and Other Minority Ethnicities” (1972)
- “Lachrymosity as a Cultural Reaction to Minority Status” (1973-1977)
- “Jewish Communities as a Cultural Unit” (1973-1978)
- “Druses and Jews: Two Minorities in the Syrian Mosaic” (1975)
- “Censorship & Syncretism: Some Social Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Middle Eastern Jews” (1977.)
- “Mosaics and Melting Pots: Structural and Identificational Assimilation in the Arab Levant” [c. 1977]
- “Jewish State Employees in Albany: A Research Report” Draft (1978)
- “Scots in the Northern Fur Trade: A Middleman Minority Perspective” by WZ and Robert Jarvenpa (1978)
- “Scots in the Northern Fur Trade” two articles by Robert Jarvenpa and WZ (1979)

Box 4

- Jewish Society in the Middle East* ed. WZ and Schlomo Deshen – correspondence (1979-1981)
- “International Networks in a Migrant Ethnic Group” [c.1970]
- “American Jewry in the Light of Middleman Minority Theories” (1980)
- “Jews, Israelis and the Ethnic Division of Labor” (1980-1981)
- “Arabic-Speaking Immigrants in North America as Middleman Minorities” (1980-1982)
- “Understanding the Chamula Diaspora” by WZ and “GG” [George Gmelch?] [c.1980]
- Proposals for books on Jews and Judaism [c.1980]
- “Refugee Crises: The Conflict of National Interests and Human Rights”(1981-1984)
- “Jewish Ethnicity: Ascription vs. Choice” (1981-1985)

Box 5

- “The Adjustment of Soviet Jewish Immigrants in the Albany (NY) Area: A Research Report” by WZ and Debra Hiller (1983)
- “Sects and Ethnic Images in Southwestern Asia” by Robert Canfield and WZ (1983-1987)
- “Middleman Minorities and Genocide” (1984)
- “Ethnic Factors in Israel Life” (1985-1987)
- “Arabic-Speaking Jews of the Fertile Crescent” (1989)
- Articles for *Encyclopedia of World Cultures* (1989)
- “Minorities in the Middle: A Cross-Cultural Analysis” (1985-1996)
- “Political and Religious Orientations of Syrian Sephardim in Pre-1967 Israel” (1992)
- “Middleman Minorities: A Comparative Approach to the Sociology of Diasporas” (draft) (1992)

Box 5 (continued)

- “A Preliminary Study of Jews in Contemporary Syria” (1994)
- “Selective Memory and Ethnic Identification Among Syrian Jews” Draft (1997)
- “The Ethnography of Diaspora: Studying Syrian Jewry” (1997)
- “Bani Ma’aruf: Intergroup Relations and Stereotypes” (n.d.)
- “Ethnic Out-Group Attitudes Outside the United States” (n.d.)
- “Israel and the Ethnic Division of Labor” (n.d.)
- “Jewish Peoples: An Ethnographic Overview” (draft) (n.d.)
- “Jews and Other Minorities: The Problem of the Proper Analogy” (n.d.)
- “Minority Money Lenders and Credit in Peasant Societies: A Set of Propositions” (n.d.)

Subseries II: Subject Files**Box 6**

- American Culture – articles, notes, class materials (1983, 1991)
- Arabs
 - Majid Al-Haj, “The Arab Internal Refugees in Israel” and “Social Research on Family Lifestyles Among Arabs in Israel.” [1980s?]
 - Lebanon and Syria – notes, articles, clippings (1895-1976)
 - Notes on and copies of Oliphant, Blanc (1950s?)
 - Palestinians, Syrians, Lebanese – notes, articles, clippings (1965-1967)
- Arabs and Druses, 1973-74 – clippings – Kiryat Shimona (1973-1982)
- Arabs and Druses, 1973-74 (1973 -1974)

Box 7

- Arabs and Druses – Kiryat Shimona and other writing, notes, etc. (1974)
- Arabs and Israelis – papers, clippings, notes (1974-1978)
- Arabs and Jews – Articles and notes (1966-1974)
- Armenians - writing, articles, clippings (1985 -1986)
- Articles and notes on topics of interest (Minorities, Jewish Communities, other) (1970s)
- Articles – “Ethnic Identity, Political Integration, and National Development: The Igbo Diaspora in Nigeria” by Chukwuemeka Onwubu. (1974)
- Articles – “Minorities INTERNET: The Mobilization of Ethnicity in Post-Industrial Society” by Jeffrey A. Ross (1973-1976)
- Bibliographies, General Anthropological (1971-1972 and n.d.)
- Bibliographies on Anthropological Subjects of interest to WZ (1963, 1965, 1974)
- Bibliography on Kinship by Billie Jean Isbell (1973)
- Bibliography: “Social Anthropology and Marxist Approaches: A Bibliographic Starter” unsigned (n.d.)

Box 8

- Bibliography, unlabeled (n.d.)
- Cahnman, Werner J., sociologist. Correspondence. (1974-1980)
- Cahnman, Werner J., sociologist. Writing. (1976-1979)

Box 8 (continued)

- Correspondence (1957-2002) (5f)
- Cross-Cultural Comparison, Materials (1976)
- “Doublethink” in religion, work with Jim Wilkins – (1964-1968)
- Druses – writing, correspondence, clippings (1974, 1996)
- Economic Anthropology – notes (1977-1978)
- E. Ray Canterbury project on “The Impact of Values on Economic Research” (1977-1979) (2f)
- E. Ray Canterbury project on “The Impact of Values on Economic Research” – paper by WZ “The Subculture of Economists – An Anthropological Approach” (1977-1979)

Box 9

- Ethnicity and Occupation Research (1976-1981)
- Hispanic Groups - Employment Strategies among Hispanic Groups (1980-1983)
- Immigration - “The Adaptation of New Immigrants in the Albany Metropolitan Area” research proposal by WZ (n.d.)
- Immigration - Grant Proposal to NIH for work on “Adaptation of New Immigrants to the Albany Area” by WZ et al (1979)
- Immigration Court
 - Field notes (1981-1983)
 - Notes (1976-1984)
 - Research Proposal (1983-1986)
 - Writing and Research (1981-1983)
- Interpretation and Double Translation (1968?)

Box 10

- Iran: notes, clippings, writing. [c.1960]
- Isfiya
 - Abu Sherif Abu, head of village council, interview transcript in Arabic (1974)
 - Notebook (1973-1974)
 - Notes and correspondence (1968)
 - “Social Structure, Fission, and Faction in a Druse Community” by [?] Kasdan (n.d.)
- Israel 1967-68
 - Arabs – CCSE Project and Related Papers (1966-1971) (2f)
 - Bedouin (1968)
 - Correspondence, notes, receipts (1967-1968)
 - CCSE Project, Linda R. Zenner – childrearing – interviews (1968)

Box 11

- Israel 1967-68 (continued)
 - Druse – transcribed interview notes (1968)
 - Druse other than Isfiya (1968)

Box 11 (continued)

Israel 1967-68 (continued)

El-Mughar and Eilabin (1968)
Field Notes (1967-1968) (3f)
Folklore, correspondence, notes, readings (1951-1971)
Jews and city folk - Interviews with Bekhor Peso (1968)
Muslim Villagers (1968 project) (1968)
Shefa'amr and Ibillin (1967-1968)

Box 12

Israel

1973 trip – receipts etc (1973 - 1974)
1980 trip (1980-1981)
Articles (1975-1991)
Articles, notes (1979-1980)
Articles, correspondence, notes (1986-1991)
Clippings (1974-2001)
Clippings – Hebrew (n.d.)
Clippings and Publications (1968-1970)
Ethnic Groups – Clippings (1968-1983)

Box 13

Israel (continued)

General – reading, notes, articles (1961-1965, 1986)
General – writing, notes, correspondence (1968-1975)
Miscellaneous (1962, 1982, n.d.)
Notes and writing (1955, 1968-1979)
Notes, writing, clippings (1977-1980)
Publications (1960-1988)
Weingrod, Alex and Moshe Minkovitz “A Study of the Younger
Generation in New Immigrant Villages” (n.d.)

Israel and Arabs – clippings (1982-1984)

Box 14

Jews

Cemetery Surveys – duplicates (1990-1998)
Comparative Jewish Ethnography (1979-1983)
Ethiopian Jews (Falashas) clippings from American Association for
Ethiopian Jews (1981)
Jewish Communities – notes, articles (1971-1975)
Jewish Communities – hypotheses and propositions [notes and articles]
(1960s)
Jewish Ethnologies – Bibliographies (1973-1976)
Jewish Ethnologies – Papers, other (1976-1977)
Jewish Woman in a changing society [conference] (1979)

Box 15

Jews (continued)

- Jews, Courtiers, and Marranos – miscellaneous notes, articles. (1973-1976) (2f)
- Jews in Ireland – reading notes(n.d)
- Jews of the East [c. 1990]
- Kohno, Tetju – articles and correspondence about Judaic studies (1978-1981)
- Marranos – Article, “Les Marranes” and handwritten translation for WZ by “Pat” [late 1970’s?]
- Marranos – Commentary on film *The Last Marranos* by WZ (1994)
- Santamaria, Ulysses – articles about Falashas (1987-1992)
- Sephardic community in Manchester (U.K.) (1987)
- Sephardic community in Spain (1964)
- Soviet Jewish Immigrants – Albany Jewish Family Services Survey (1981-1982)

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Jews (continued)

- Soviet Jewish Immigrants – Albany Jewish Family Services Survey – Protocols (1981)
- Soviet Jews in Albany project (1981-1982)
- Soviet Jews, resettlement – notes, clippings, correspondence (1979-1980)
- Syrian Jews - Field Work (1961-1962) (4f)
- Journals – “Mid East Update” (1984)
- Journals – “United Synagogue Review” (1970,1973)
- Kissinger, Henry – articles (1982)
- Middleman Minorities – Articles (1915-1986)

Box 17

Middleman Minorities

- Articles (1939-1984)
- Articles (1976-1980)
- Articles (1981-1988)
- Articles and Excerpts (1881, 1956-1980)
- Articles and Excerpts (1974-1979)

Box 18

Middleman Minorities (continued)

- Bibliographies (1979-1982)
- Clippings – Jews and Israel (1976-1980)
- Clippings – Other (1960, 1975-1984)
- Clippings – SE Asian Refugees (1978-1980)
- Clippings – US – business (1977-1981, 1995)
- Clippings – US – stores (1990-1995)
- “Minorities in the Middle” – articles (1898-1973)

Box 18 (continued)

Middleman Minorities (continued)

“Minorities in the Middle” – articles (1974-1983)

“Minorities in the Middle” – research correspondence, papers (1976-1980)

“Minorities in the Middle” reading notes (late 1970s?)

Moneylending – articles and clippings (1940-1990)

Box 19

Middleman Minorities (continued)

Papers (1981-1988)

Reading Notes (n.d.) (2f)

Syria (1985-1987)

Working papers (1979, 1982)

Mormonism - notes, newspaper clipping, brochures (1970)

Psychological Anthropology (1959, n.d.)

Refugees and Genocide – writing by WZ (1981-1985)

Refugees and Genocide [European Jews and Asian boat people] – clippings, articles, notes (1981-1985)

Rushdie, Salman *Satanic Verses* [resources] (1989)

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan (RFK assassin) – clippings (1968)

Textiles, Weaving and Spinning (n.d.)

Urban Ethnography (1969-1980)

Series II – Teaching (1969-2001)

(9 boxes, 4.5 linear feet)

This series contains materials generated in the course of Zenner’s academic activities.

The bulk of the series deals with his classes, students, and departmental responsibilities at the State University of New York in Albany. Other materials include records of lectures given to civic organizations and classes taught at other institutions. A significant number of folders in this series have been restricted because they contain student work, grades, and social security numbers. The arrangement is alphabetical by institution name, and alphabetical by subject when the institution is unknown. The items are filed chronologically with undated materials at the back of the folder, unless no dates were apparent, in which case original order was maintained.

Box 20

Berkeley - talk on Israel -Triadic Model (1975)

Columbia University] Sociology and Anthropology 22 “Civilization and Society” (1965)

Peasant Society - syllabi, reading notes, class lists (1969-1973)

Schenectady Jewish Organization - Lecture on Jerusalem (February 1997)

SUNY - Administrative Materials (1969-2001)

SUNY - ANT 100 and 460 (1971-1975)

Box 20 (continued)

- SUNY - ANT 108M and G: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 1997)
- SUNY - ANT 108M and G: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - student work (Summer 1997) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 108 - student work (Summer 1998) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 110b - Discussion papers by WZ (n.d.)
- SUNY - ANT 149R: American Jewish Communities (1975-1984)
- SUNY - ANT 150 and "Lifeways": Anthropology through Film [c.1980]
- SUNY - ANT 172: Community and Self" (Spring 1997)
- SUNY - ANT 172: Community and Self" class list (Spring 1997) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 172P: Community and Self (1984-1985)
- SUNY - ANT 172P (Spring 1988)
- SUNY - ANT 172P (Spring 1989)
- SUNY - ANT 172P, 200J, 200G, 691Q - grades and student work (Spring and Summer 1993) RESTRICTED

Box 21

- SUNY - ANT 175: Anthropology and Folklore (1984-1990)
- SUNY - ANT 175L: Anthropology & Folklore (Summer 1995)
- SUNY - ANT 175L - course evaluations (Summer 2000)
- SUNY - ANT 200J & W (Spring 1993)
- SUNY - ANT 200W & 200J (1990)
- SUNY - ANT 200W & 200J - grades and student work (1990) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 200W & 200J: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 1990)
- SUNY - ANT 200W & 200J: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology - Student Work (Fall 1990) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 200W: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Summer 1990)
- SUNY - ANT 243 (Fall 1982)
- SUNY - ANT 243: Middle Eastern & European Jews (Fall 1998)
- SUNY - ANT 243 - student work (Fall 1998) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 243: Middle Eastern & European Jews - student work (Fall 1998) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 243W: Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (1984-1985)
- SUNY - ANT 243W, Lori Jones [instructor?] (1987)
- SUNY - ANT 351: Ethnicity in North America" (Fall 1992)
- SUNY - ANT 351: Ethnicity in North America (Fall 1997)
- SUNY - ANT 351: Ethnicity in North America - student work (Fall 1997) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 351 - student work (n.d.)
- SUNY - ANT/JST 351 (Fall 1999)
- SUNY - ANT/JST 351 - student work (Fall 1999) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT/JST 351 and 351Z: Ethnicity in North America (Fall 2001)
- SUNY - ANT/JST 351 and 351Z: Ethnicity in North America" - Student Work (Fall 2001) RESTRICTED

Box 21 (continued)

- SUNY - ANT 360: Social Anthropology (Fall 1980)
- SUNY - ANT 361: Anthropology and Public Policy (1982-1987)

Box 22

- SUNY - ANT 363: Ethnology of Religion (Fall 1977)
- SUNY - ANT 370: Culture Contact and Ethnicity - syllabus, exam, lecture notes (Fall 1974)
- SUNY - ANT 370 - course evaluations (1978)
- SUNY - ANT 370: Ethnicity and Cultural Contact (Spring 1989)
- SUNY - ANT 372 and 372Z: Urban Anthropology (Spring 1996)
- SUNY - ANT 372: Urban Anthropology (1982-1983)
- SUNY - ANT 372: Urban Anthropology (1982-1986)
- SUNY - ANT 372: Urban Anthropology (2000-2001)
- SUNY - ANT 372: Urban Anthropology - student work (Spring 2001)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 375: Psychological Anthropology (1982-1984)
- SUNY - ANT 375G: Psychological Anthropology (Spring 1984-Spring 1986)
- SUNY - ANT 461: North American Counter-Cultural Movements (Spring 1977)
- SUNY - ANT 461: North American Counter-Cultural Movements student work (Spring 1977) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 462: Anthropology of Developing Nations (Spring 1976)
- SUNY - ANT 463: North American Counter-Cultures (1970s)
- SUNY - ANT 465: Corporate Cultures (with some material from ANT 172) (1985-1988)
- SUNY - ANT 465: Ethnology of Jewish Communities (1972, 1978)
- SUNY - ANT 468: Aspects of North Atlantic Culture (1971-1972)
- SUNY - ANT 481 - student paper on oral history of Albany elderly (Spring 1979)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 481 and 498 (undergraduate independent study) student proposals (1978-1979) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 508: Proseminar in Ethnology - student work (1991)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 508: Seminar in Ethnology (Spring 1987)

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- SUNY - ANT 508: Seminar in Ethnology – student work (Spring 1987)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 590: History of Anthropological Thought (n.d.)
- SUNY - ANT 608 (Fall 1995)
- SUNY - ANT 608 - student work (Fall 1995) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 608 - student work (Fall 1997) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 664: Graduate Seminar in Urban Anthropology - student work (1985-1986) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 664: Urban Anthropology (Fall 1989)

Box 23 (continued)

- SUNY - ANT 664: Urban Anthropology - grades and student work (Fall 1989)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 665: Christianity and Development - syllabus and notes (Fall 1978)
- SUNY - ANT 665 - course evaluations (1978)
- SUNY - ANT 665 - student paper on German Americans in Rensselaer County
NY (Fall 1978) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 665: Abrahamic Religion (Fall 1992)
- SUNY - ANT 665: Seminar in Ethnology of Religion (Spring 1997)
- SUNY - ANT 665: Seminar in Ethnology of Religion - student work (Spring
1997) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - ANT 671 - Graduate Student Ruth Baum paper on literature about
Hutterites (Fall 1972) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Anthropology Department - Comprehensive Exam Questions (1987-
1991)
- SUNY - Anthropology Department - "Suggested Reading List for Anthropology
Majors and Graduate Students" (n.d.)
- SUNY - Assorted Class Materials (1972-2000)
- SUNY - Class Lists and correspondence with students (Fall 1974-Fall 1977)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (Fall 1977-Spring 1978) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (Fall 1978- Spring 1979) RESTRICTED

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- SUNY - Class Lists (Fall 1979-Spring 1980) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (Spring 1982) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (Fall 1982) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists, grades, etc. (Spring 1983) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and Correspondence (Fall 1983-Spring 1984) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (Fall 1984) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (1984-1985) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (Fall 1986) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists, grades, make-up exams, grade negotiations (1987-1988)
RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists (1990-1991) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and student work (1991-1994) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Record book (Fall 1992) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and student work (Fall 1993) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and student work (Spring 1994) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and student work, (Fall 1994) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and student work (Spring 1995) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Class Lists and student work (Fall 1995) RESTRICTED

Box 25

SUNY - Class Lists and Grades - (Spring 1996) RESTRICTED
SUNY - Class Lists, grades (n.d.) RESTRICTED
SUNY - Curriculum committee, proposal for ANT/JST 243Z (Spring 1994)
SUNY - Departmental Business (1968-1969)
SUNY - Grades (Fall 1992) RESTRICTED
SUNY - Graduate Admissions (1978)
SUNY - Graduate Program - Qualifying Examination Committee (1983-1986)
SUNY - Graduate Program - Qualifying Examinations - Grading - student work (1983-1986) RESTRICTED
SUNY - Graduate Students
Aronowitz, Alexis, dissertation on Turks in West Germany (1984-1986) RESTRICTED
Baum, Ruth
Paper on Kinship Terminology (1972) RESTRICTED
General (1977)
Dissertation on Hutterites - outline and WZ comments (1977) RESTRICTED
Dissertation on Hutterites, 2 chapters [c. 1977] RESTRICTED
Correa, Nadya, MA candidate (1980-1982) RESTRICTED
Eskesen, Ann, PhD Candidate (1977) RESTRICTED
Hasler, Akiko Sugimoto, dissertation proposal on Japanese Immigrant Entrepreneurs (1992) RESTRICTED

Box 26

SUNY - Graduate Students (continued)
Picker, Cheryl Haft, Dissertation on Criminality among Eastern European Jews in New York City (1980) RESTRICTED
Prachuabmoh, Chavivun, dissertation on Religious Leaders as Cultural Brokers (1973) RESTRICTED
Rojas-Lima, Flavio, doctoral candidate (1978) RESTRICTED
Saunders, Nancy L.
PhD Candidate (1984) RESTRICTED
Dissertation on Wives of Foreign Graduate Students (1984) RESTRICTED
Scotchmer, David, PhD Student studying Presbyterians in Guatemala (1982-1986) RESTRICTED
Sterns, Stewart (1973-1978) RESTRICTED
Wang, Wei-Min, Doctor of Arts student (1986-1989) RESTRICTED
SUNY - Graduate Students - Theses and Proposals (1994-1995) RESTRICTED
SUNY - Grant application materials for the National Science Foundation [c.1997]

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SUNY - Grant Applications [c.1991]
SUNY - Grievance Committee (1986-1987)

Box 27 (continued)

- SUNY - Kibbutz Program [applications] (1985-1986)
- SUNY - Kibbutz program (cancelled) (1985-1986)
- SUNY - Seminar on the Family in a Complex Society [syllabi and notes] [c. 1977]
- SUNY - Student Papers (1985-1987) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Students - Recommendations (1969-1972) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - syllabi and other course materials [c. 1975]
- SUNY - syllabi for Anthropology courses (Spring 1985)
- SUNY - Undergraduate Research Participation [URP] program funded by NSF (1969-1971)
- SUNY - Undergraduate Research Participation [URP] funded by NSF - Day Camp Study, student work (Summer 1970) (2f) RESTRICTED
- SUNY - Undergraduate Research Participation [URP] funded by NSF - French-Canadian project, student work (1970) RESTRICTED

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- SUNY - Undergraduate Students
 - Paper on keeping kosher at SUNY (1976) RESTRICTED
 - Studying in Israel (1989)
 - Independent study on a kibbutz (1970-1971) RESTRICTED
 - Independent study on a kibbutz (1971-1972) RESTRICTED
 - Independent study on a kibbutz (1974) RESTRICTED
 - Kibbutz experience (1978) RESTRICTED
 - Self-designed interdisciplinary major (1978)
- Talks given in Amsterdam, NY on the Jewish Diaspora (1987)
- Temple Israel Education Center - High School class on Jewish Communities. (1982-1983)
- Temple Israel Education Center - High School class on Jewish Communities. Student Work. (1982-1983) RESTRICTED
- University of Haifa – Guest Lecture on Oral History and Folklore (1967)
- YIVO Institute for Jewish Research - “Seminar in the Comparative Study of Jewish Communities” at Max Weinreich Center, Spring 1980 (1978-1980)

Series III – Professional Organizations (1971-2000) [Bulk 1989-1995]

(3 boxes, 1.5 linear feet)

This series contains announcements, correspondence, and minutes from the meetings and proceedings of professional organizations that Zenner was involved with, as well as symposia that he helped organize. The arrangement is alphabetical by the name of the organization. Items are filed chronologically with undated materials at the back of the folder.

Box 29

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 - General Anthropology Division – Committee for the Anthropology of Jews and Judaism (1987, 1990-1992)
 - Jewish Ethnology Group (1979-1980)
 - Remarks on Janet Lippman Abu-Lughod's work (1996)
- Association for Jewish Studies – 1998 meeting (1998)
- Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry (ASSJ)
 - General (1983-1985)
 - Ballots (1984-1985)
 - Finances (1984-1985)
 - Journal, Correspondence (1983-1985)
 - Membership (1983-1985)(2f)
- Middle East Studies Association [MESA]: “Mosaics and Melting Pots” symposium (1976-1977)
- Society for Urban Anthropology (SUA)
 - General (1989-1995) (4f)

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- Society for Urban Anthropology (SUA)
 - 1992 Meeting (1990-1993) (2f)
 - “City And Society” publication negotiations (1993-1995) (2f)
 - Nominations (1994)

- Symposium on Jewish Communities
 - Correspondence (1971-1972)

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- Symposium on Jewish Communities
 - Papers (1971)
 - Proposals and notes (1971)
- Unaffiliated Events
 - Ninth International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (1972-1973)
 - Symposium on “Utopianism in Practice” at SUNY (1972-1973) (2f)
 - Conference on Leisure and Tourism (1977)
 - Symposium on ‘Economics and Ethnicity’ (1978)

Box 31 (continued)

Conference on “Middle Eastern Jewry in Modern Times” at Jewish Theological Seminary” (1990-1991)

World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence (1997)

Controversy about *Darkness in El Dorado* by Patrick Tierney (2000)

Series IV – Education (1951 – c.1965) [Bulk 1951-1954]

(1 box, 0.5 linear feet)

This series contains syllabi, course handouts, class notes, papers, and other documents relating to Zenner’s education at Northwestern University, Columbia University, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. The arrangement is chronological. Items are filed chronologically with undated materials at the back of the folder.

Box 32

Northwestern University

Social Science A1 (1951-1952)

Social Science A1 “An Introduction to the Science of Human Behavior” (1952)

English C8 (1954)

Anthropology C5, History C90, Anthropology C100 (1954)

Anthropology C26 (n.d.)

Jewish Theological Seminary of America – Commencement (June 1960)

Columbia University

Anthropology 344 [1960]

PhD Comprehensive Exams [1960s]

Series V – Personal (1935-1958)

(1 box, 0.25 linear feet)

This series consists of Zenner’s family correspondence and some personal writings. Some documents in the “Family” folder are in German. The arrangement is chronological. Items are filed chronologically with undated materials at the back of the folder.

Box 33

Family

Records of immigration from Germany (1935-1946)

Correspondence (1956, 1957-1958)

Prayers and Sermons by WZ (1956, n.d.)

Other writing (1950s)

Series VI – Photographs (1973-1974)

(1 box, 0.25 linear feet)

This series contains photographs taken during Zenner's 1973-4 stay in Israel. The majority of the photographs are unlabeled. Items are filed in original order.

Box 34

Personal – Israel (1973-1974) (2f)

Personal – Israel – negatives (1973-1974)