

Finding Aid to The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) Records, 1958-2018

Summary Information

Title: The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) records

Creator: The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play, The Association for the Study of Play, Alice Meckley (primary)

ID: 2018.tasp

Date: 1958-2018 (inclusive); 1995-2004 (bulk)

Extent: 6 linear feet

Language: The majority of this collection is in English, though there are some instances of German and French.

Abstract: The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) records are a compilation of membership information, conference details, publications, reference, and other documentation from the organization. The bulk of the records are dated between 1995 and 2004.

Repository:

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access: Audio and video files are for on-site use only at this time; staff may require advance notice to acclimate cassette tapes and test on a cassette player prior to researcher use.

Custodial History: The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) records were donated to The Strong in June 2011 and July 2017 as a gift from TASP and Alice Meckley, respectively. The original deposit of TASP records arrived at the museum in 2011 under an agreement between TASP and The Strong. The second donation of papers from Meckley were accessioned by The Strong under Object ID 117.5182. The papers were received from TASP in six boxes and Meckley in two boxes. Library staff determined that these two donations should be processed as one comprehensive collection.

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Controlled Access Terms

Personal Names

- Christie, James

- Guilmette, Ann Marie
- Hughes, Linda A.
- Johnson, James
- Lytle, Donald E.
- Meckley, Alice
- Reifel, Stuart
- Rivkin, Mary
- Sluss, Dorothy J.
- Sutton-Smith, Brian

Corporate Names

- Association for the Anthropological Study of Play
- Association for the Study of Play
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Society for Cross-Cultural Research

Subjects

- Emotions and cognition
- Folklore and children
- Games--Congresses
- Human development
- Play
- Play--Congresses
- Play--Research
- Play--Social aspects
- TAASP
- TASP

Historical Note

The professional organization now known as The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) was originally founded as The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1973 by Alyce T. Cheska and a group of scholars interested in play studies and research.

TASP is a multidisciplinary organization whose purposes are to promote the study of play, support and cooperate with other organizations having similar purposes, and organize meetings and publications that facilitate the sharing and dissemination of information related to the study of play. Its broad focus includes many disciplines and scholarly interests. TASP holds an annual conference for its members and publishes the ongoing *Play & Culture Studies* book series.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) records are a collection of documentation from the Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP, 1973-1986) and the Association for the Study of Play (TASP, 1987-present). Materials in this collection include correspondence, memos, notes, minutes, membership forms, brochures, programs, financial records, publications, and reference. Within the Conferences series are also audiocassettes of recordings from various TASP conferences. Additional scope and content information can be found under the Contents List section of this finding aid.

The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) records have been arranged into six series, one of which has been further divided into subseries. The materials are housed in 12 archival document boxes and one oversized folder.

Related Materials

The Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play at The Strong houses the personal library and papers of Brian Sutton-Smith, a former TASP President and committed TASP member. Among the books and serials belonging to Sutton-Smith were multiple copies of TASP publications, such as the *Play & Culture* journal and the *Play & Culture Studies* book series; many of these were annotated by Sutton-Smith.

Also in the archives are the professional papers of Linda A. Hughes, another play scholar and past TASP President.

System of Arrangement

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Series I: History, 1997-2011

Scope and Content Note: This series contains documentation related to the history of TAASP/TASP, including correspondence, memos, copies of the organization's constitution and by-laws, board meeting notes and minutes, and more. [The contents of Folder 10 had previously been deposited with The Strong in 2011 and were labeled "Alice Meckley" (past TASP President from 1997-1999, and later Acting Treasurer, Acting Membership Chair, and Acting Secretary, among other positions).]

Box 1

- Folder 1 TASP brochures and notes, 1999-2003
- Folder 2 TASP stationery, 1999-2001
- Folder 3 TASP logo history memo, 2011
- Folder 4 TASP Constitution and bylaws, 1998-2005
- Folder 5 TASP listserv instructions, n.d. [c. 1997]
- Folder 6 TASP board meetings – agendas, notes, reports, and lists; 1997-2008
- Folder 7 TASP 1999 ballots, 1998
- Folder 8 Past presidents' correspondence and notes, 1997-2004
- Folder 9 Printed TASP emails, 2001-2002
- Folder 10 Alice Meckley correspondence, notes, and planning files; 2000-2005

Series II: Membership, 1986-2005

Scope and Content Note: This series holds information on TASP membership and past TASP members. Materials such as membership forms, registrations, directories, and lists are part of this series, as well as invoices and correspondence on subscribing institutions.

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- Folder 1 Membership forms, registrations, correspondence – A-D, 1996-2002
- Folder 2 Membership forms, registrations, correspondence – E-H, 1995-2002
- Folder 3 Membership forms, registrations, correspondence – I-N, 1996-2002
- Folder 4 Membership forms, registrations, correspondence – O-S, 1995-2002
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- Folder 6 TAASP membership application form template, 1986
- Folder 7 TASP membership form templates, 1999
- Folder 8 TASP Directory of Play Scholars, 1991

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- Folder 2 Membership lists, 2000-2002
- Folder 3 TASP member libraries, 1993-2001
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Folder 8 Publications subscriptions, 2000-2003

Oversized

Folder 1 Membership lists, 2002-2005

Series III: Conferences, 1979-2018

Scope and Content Note: This series houses records about past TAASP/TASP conferences, with variance in the types of materials retained for each conference year. Joint conferences with partnering organizations are indicated in the folder title when necessary, along with the location of the conference for that year. Most folders contain at least a conference program, though others may hold notes, minutes, reports, abstracts, planning information, research readings, and more. Box 7 contains 30 audiocassette recordings and one VHS-C video cassette of conference sessions, panel discussions, and meetings between 1997 and 2004.

Box 4

- Folder 1 TAASP 1979 Conference – TAASP and Northeastern Anthropological Association joint meeting, Henniker, NH – abstracts, minutes, notes, reports, programs; 1979
- Folder 2 TAASP 1980 Conference – TAASP, Central States Anthropological Society, and American Ethnological Society joint meeting, Ann Arbor, MI – programs, minutes, and notes; 1980
- Folder 3 TAASP 1981 Conference – TAASP and Southern Anthropological Society joint meeting, Fort Worth, TX – programs and notes, 1981
- Folder 4 TAASP 1982 Conference – TAASP meeting, London, Ontario, Canada – program, abstracts, and notes; 1982
- Folder 5 TAASP 1983 Conference – TAASP, American Ethnological Society, and Southern Anthropological Society joint meeting, Baton Rouge, LA – program and abstracts, 1983
- Folder 6 TAASP 1984 Conference – TAASP, Clemson University Conference on Sport and Society, and the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport joint conference, Clemson, SC – program, 1984
- Folder 7 TAASP 1985 Conference – TAASP and Society for Applied Anthropology joint meeting, Washington, DC – program, 1985
- Folder 8 TASP 1988 Conference – TASP and California Folklore Society joint meeting, Berkeley, CA – program, 1988
- Folder 9 TASP 1989 Conference – TASP and University of Pennsylvania Ethnography in Education Research Forum joint meeting, Philadelphia, PA – budget, planning, memos, programs; 1988-1989
- Folder 10 TASP 1990 Conference – TASP meeting, Las Vegas, NV – memos, notes, preliminary program; 1990
- Folder 11 TASP 1991 Conference – TASP meeting, Charleston, SC – program and directory, 1991
- Folder 12 TASP 1993 Conference – TASP meeting, St. Paul, MN – preliminary program, 1993
- Folder 13 TASP 1996 Conference – TASP meeting, Austin, TX – program, 1996

- Folder 14 TASP 1997 Conference – TASP meeting, Washington, DC – call for papers, notes, planning, registration, photos, programs; 1997
- Folder 15 TASP 1998 Conference – TASP and the Society for Cross-Cultural Research joint meeting, St. Petersburg, FL – notes, memos, planning, programs; 1997-1998

Box 5

- Folder 1 TASP 1999 Conference – TASP and the Society for Cross-Cultural Research joint meeting, Santa Fe, NM – notes, memos, planning, photos, programs; 1997-1999
- Folder 2 TASP 2000 Conference – TASP meeting, Baltimore, MD – reports, planning, notes, programs; 1999-2000
- Folder 3 TASP 2001 Conference – TASP and the Society for Cross-Cultural Research joint meeting, San Diego, CA – notes, planning, meeting agenda, programs; 2000-2001
- Folder 4 TASP 2002 Conference – TASP and the Society for Cross-Cultural Research joint meeting, Santa Fe, NM – notes, planning, programs; 2001-2002
- Folder 5 TASP 2003 Conference – TASP meeting, Charleston, SC – notes, planning, research readings, programs; 2002-2003

Box 6

- Folder 1 TASP 2004 Conference – TASP meeting, Atlanta, GA – notes, planning, readings, programs; 2003-2004
- Folder 2 TASP 2005 Conference – TASP meeting, Santa Fe, NM – program, 2005
- Folder 3 TASP 2006 Conference – TASP meeting, St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada – notes and planning, 2006
- Folder 4 TASP 2007 Conference – TASP and International Play Association-USA/Canada joint meeting, Rochester, NY – program with notes, 2007
- Folder 5 TASP 2008 Conference – TASP meeting, Tempe, AZ – program, 2008
- Folder 6 TASP 2009 Conference – TASP meeting, University of Texas at Brownsville, Brownsville, TX – program, 2009
- Folder 7 TASP 2010 Conference – TASP and the American Association for the Child's Right to Play (IPA/USA) joint meeting, Atlanta, GA – conference flier, 2010
- Folder 8 TASP 2011 Conference – TASP meeting, Rochester, NY – program, 2011
- Folder 9 TASP 2012 Conference – TASP meeting, Albuquerque, NM – program, 2012
- Folder 10 TASP 2013 Conference – TASP and the American Association for the Child's Right to Play (IPA/USA) joint meeting, Newark, DE – program, 2013
- Folder 11 TASP 2017 Conference – TASP meeting, Rochester, NY – program, 2017
- Folder 12 TASP 2018 Conference – TASP meeting, Melbourne, FL – program, 2018

Box 7

- Object 1 “Plenary Address, TASP, Brian Sutton-Smith, 1997” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 2 “Play of Senses Panel, TASP 1997” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 3 “Adult Play in 90s TASP 1997” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 4 “Conversations: Holmes + J. Johnson TASP 1997” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 5 “TASP Past Presidents Forum 4-2-97” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 6 “Wed. 4-2-97 TASP” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 7 “Contexts of Play TASP 4/2/97” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 8 “4/3/97 1997 TASP Infant Toddler Play” – audiocassette, 1997

- Object 9 “TASP 4/3/97 Panel: Play in the Elementary School” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 10 “1997 TASP A&B Classical Theorists Views, 4-3-97 on Play B ½ Animal Play” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 11 “TASP 4/3/97 Partial Symposium: Rhetoric Reoux: Perspectives of Early Childhood Teacher Educators” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 12 “Animal Play TASP 4/3/97 Roberts, Krause, Fouts, DeLong” – audiocassette, 1997
- Object 13 “1998 Presidential Comments TASP Conference, Alice M. Meckley, President” – audiocassette, 1998
- Object 14 “B. Sutton-Smith 2/5/99 TASP Santa Fe, NM” – audiocassette, 1999
- Object 15 “The Playmem Project, TASP ‘99” – audiocassette, 1999
- Object 16 “Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Play, 1 of 2, TASP ‘99” – audiocassette, 1999
- Object 17 “Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Play, continued, 2/2, TASP ‘99” – audiocassette, 1999
- Object 18 “TASP San Diego 2/22/01, Why Parents Might Encourage or Discourage Play? David Lancy, 2/22/01 TASP” – audiocassette, 2001
- Object 19 “TASP 2001 Plenary Session: Dorothy Hewes, The History + Future of Play in Early Childhd. Education, Plenary” – audiocassette, 2001
- Object 20 “TASP 2001 Sand play therapy, Sachiko Taki Reece” – audiocassette, 2001
- Object 21 “TASP 2001 Play in the Academy, Dana Gross/Don Lytle/Ann Marie Guilmette” – audiocassette, 2001
- Object 22 “Children’s Play as Interpretation, Keynote, Artin Goncu, TASP 2002” – audiocassette, 2002
- Object 23 “TASP 2002 Diverse Perspectives on Play” – audiocassette, 2002
- Object 24 “Play Environments TASP 2002, Feb. 21, 2002” – audiocassette, 2002
- Object 25 “Middle School Recess/Autism, 2/22/2002 TASP” – audiocassette, 2002
- Object 26 “TASP 2002 Play Environments Feb. 22, 2002” – audiocassette, 2002
- Object 27 “2/22/02 Brian Sutton-Smith, Play as a parody of emotional invulnerability” – audiocassette, 2002
- Object 28 “TASP Executive Board Meeting, 2003” – audiocassette, 2003
- Object 29 “TASP 2003 Past Presidents” – audiocassette, 2003
- Object 30 “2/20/04 Brian Sutton-Smith” – audiocassette, 2004
- Object 31 “TASP Sessions 2/22/03 Animal Studies, Italian” – VHS-C cassette, 2003

Series IV: Finances, 1996-2005

Scope and Content Note: Within this series are bank statements, memos, correspondence, and other information from previous TASP Treasurers.

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- Folder 1 Bank statements, 1996-2001
- Folder 2 Bank statements, 2000-2002
- Folder 3 Bank statements, 2003-2005
- Folder 4 Bank account opening, United Bank, Bethesda, MD – notes and paperwork, 2000
- Folder 5 Treasurer information, 1996-2004
- Folder 6 Letter to Mary Rivkin from L. Diane Parham, 2002

Series V: Publications, 1977-2009

Scope and Content Note: This series contains member newsletters from TAASP/TASP and scholarly journals/books published by TASP. (The Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play also holds many of the TASP scholarly journals and *Play & Culture Studies* series volumes in the library stacks.)

Subseries A: Member newsletters, 1977-2009

Scope and Content Note: This subseries holds member newsletters for TAASP/TASP, starting with Volume 3 in 1977 and running through Volume 32 in 2009.

From 1995 onward, the TASP newsletter was issued three times each year rather than four. Occasionally the issues for two quarters were combined into one. For most years the volume year ran from Spring (Issue 1) through Winter (Issue 3 or 4), with Winter being issued in January or February of the following calendar year. (For example, Spring 1995 and Winter 1996 would be part of the same volume number). There are, however, a few variations in this scheme from time to time, including 1990 when only a Spring and Winter issue were produced, or 1989 which has only a Summer and Winter issue.

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- Folder 1 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletter, Vol. 3, 1977
- Folder 2 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 4, 1978
- Folder 3 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 5, 1978-1979
- Folder 4 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 6, 1979-1980
- Folder 5 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 7, 1980-1981
- Folder 6 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 8, 1981-1982
- Folder 7 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 9, 1982-1983
- Folder 8 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 10, 1984
- Folder 9 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 11, 1985
- Folder 10 The Association for the Anthropological Study of Play (TAASP) newsletters, Vol. 12, 1985-1986
- Folder 11 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 13, 1987
- Folder 12 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 14, 1988
- Folder 13 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 15, 1989
- Folder 14 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 16, 1990-1991
- Folder 15 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 17, 1992

- Folder 16 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 18, 1993-1994
 Folder 17 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 19, 1994-1995

Box 10

- Folder 1 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 20, 1995-1996
 Folder 2 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 21, 1996-1997
 Folder 3 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 22, 1997-1998
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 Folder 5 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 24, 1999-2000
 Folder 6 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 25, 2000-2001
 Folder 7 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 26, 2001
 Folder 8 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 27, 2002-2003
 Folder 9 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) newsletters, Vol. 28, 2004
 Folder 10 The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) "Play Review" newsletters, Vols. 29, 30, 32; 2005-2009

Subseries B: Scholarly journals and book series, 1988-2005

Scope and Content Note: This subseries houses issues of *Play & Culture*, the first official scholarly journal of TASP (published from 1988-1992), and an issue of *Journal of Play Theory & Research*, their second scholarly journal (published in 1993). In 1998, the TASP organization developed a book series called *Play & Culture Studies* (which, as of October 2018, is up to Volume 18). Also held here is information on the *Play & Culture Studies* book series and publishing invoices.

Box 11

- Folder 1 *Play & Culture*, Vol. 1, 1988 [Nos. 2, 3, and 4]
 Folder 2 *Play & Culture*, Vol. 2, 1989 [Nos. 1 and 2]
 Folder 3 *Play & Culture*, Vol. 3, 1990 [Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4]
 Folder 4 *Play & Culture*, Vol. 4, 1991 [Nos. 1, 2, and 4]
 Folder 5 *Play & Culture*, Vol. 5, 1992 [Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4]
 Folder 6 *Journal of Play Theory & Research*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1993
 Folder 7 *Play & Culture Studies*, Vol. 2, ed. Stuart Reifel, 1999
 Folder 8 *Play & Culture Studies* – calls for papers and correspondence, 2002-2005
 Folder 9 Publishing invoices, 2002-2005

Series VI: Reference, 1958-2007

Scope and Content Note: Within this series are reference files maintained by TASP officers over the years. Topics within the files include information on other related organizations (such as NAEYC and ICCP), published booklets, research papers, and other materials.

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- Folder 1 Animal Play sessions, 2001, 2006
 Folder 2 Association of Children's Museums, 2004-2005
 Folder 3 Charles Perrault International Institute, 2004
 Folder 4 Humor studies, 1993-2004
 Folder 5 ICCP and Institut für Spielforschung, 1997-2007 [some in German]

- Folder 6 International contacts, 1997-1998 and n.d.
- Folder 7 *ITRA News*, 1994, 2005
- Folder 8 NAEYC, 1992-2006
- Folder 9 NAEYC *Play, Policy, & Practice Connections* newsletters, 1995-2000
- Folder 10 NAEYC *Play, Policy, & Practice Connections* newsletters, 2001-2006
- Folder 11 National Institute of Mental Health *Caring About Kids* booklets, 1978-1985
- Folder 12 *Natural History Magazine* Special Supplement: *Play*, December 1971
- Folder 13 Play and Folklore newsletters, 1998, 2000
- Folder 14 Play Therapy International, 1997-1999
- Folder 15 Society for Cross-Cultural Research (SCCR), 1997
- Folder 16 Songs and games booklets, 1958-1971
- Folder 17 Corresponding organizations, 1997-1998 and n.d.
- Folder 18 TASP research papers, 1997-2005