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Title

Karl W. Luckert collection

Dates

1971-1974

Extent

2 7-inch reels, 13 audio cassettes, 4 color slides

Biographical History

Karl W. Luckert (18 November 1934 –) was born in Winnenden-Hoefen, Wuerttemberg, Germany. Between 1941-1952 he apprenticed in the Malerhandwerk (painting and decorating) Gewerbeschule. He immigrated to the United States in 1953 and was a soldier in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. He received his B.A. in philosophy from the University of Kansas in 1963, attended the Evangelical Theological Seminary from 1963-1964, and received his M.A. in 1967 and Ph.D. in 1969 in the history of religions from the University of Chicago. Luckert has taught at North Central College (Naperville, IL), Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff, AZ), Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield, Missouri), Aarhus University (Denmark), and the University of Ningxia (China). He has also been a research fellow at the University of Oklahoma, the Museum of Northern Arizona, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Luckert has written extensively on world religions and has produced multiple documentaries on the same subject.

Luckert has been serving as professor emeritus at Southwest Missouri State University since 1999.

Scope and Content

Collection contains sound recordings of "Navajo Coyoteway" given by Jesse James Begay (Man-with-Palomino-Horse) for Luke Cook, and "Navajo Deer Huntingway" given by Claus Chee Sonny. Collection also includes 4 color slides of Navajo sandpaintings by William Charlie.

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

English & Navajo

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Karl W. Luckert in 1972 (Accession #MS-172) and 1975 (Accession #MS-212)

Existence and Location of Copies

Copies of the Coyoteway cassette tapes exist at the Smithsonian Archives (Washington, D.C.) and the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian (Santa Fe, NM).

Related Archival Materials

There is further archival material related to Luckert in the Berard Haile collection at the University of Arizona (Tucson), at the Southwest Missouri State University, and the University of Chicago.

Publication Note

Materials in the collection were used in the publications:

Luckert, Karl W. 1979. *Coyoteway: a Navajo holyway healing ceremonial*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

Luckert, Karl W. 1978. *A Navajo bringing-home ceremony: the Claus Chee Sonny version of Deerway AjiLee*. American tribal religions, v. 3. Flagstaff: Museum of Northern Arizona Press.

Description Control

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Title

Series 1: A Navajo Bringing-Home Ceremony

Dates

1971

Extent

2 7-inch reels, 1 audio cassette

Scope and Content

This series contains 2 7-inch reel sound recordings of the Claus Chee Sonny version of the Deer Huntingway (Deerway AjiLee) ceremony, and a cassette tape copy of the first reel.

Series 1: A Navajo Bringing-Home Ceremony				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-172-1-1	Deer Huntingway recordings	1971	2 7-inch reels, 1 cassette	Box 1.1, Box 1

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Title

Series 2: Coyoteway: A Navajo Holyway Healing Ceremonial

Dates

1974

Extent

12 audio cassettes, 4 color slides

Scope and Content

This series contains 12 cassette tapes and 4 color slides of the 1974 Navajo Coyoteway ceremony.

Series 2: Coyoteway: A Navajo Holyway Healing Ceremonial				
File #	File Description	Date(s)	Extent	Box/Folder
MS-172-2-1	Coyoteway recordings	1974	12 cassettes	Box 1
MS-172-2-2	Sandpainting reproductions	1974	4 slides	Box 1.2

LCSH Access Points

Ajilee (Navajo rite)

Navajo art

Navajo Indian Reservation

Navajo Indians

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Navajo Indians -- Painting

Navajo Indians -- Religion

Navajo Indians -- Rites and ceremonies