

Steffi San Buenaventura Collection Finding Guide

Collection Summary

Creator: Steffi San Buenaventura (1941-2002), Kagiwada Library

Dates: 1980s-1990s

Extent: 2 Boxes, 1 stand alone file (news reel print, large, labeled SSBuenaventura Collection)

Dimensions: 11 x 14 x 12

Organized By: Stacey Salinas and Wendy Ho

Genre Format: photographs, journals, notes, pamphlets, fliers, newspapers, papers, floppy discs, books

Language: English

Abstract:



“Born on Aug. 7, 1941, and raised in Manila, Philippines, she attended Maryknoll College and graduated with a degree in English literature and a minor in journalism. In the United States, she attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisc., and the University of the Philippines in Metro Manila, Philippines, for graduate studies. She received a doctorate in American studies at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, in 1990. She was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA in 1991. She then taught at UC Irvine and at UC Riverside in ethnic studies.

Professor San Buenaventura arrived at UC Davis from UC Riverside in November 1999 as a member of the faculty in the Asian American Studies Program. She was a beloved teacher and mentor to her many students at UC Davis and an active scholar, colleague and friend to the faculty and staff who worked with her.

Professor San Buenaventura's research interests were in American ethnicity, immigration history, race relations, social movements, religion, Asian American studies (with an emphasis on Filipino American history), Asian diaspora and Philippine-U.S. relations. As an historian of Asian American/ethnic studies, she was, in her own words, "more than aware of the absence of and the need to consolidate archival materials dealing with ethnic community history, particularly during the early part of the twentieth century."

Moreover, she was aware of the apparent opportunity to "expose undergraduate students on campus, especially Asian American studies majors, to the process of archival collection work and to develop in them an appreciation for the place of primary source materials in ethnic community historical research." She encouraged and guided students to do field research, starting with conducting oral history interviews in the Filipino American community or the larger ethnic communities surrounding Davis. She did this in and outside the classroom through specific projects with community organizations, such as the Filipino American National Historical Society in Sacramento and Stockton." [*Biography courtesy of Susanne Rockwell, UC Davis Media.*](#)

This collection holds research and lecture materials including loose papers, discs, book manuscripts, photographs, compiled by the late professor San Buenaventura during her time at UC Davis.

Repository: University of California, Davis
Kagiwada Library, Hart Hall
Asian American Studies Department

Identifier/Call Number:

Steffi San Buenaventura Collection BOX 1

Steffi San Buenaventura Collection BOX 2

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Access Restrictions

All records in this series are open. If you would like to review the items for research and educational purposes, please submit requests for materials at least 10 business days before

visiting the library to allow time for this review to the Asian American Studies department's coordinator. An archivist will respond within 10 business days to let you know if the materials are available for review.

Scope and Contents

Box	Years	Item Types	Details
1	1970s-1990s	Photographs, sketch portraits, floppy discs, loose papers, mail, manuscripts, journals, bibliographies (Ethnic Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Pilipino Studies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amerasia journal (1996) ● Sketch of Hawai'i Moncadista manongs (1984) ● Photographs of Hawaii Moncadista manongs (1984) ● Student papers (1990s) ● UC Riverside papers ● Newspaper, <i>Forward Motion Magazine, Asians in Struggle</i>, 1995 ● Ilocano teaching materials, Hawaii ● Dawn Mabalon final paper on Teodora Alonzo Lodge (1996) ● Buenaventura articles and publications ● Bibliography of Pilipino America <i>Crossroads</i>, UCLA Asian American Studies Center (1998) ● UCLA student papers ● Student papers and courses CSU Long Beach

2		Bibliographies, loose papers, binders, journals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bibliography binders● Journals, Notes● Ethnic Studies department UC Riverside files● Correspondence letters● Manuscript drafts, chapters 4-9● Printed, binded, readings, Philippine history, religious studies● Departmental meeting notes (1996)● Letters, correspondence for manuscripts, research assistants, and publishing press● Floppy discs of “final draft” of manuscript● Two books, Moncado philosophy, Lorenzo Delos Reyes “Every Day is a New Wonder,” lodge brothers, “Physical - Mental - Know Thyself,” 1931.
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