

Steven McNabb Archives of Social Research

Guide to the Steven McNabb Papers

Overview of the Collection

Creator: McNabb, Steven
Title: Steven McNabb Papers
Dates: 1951-2004
Quantity: 9 Linear Ft. (2 record storage boxes, 3 drop-front boxes, 2 flip-top boxes)
Summary: This collection documents the career and family life of anthropologist Dr. Steven McNabb. The bulk of the collection consists of the Social Transition in the North project (1991-1995). Research was conducted from 1975 until his death in 1995. Later dates reflect post-mortem publishing, as well as related documents in homage and finalizing projects Dr. McNabb was involved with.
Repository: McNabb Archives
Email: mcnabbarchives@gmail.com
Website: <http://mcnabbarchives.wordpress.com/>
Languages: Collection materials are in English and Russian.

Biographical Note

Dr. Steven Leslie McNabb, born 1951, received his Bachelor of Science in Anthropology from University of California Riverside (1974); his Master of Arts in Anthropology from Brown University (1976); and his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Brown University (1985). He specialized in sociolinguistics, applied anthropology, political economy, quantitative analysis, and circumpolar cultures. Dr. McNabb was a principal investigator with Social Transition in the North, a long-term project investigating Native health and social change in Alaskan and Russian Far Eastern communities. In 1995, during this project, a tragic accident claimed the lives of McNabb and most of the research team, consisting of Russian and American researchers.

Content Description

This collection spans 7 boxes and includes field notes, photographs, working papers, project reports, published articles, correspondence, material culture items, audio and video recordings, curriculum vitae, syllabi, and oral history transcripts.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Access:

Restrictions vary, and are indicated on individual files. Most materials are open to the public, to be viewed in the Archives. Selected materials are accessible online.

Preferred Citation:

Steven McNabb Collection, [Box #], [File #], [Title], Steven McNabb Archives of Social Research.

Administrative Information

Physical Arrangement:

This collection is organized by date, with unique documents in separate folders. All effort has been made to follow Dr. McNabb's own method of organizing his data. Photographs, audiovisual materials, and artifacts are housed in size-appropriate boxes.

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Intellectual Arrangement:

Collection is organized into the following series:

Series I: Personal and Administrative

Subseries A: Correspondence

Subseries B: Family

Subseries C: Financial, Legal, and Office Materials

Subseries D: Health Issues

Subseries E: Photographs

Subseries F: Miscellany and Ephemera

Series II: Dissertation Materials

Subseries A: Field Notes

Subseries B: Photographs

Subseries C: Dissertation

Series III: Social Transition in the North Project

Subseries A: Project Planning Materials

Subseries B: Team Correspondence

Subseries C: Field Notes

Subseries D: Photographs

Subseries E: Working Papers

Series IV: Other Consulting Projects

Series V: Publications and Conference Papers

Series VI: Reference Materials

Series VII: Posthumous Materials

Custodial History:

This collection was originally bequeathed to Marianne McNabb, the wife of Dr. Steven McNabb, upon his death.

Acquisition Information:

Marianne McNabb gifted this collection to the McNabb Archives in August of 2011.

Processing Note:

The collection was rehoused in acid free folders and boxes and assessed for damages. After inventorying all materials, media and material culture items were housed separately and paper documents were filed in acid free boxes. Photographs and audiovisual materials are in the process of being assessed for preservation issues and digitized as appropriate.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Component Level	Box	File	Component Identifier	Component Title	Date Start	Date End	Abstract
Series			Series I	Personal and Administrative	1951	1995	Includes personal correspondence, family materials, financial and legal materials related to Social Research Institute, materials related to health issues, and

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							photographs.
Subseries			Subseries A	Correspondence			
File	1	1		Family correspondence and photos	c. 1951	c. 1970s	
File	2	24		Correspondence re: medical anthropology course	1995		
File	2	26		Correspondence re: extended MPH program	1995		
Subseries			Subseries B	Family			
File	1	12		Marianne McNabb thesis	1983		
Subseries			Subseries C	Financial, Legal, and Office Materials			
File	1	47		Curricula Vitae	1991		
File	2	29		Social Research Institute business licenses and file catalogs	1995		
File	2	30		D drive for Alaska 5-15-1996	1996		
Item	7	n/a		Gateway #1-4, 1/27/1995 (mini data cartridge X4)	1995		
Subseries			Subseries D	Health Issues			
File	1	53		"Early Dawn" forward and outline	c. 1992-1994		
File	2	16		AA "Big Book" with notes and correspondence	1993		
Item	3	n/a		Four Alcoholics Anonymous coins	c. 1992	c. 1995	
Subseries			Subseries E	Photographs and Audiovisual Materials			
File	1	22		Oaxaca conference photos	1987		
Item	3	n/a		McNabb Family Slides (2 DVDs)	1971	1981	
Item	3	n/a		Oswald & McNabb Video Photos (DVD-R)			
Files	6			Family and fieldwork slides (see separate slide inventory)			
Item	6	n/a		Addison McNabb's family slides (VHS)			

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Item	6	n/a		Family and fieldwork slides (VHS X2)	c. 1965	c. 1978	
Item	6	n/a		Family and fieldwork slides c. 1978-1981, 1990-1993 (VHS X2)	c. 1978	c. 1993	
Subseries			Subseries F	Miscellany and Ephemera			
File	1	2		Baby book	1951	1955	
Item	3	n/a		Native Alaskan pincushion with reindeer fur and beadwork			
Item	3	n/a		Native Alaskan drilled bone fishing weight			
Item	3	n/a		Small plastic box with hand-tied fly fishing lures			
Item	3	n/a		Russian wooden toy with fox and duck			
Item	3	n/a		Two Alaska themed pins			
Item	7	n/a		Unlabeled microcassettes X3			
Item	7	n/a		Unlabeled 8mm camcorder cassette			
Series			Series II	Dissertation Materials	1975	1985	Includes field notes and photographs from field research and the completed dissertation.
Subseries			Subseries A	Field Notes			
File	1	3		Kiana fieldnotes	1975		
File	1	4		Kiana field journals	1975		
File	1	5		Kobuk field journals	1976		
Subseries			Subseries B	Photographs			
Files	4	1-100		Fieldwork photographs #1-100 (see separate photo inventory)	1975	1976	
Subseries			Subseries C	Dissertation			
File	1	15		Interaction Conventions and the Creation of Stereotypes in Northwest Alaska: An Ethnography of Communication	1985		

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Series			Series III	Social Transition in the North Project	1991	1995	Includes IRB materials, correspondence between team members, field notes and photographs from field research, and working papers.
Subseries			Subseries A	Project Planning Materials			
File	1	45		NSF proposal: Comparative Study of Social Transition in the North	1991		
File	1	48		Social Transition in the North research protocol	1991		
File	2	8		Social Transition in the North press release	1992		
Subseries			Subseries B	Team Correspondence			
File	2	25		Social Transition in the North email correspondence with Sasha	1995		
Subseries			Subseries C	Field Notes			
File	1	50		Russia travelogue	1992		
File	2	15		Social Transition in the North interviews and fieldnotes	1993		
File	2	18		Suicides in Chukotka and Provedeniya notes	1994		
File	2	23		Social Transition in the North reports, notes, etc.	1992	1994	
Subseries			Subseries D	Photographs			
Files	5	various		Fieldwork photographs #101-457 (see photo inventory)	c. 1992	c. 1995	
Subseries			Subseries E	Working Papers			
File	2	5		Social Transition in the North Working Papers V.1 N.1	1992		
File	2	6		Social Transition in the North Working Papers V.1 N.2	1992		
File	2	11		Social Transition in the North Working Papers V.1 N.3	1993		
File	2	12		Social Transition in the North Working Papers V.1 N.4	1993		

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File	2	13		Social Transition in the North Working Papers V.1 N.5	1993		
File	2	17		Social Transition in the North Working Papers V.2 N.1	1994		
Item	6	n/a		Social Transition (VHS)			
Item	7	n/a		NSF 1, 5-15-1996 4pm (mini data cartridge)	1996		
Item	7	n/a		4/1996 Russian seminar (microcassette)	1996		
Series			Series IV	Other Consulting Projects	1979	1994	Includes data and deliverables for various consulting projects.
File	1	6		Planning for Learning in Northwest Alaska	1979		
File	1	23		Alaska OCS Social Indicators System HRAF Technical Memo	1987		
File	1	24		Convergent Methodologies HRAF	1987		
File	1	25		NANA Region Economic Characteristics HRAF	1987		
File	1	31		Northwest Arctic Borough Survey Results	1989		
File	1	36		Social Indicators Project correspondence and description	1990		
File	1	51		Oil spill issues	1992		
File	1	52		Exxon Valdez subpoena and schedule	1992		
File	2	9		Tanana Chiefs Conference Subsistence Study Data Coding Report	1992		
File	2	14		Proposal to study industrial disasters in indigenous communities	1993		
File	2	19		Correspondence re: Guy v. Hickel	1994		
File	2	20		Northwest Arctic Borough 1993 survey results	1994		
File	2	21		Nelson Lagoon 1993 household income survey	1994		
File	2	22		Cold Bay 1993 household income survey	1994		
Series			Series V	Publications and Conference Papers	1981	1996	Includes published articles and book chapters, papers

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							presented at conferences, and notes and drafts for them.
File	1	8		Village English in Northwest Alaska	1981		
File	1	11		Opportunity and Migration in Northwest Alaska	1983		
File	1	13		Journal of Ethnic Studies 13:1	1985 Spring		
File	1	14		JES 13:1 article	1985 Spring		
File	1	16		Social Indicators in Native Village Alaska	1985		
File	1	17		Situational Influences on Forms of Collective Action	1986		
File	1	18		Stereotypes & Interaction Conventions of Eskimos & Non-Eskimos	1986		
File	1	20		Resource Distribution and Egalitarian Ethics in AK Native Societies	1986		
File	1	21		Affective Dimensions of Inupiaq Culture	1986		
File	1	26		Oil Developments and Community Responses in Norton Sound	1987		
File	1	27		Impacts of Federal Policy Decisions on Alaska Natives	1988		
File	1	28		Statement Regarding the Aims of the Panel on Development	1988		
File	1	29		Ki Protocol 8/1989	1989		
File	1	30		Community Expectations in Collaborative Research	1989		
File	1	32		Logical Inconsistencies	1989		
File	1	33		Contract and Consulting Anthropology in Alaska	1989		
File	1	34		Expressive Conventions in Inuit Society	1989		
File	1	35		Etudes Inuit Studies 13:2	1989		
File	1	37		Institutional Change and Stability in AK Coastal Communities	1990		
File	1	38		Native Health Status and Native Health Policy	1990		

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File	1	39		Arctic Anthropology 27:1	1990		
File	1	40		Native Health Research in Canada book review	1990		
File	1	41		The Uses of Inaccurate Data	1990		
File	1	42		Self-Reports in Cross-Cultural Contexts	1990		
File	1	43		Elders, Inupiat Ilitqusiat, and Culture Goals in NW AK	1991		
File	1	44		Arctic Anthropology 28:2	1991		
File	1	46		Comparative Analysis of Spill Impacts in Ten Communities	1991		
File	2	3		Native Claims in Alaska	1992		
File	2	4		Historic Uses of Cook Inlet Natural Resources	1992		
File	2	7		Environmental Ideologies in Conflict	1992		
File	2	10		Arctic Research at Three Levels	1993		
Series			Series VI	Reference Materials	1980	1992	Includes maps, books, articles, photographs, and sound recordings used for research reference.
File	1	7		Leningrad museum prints	1980		
File	1	9		Native Peoples and Languages of Alaska map	1982		
File	1	10		Comparative Traditional Economics (Jorgensen)	1983		
File	1	19		Interethnic Communication	1986		
File	1	49		Ethnographic photographs Nationalmuseet	1991		
File	2	1		Russian book—gift from Sasha	1992		
File	2	2		Folk Art of the Russian Federation—book from Sasha	1992		
Item	7	n/a		Comanche, Maori, Ponca, and Taos songs (cassette tape)			
Item	7	n/a		Music of the Upper Amazon and Afghanistan			

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				(cassette tape)			
Item	7	n/a		Folk music of Rajasthan and Orissa (cassette tape)			
Item	7	n/a		Kalpana improvisations (cassette tape)			
Item	7	n/a		Joanne Mulcahy—slow speed (microcassette)			
Series			Series VII	Posthumous Materials	1995	2004	Includes death certificate, condolence correspondence, financial, legal, and personal materials relating to Social Research Institute closure, and materials from a blessing ceremony for the Social Transition in the North project materials.
File	2	27		Autopsy report 9/13/1995	1995 Sept. 13		
File	2	28		Memo about boating accident 9/22/1995	1995 Sept. 22		
File	2	31		Notes about accident and next steps, Marianne McNabb	1995		
File	2	32		Condolences	1995		
File	2	33		NSF correspondence re: recovery of remains 9/9/1995	1995		
File	2	34		Correspondence from Tanya Pika	1995		
File	2	35		Statement by Neal Lane, NSF 9/13/1995	1995		
File	2	36		Correspondence re: NSF grant 9/19/1995	1995		
File	2	37		Correspondence from Marianne McNabb to Noel Broadbent 10/8/1995	1995		
File	2	38		Correspondence re: NSF grant transition 10/10/1995	1995		
File	2	39		Correspondence from Noel Broadbent to Marianne McNabb 10/10/1995	1995		
File	2	40		Correspondence re: NSF grant 10/16/1995	1995		
File	2	41		Correspondence from Joe Jorgensen to Marianne McNabb 11/25/1995	1995		

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File	2	42		Correspondence from Julie Cordero to Marianne McNabb 11/30/1995	1995		
File	2	43		Correspondence re: Social Transition in the North project 3/19/1996	1996		
File	2	44		Correspondence re: taxes May 1996	1996		
File	2	45		Correspondence re: project completion 7/31/1996	1996		
File	2	46		Correspondence from Penn Handwerker to Marianne McNabb 9/1996	1996		
File	2	47		Correspondence re: project completion 9/25/1996	1996		
File	2	48		Correspondence re: project completion November/December 1996	1996		
File	2	49		Social Transition in the North working group meeting 12/1996	1996		
File	2	50		Arctic Anthropology 33:1 (includes obituaries)	1996		
File	2	51		Arctic Anthropology 34:1 (papers in honor of...)	1997		
File	2	52		Steven McNabb Memorial Scholarship	1997		
File	2	53		Final report for NSF award 8/16/1999	1999		
File	2	54		Circumpolar Health Supplement 1/2004	2004		
File	2	55		Blessing ceremony for Social Transition in the North Collection 6/29/2004	2004		
Item	3	n/a		Consolation or Dance of the Walrus (DVD by V. Pika)	1998		
Item	3	n/a		Steve McNabb's Memorial Service September 17, 1995 (DVD-R)	1995		
Item	3	n/a		McNabb Memorial 4/1996 (Floppy Disk)	1996		
Item	6	n/a		Steve McNabb's memorial service Sept. 17, 1995 (VHS)	1995		

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Item	7	n/a		Steven McNabb memorial service 9/17/1995 (cassette tape)	1995		
Item	7	n/a		AUUF memorial service for Steve McNabb 7-21-1996 (cassette tape)	1996		

Subjects

Researchers seeking related materials in other archives and libraries should use the following Library of Congress subject terms:

Personal Names:

McNabb, Steven
Jorgensen, Joseph
Pika, Alexander

Geographical Names:

Alaska – History
Russia – History

Subject Terms:

Alaska Natives – Claims
Alaska Natives – Alcohol use
Alaska Natives – Economic conditions
Alaska Natives – Government relations
Alaska Natives – Languages
Alaska Natives – Social life and customs
Alaska Natives – Suicidal behavior
Russians – Alcohol use
Russians – Arctic regions
Russians – Ethnic identity
Russians – Material culture
Russians – Social life and customs
Russian Far East (Russia) – Cultural policy
Russian Far East (Russia) – Economic conditions
Russian Far East (Russia) – Languages