

## THE IRA L. REISS COLLECTION

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<b>Subject Listing:</b>	Sex Research and Sex Theory

### Abstract:

The materials in this collection are about Ira L. Reiss, a sociologist specializing in the study of human sexuality. Reiss was born in New York City on December 8, 1925. He served in WW2 and then earned his Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University in 1953. He taught at Bowdoin College, William and Mary College, Bard College, and the University of Iowa and then in 1969 he came to the University of Minnesota, Sociology Department and stayed there until his retirement in 1996. At the University of Minnesota Reiss also served as the director of the university's Family Study Center. He is the author of 14 books and four monographs published from 1960 to 2006, including such titles as *An Insider's View of Sexual Science Since Kinsey*, *Premarital Sexual Standards in America*, *The Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness*, *Journey Into Sexuality: An Exploratory Voyage*, and *Solving America's Sexual Crisis*.

The Reiss Collection includes seven loose leaf binders containing reviews of all his books, his major talks, key letters, codebooks for his national sample, his vita, and discussions he had on Sexnet. There are also five hardbound volumes that Reiss prepared for his published papers, favorite publications, unpublished work and a 1955 rough draft of his 1960 book. The collection includes publications that occurred after these volumes were prepared. Also included are Reiss's dissertation, the data for his 1963 national sample which researched premarital sexual permissiveness attitudes, and a unique collection of 49 CDs and 36 DVDs of his professional talks and media presentations dating from 1960-2006. These audio/video discs contain appearances covering a myriad of topics from Reiss's publications on premarital, extramarital, cross cultural, HIV/AIDS, sexual ethics, and many other of his sexual science research and theory works addressed from a sociological perspective. So far, Reiss's total collection spans an impressive 57 years, from 1953 to 2010 and Reiss will soon be adding new material.

### **Collection Scope and Content:**

The Reiss Collection consists of eight boxes, containing archival materials, bound volumes, and publications. Some publications and writings are located in the library stacks collection, and can be accessed via KICAT. The collection is divided into six series:

- I) Vita & Bibliographical Information
- II) Correspondence
- III) Publications & Research
- IV) Presentations & Lectures
- V) Audio Recordings
- VI) Video Recordings

### **Selected Bibliography**

#### **Books:**

- An Insider's view of Sexual Science since Kinsey. Roman & Littlefield, 2006.
- At the Dawn of the Sexual Revolution: Reflections on a Dialogue. AltaMira Press, 2002. Co-authored with Albert Ellis.
- Solving America's Sexual Crises. Prometheus Books, 1997. This is a revised edition of Reiss's 1990 book done with Harriet M. Reiss.
- An End to Shame: Shaping Our Next Sexual Revolution. Prometheus Books, 1990. Done with Harriet M. Reiss.
- Family Systems in America. Fourth Edition. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1988. Co-authored with Gary R. Lee.
- Journey into Sexuality: An Exploratory Voyage. Prentice-Hall, Inc, 1986.
- Family Systems in America. Third Edition. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1980.
- Contemporary Theories About the Family: Research-Based Theories. Volume One, Co-edited with Wesley Burr, Reuben Hill, and Ivan Nye. The Free Press, Macmillan Co., 1979.
- Contemporary Theories About the Family: Research-Based Theories. Volume Two, Co-edited with Wesley Burr, Reuben Hill, and Ivan Nye. The Free Press, Macmillan Co., 1979.
- Family Systems in America. Second Edition. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1976.
- Readings on the Family System. (Editor). Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1972.
- Family Systems in America. First Edition. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1971.
- The Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1967.
- Premarital Sexual Standards in America. The Free Press, 1960.

#### **Monographs:**

- A Guide for Researching Heterosexual Relationships. Co-authored with Robert Walsh, Mary Zey-Ferrell, William Tolone, and Ollie Pocs. Technical Report #4. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, Family Study Center, 1980.
- A Theoretical Analysis of Heterosexual Permissiveness. Co-authored with Brent Miller. Technical Report #2, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, Family Study Center, 1974.
- Editor and contributor to the special issue "The Sexual Renaissance in America," Journal of Social Issues, 22 (April, 1966).
- Sociology of the Family. Extension Division of the University of Iowa, 1963. And Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin, 1965. Correspondence Course Manual.

*Please also consult with KICAT for Dr. Reiss's publications and writings that are in the Library holdings.*

## **BOX ONE**

### **Series I: Vita & Bibliographical Information**

- A) *I.L. Reiss: Vitae & Classes & Students*, loose leaf binder
  - 118-paged "detailed" vita, covers professional activities from 1953 – 2009
  - 20-paged "moderate" vita

- 1-page “short” vita
- Summary of student and classes taught from 1953 – 1996
- Miscellaneous other career information
- Vita of Ira L. Reiss Feb. 2010

B) *University of Minnesota*

- Dept. of Sociology, Univ. of MN, 1969-1977
- Univ. of MN. –Director of Family Study Center—1969-1974
- Univ. of MN--Director: Family Study Center—Visiting Professors: 1972 Jan Trost; 1973 G. Schmid (and other visitors)
- Univ. of MN-- Sociology Dept, , 1970-74
- Univ. of MN-- Dept of Soc, 1978-1997
- Univ. of MN-- Promotion, Tenure, and Salary Com, Dept of Soc, , 1977-78, plus rantings of Don Martindale ( +PTS for more recent years)
- Dept. of Sociology’s Chair, David Ward’s attempt to exclude Sex, Family and Gender Area, 1991-95
- Uppsala Univ.—Sweden 1975-76—Visiting Research Professor
- 1971-76—Univ. of MN—Program in Human Sexuality
- 1986: Instruments Used by Program on Human Sexuality at U of MN and by Masters and Johnson
- Responses to Masters and Johnson Institute Training: 1986 & to Program in Human Sexuality Training at U of MN in 1986
- Dyadic Commitment Grant Request: How it Fared—1969-1979
- Dyadic Commitment in Early Marriage: 1971—Grant Application and Revision’
- MN Security Hospital—1982—Supervisor of Graduate Students
- My Retirement Decision: 1992-1996

C) *Organizations*

- Midwest Sociological Society, 1962-1980
- Sex Information and Education Council (SIECUS) of the U.S. 1965-1966
- SIECUS 1967-69 Board of Directors
- National Council on Family Relations: 1966-1984 Issues and more
- Groves Conference—April 1966 “Sex in Our Society” I was program chair
- International Academy of Sex Research, (IASR) 1972-1990
- Family Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA) –1964-1976
- Committee on Committees of the American Sociological Association—1977-1979
- World Congress of Sociology, 1978 Meeting in Uppsala, Sweden
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) 1972-1978—Grant Reviews
- Research Site Visits to Review for National Science Foundation and National research Council and NIMH, 1979-1985
- National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle 3 and 4, 1982 and 1984
- National Academy of Science—1986 meeting and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 1986-1988
- 1991-92 Battelle Institute Research Proposal
- 1994—Battelle Institute Research Proposal
- SSSS—First Constitution, 1961 and more
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)—1980-1982 –Crisis and the Battle for Change in SSSS
- SSSS—Formation of the Mid-Continent Region—1982-1983
- SSSS—Board Member Nominations and Battle over this in 1983
- SSSS—Early Efforts to have SSSS help build a Ph.D. in Sexual Science, 1991-95

D) *Academic Miscellaneous*

- List of Sex Researchers: Responses from People in 1965
- Letters of Reference: 1965-2000
- J Walter Thompson Research 1962
- Comments on Wes Burr’s galleys for his 1973 book. Comments sent in 1972
- Job Seeking: 1953, 1955, 1959, 1961
- Reuben Hill Award for Best article 1980 from NCFR

- AIDS Committee in Minneapolis and Grant Proposal 1985-1989
- My Review of the Kinsey Institute 1988
- Tom Smith Dispute 1991-1992
- Ed Laumann Pre publication review of his book: 1993
- Elina Haavio Manilla—test of my 1960 Wheel Theory of Love in 1985
- Activism on Sexual Issues: 1970-1990
- Burgess Award from NCFR--1984
- Polish Academy of Sexological Science, Award for Woman of Year 1989-90
- Illusion Theater's Play on sexuality with Cordelia Anderson, MPLS. 1991
- State Health Dept. Committee on Child & Adolescent Sexual Health 1992-93

E) *Notes from Graduate Courses*

- Structures of Social Change, Soc. 111, Dr. Casey, Jan. 1952 – American and European Soc. Theory, Soc. 101, Dr. Abel, Jan. 1952 – General History of Philosophy, Phil. 161, Dr. J.H. Randall Jr., Jan. 1952 – Notes on Game Theory Analysis, Spring 1953, Penn State – Reification and Supernaturalism as Factors in Social Rigidity and Social Change, Nov. 27, 1950, for Mr. Abramson, Sociology 424 – Penology, Report for Soc. 516-Bernard, January 1951
- Recent & Contemporary Philosophy, Philosophy 418, Dr. Finch, Notes on Readings & Class Notes, May 1951 – Ancient and Modern Stratification, Soc. 525, Dr. Finch, May 1951, Term Paper – Social Theory, Soc. 502, Dr. Green, May 1951 – Social Institutions, Soc. 401, Dr. A. Green, January 1951 – Cultural Anthropology, Primitive Society, Soc. 440, Dr. Mook, January 1951
- Miscellaneous Notes & Audits, Mass Entertainment, Marriage and the Family, Religion, Social Psychology, plus Notes on Folkways, and other books, etc., September 1950 to June 1951, Penn State College – Statistical Methods in Social Res., Soc. 181 (207), Dr. Wiggins, Jan. 1952 – Seminar in Social Theory, Soc. 318, Dr. Abel, May 1952 – Statistics, Soc. 182, Dr. Wiggins, May 1952
- Social Research, Soc. 196, Dr. Hyman, May 1952 – Graphs and other material from my M.A. Thesis – Course Outline & Requirements at Columbia University (Soc. 213, Social Theory Applied to Research) – Philosophy 161, January 1952, Lucian, Term Paper – Philosophy 161, January 1952, Lucian, Term Paper – Philosophy 161, Plato to Augustine, February 1952
- Philosophy Class Notes (+Class Schedule) from Columbia Univ. 1951-52 – David Hume's Ethics, Phil. 162, June 1952, Dr. Randall – Reification and Supernaturalism, Report by Ira Reiss, Nov. 1950 – Sociology of Religion, Prepared for Dr. Green, for Soc. 401, Jan. 1951 – Sociological Theory, Soc. 516, Dr. L.L. Bernard, January 1951

**Series II: Correspondence**

A) “*Selected Professional Letters*”, loose leaf binder

- 218 letters hand-picked and identified by Reiss as his most important pieces of professional correspondence
- The letters are photocopies of the originals and span from 1952 – 2004. The different sets of letters are each given a brief introduction written by Reiss to make the social context of the letters clearer to the reader (**Located in Box 7**)

B) *Sexnet Discussions: Ira L. Reiss with many others 1996-2009*. Loose leaf binder

- This loose leaf binder contains emails which are organized by year and by discussion topic. These are unpolished e-mails between Reiss and other professionals interested in sex research and theory who were on the listserv called Sexnet. There is also a table of contents. (**Located in Box 7**)

**BOX TWO**

C) *Professional Letters*

- Professional Letters: 1952-57
- Professional Letters: 1958-59
- Professional Letters: 1960-63
- Professional Letters: 1964-66
- Professional Letters: 1967-69

- Professional Letters: 1970-72
- Professional Letters: 1973-75
- Professional Letters: 1976-78
- Professional Letters: 1979-81
- Professional Letters: 1982-84
- Professional Letters: 1985-87
- Professional Letters: 1988-91
- Professional Letters 1992-94
- Professional Letters: 1995-96
- Professional Letters 1997-99
- Professional Letters: 2000-02
- Professional Letters: 2003-05
- Professional Letters: 2006-09

## BOX THREE

### Series III: Publications & Research

- A) *Reviews of Books by Ira L. Reiss*, Loose leaf binder
- Contains photocopied reviews and select letters regarding all 14 of Reiss's books. The publications span 46 years from Reiss's 1960 book *Premarital Sexual Standards in America* to Reiss's 2006 book: *An Insider's View of Sexual Science since Kinsey*.
- B) *Codebook for data in The Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness (1967)*, Loose leaf binder
- Contains a CD with the 1967 book data stored as an SPSS file (note that the SPSS software is needed to view the data). The full data can also be obtained from the Kinsey Institute.
- C) *My Favorite Unpublished Works: Ira L. Reiss*, Hardbound volume
- Includes the following unpublished Reiss manuscripts:
    - o "Pre-marital Sexual Relations" (December 22, 1948)
    - o "Sociology, Philosophy and Selectivity" (February 1953)
    - o "An Observation on the Objective-subjective Dilemma in Sociology" (January 1955)
    - o "Toward a Conceptualization of a Compensatory Mechanism for the Social System" (January 1957)
    - o "Sex Research, Sex Education and Objectivity: A Critique" (June 1959)
    - o "The Interpreter" (February 1961)
    - o 5 Selected Poems: "Paradox" (1950), "My Love is Near" (1955), "My Little Son" (1959), "Perspective" (1997), "What Could Be" (2005).
- D) *The Basis for Choice in the Problem of Premarital Sexual Intercourse (1955 Rough First Draft of My 1960 Book): Ira L. Reiss*, Hardbound
- Includes an introductory letter outlining the progression of the work and explaining the personal significance and some early book outlines that were written after 1955.
- E) *My Favorite Papers: Ira L. Reiss*, Hardbound
- Selection of 26 of his published papers and includes a statement explaining this volume, as well as introductions for each decade of the writings.
- F) *Published Papers of Ira L. Reiss 1953 -1978 Vol. 1*, Hardbound
- Includes copies of all Reiss's published papers for these years.
- G) *Published Papers of Ira L. Reiss 1979-2001 Vol.2*, Hardbound
- Includes copies of all Reiss's published papers for these years.
- H) Post 2001 Non-Book *Publications: Ira L. Reiss*
- "Reiss Extramarital Sexual Permissiveness Scale," in: Terri Fisher, Clive Davis, William Yarber, and Sandra Davis (Editors) Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures (Third Edition), New York, N.Y., Routledge, 2010. (In press)
  - "Reiss Premarital Sexual Permissiveness Scale (Short Form)", in: Terri Fisher, Clive Davis, William Yarber, and Sandra Davis (Editors) Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures (Third Edition), New York, N.Y., Routledge, 2010. (In press)
  - "In Memory of Albert Ellis (1913-2007)." In: *Journal of Sex Research* 42 (1). 2-6, 2008.
- I) *Editorial Reviews for Journals*
- Editorial Reviews for *Journal of Marriage of the Family*: 1965-69

- Editorial Reviews for Social Problems: 1966-68
- Editorial Reviews for American Sociological Review, 1967-71
- Editorial Reviews: Archives of Sexual Behavior, 1970-78
- Editorial Reviews: For: ASR, JMF, JSR, SF, etc. 1974-2005

## BOX FOUR

### J) *Some Non-Book Publications: List of All Publications: Non-book and Book: 1953-2010*

- Social Science Citation Index: 1956-2004
- 1956—Journal Article—Social Forces
- 1957—Journal Article: Social Problems
- 1960—Journal Article: Mar. & Family Living
- 1960—Coronet Article
- 1961—Encyclopedia of Sexuality
- 1961—Journal Article—The Annals
- 1962—Journal Article—Mar. and Fam. Living
- 1963—Chapter in Beigel Book
- 1963—Chapter in Winokur Book
- 1964—Journal Article—J. of Mar. & Family
- 1964—Journal Article—American Sociological Review
- 1965—Journal Article—American Sociological Review
- 1965—Journal Article—J. of Mar. & Family (JMF)
- 1965—Journal Article—Social Problems
- 1966—Journal Article—Journal of Sex Research
- 1966—Journal Article—J. of Social Issues + Editor of this issue
- 1967—Premarital Sex Study Guide—SIECUS
- 1968—Journal Article—Transaction
- 1968—Journal Article—Phi Delta Kappan
- 1969—Commentary---on Heltsley & Broderick retest
- 1970—Journal Article—Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality
- 1970—Journal Article—American Sociological Review
- 1970—Commentary—on Middendorp's retest
- 1970—Commentary—on Gagnon's paper in Zubin & Freedman book
- 1971—Chapter in Gruman and Barclay's book
- 1972—Book Review in Federal Probation
- 1973—Reference Article in General Learning Press Modules
- 1975—Chapter in R. Green's book
- 1975—Journal Article in JMF
- 1977—Chapter in J. Money and Musaph's Handbook
- 1979—Book Chapter in Burr, Hill, Nye & Reiss (eds.), Contemporary Theories About the Family
- 1980—Journal Article in JMF (Hill Award Winner)
- 1980—Chapter in H. Lopato book
- 1981—Journal Article in JMF
- 1981—Chapter in H. Leif AMA book
- 1982—Journal Article in Journal of Sex Research (JSR)
- 1983—Commentary in J. of Sex Research. Debate w/ C. Moser
- 1986—Journal Article Based on my 1986 book and my Burgess Award Talk
- 1989—Commentary—on my new short form scale of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness
- 1989—Journal Article in J. of Sex Research, on AIDS and Condoms
- 1992—Commentary in J. of Psychology and Human Sexuality, Debate with L. Tiefer
- 1992—Commentary in Archives of Sexual Behavior, Debate with B. Apfelbaum
- 1993—Journal Article in J. of Sex Research on Science
- 1995—Journal Article in J. of Sex and Marital Therapy
- 1996—Encyclopedia Piece in Encyclopedia Of the Future
- 1999—Journal Article in Annual Review of Sex Research, V. 10
- 2001—International Encyclopedia of Social & Behavioral Sciences

K) *Book Publications*

- 1960 Book: Premarital Sexual Standards in America
- 1967 Book: Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness
- 1971 Book: Family Systems in America, First Edition
- 1972 Book: Readings on the Family System
- 1976 Book: Family Systems in America, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- 1979 Book: Contemporary Theories About the Family (Volumes 1 and 2)
- 1980 Book: Family Systems in America: Third Edition
- 1986 Book: Journey Into Sexuality

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- 1988 Book: Family Systems in America, Fourth Edition
- 1990 Book: An End to Shame: Shaping Our Next Sexual Revolution
- 1997 Book: Solving America's Sexual Crisis
- 2002 Book: At the Dawn of the Sexual Revolution
- 2006 Book: An Insider's View of Sexual Science since Kinsey

L) *NIMH Research*

- NIMH Research Grant: 1960-1964
- NORC Codebooks for 1963 National Sample
- NORC, 1963 National Sample Data—copy of data at Kinsey Institute as of 1997
- NORC, Guttman Scale Analysis 1964-66 and other Samples
- Premarital Sexual Permissiveness Scales—1966-1985 Inquiries
- Premarital Sexual Permissiveness Scales Tested in Sweden and Hong Kong 1966 and 1972 (by F. Martinson and V. Raschke)

M) *Data for 1967 Book The Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness*

- National sample ; Deck 1905 Run, Analyzed July 1964 (12,000 Tables) Analysis and Plans
- "The Seven-Thousand Piece (incomplete) Puzzle" or: NIMH First Order Tables, Summer 1963 Analysis, Copy One. Five School Sample Data.
- Notes for NIMH Research Grant (5566), Guttman Scales explanations and other statistical analysis information, Christmas 1961

N) *William and Mary Questionnaires*

- 1956 study of William and Mary students concerning their sexual attitude and sexual behaviors. Includes one student's paper attempting to analyze these data.
- 1959 study of William and Mary representative sample concerning how social class of parents influences who students date and become involved with. Led to Fall 1965 article, "Social Class and Campus Dating."

**Series IV: Presentations & Lectures**

A) *Ira L. Reiss: Talks Given 1953 – 2004 (Notes): Volume One: 1953 – 1977, Loose-leaf binder*

- Outlines and/or rough notes from talks given by Reiss at universities, conventions, civic groups, media events, and on his own campus (University of Minnesota)
- The outlines/notes are arranged in chronological order; many are also stored as audio & video recordings listed Series V and VI below which are located in Box #8.

B) *Ira L. Reiss: Talks Given 1953 – 2004 (Notes): Volume Two: 1978 – 2004, Loose-leaf binder*

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C) *Courses: Lecture Notes, Student Evaluations, Etc.*

- Soc. 6, Sociology of the Family, 1953-1955, my 1st class, Bowdoin College, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 1, Introductory Sociology, 1953-1954—Lecture Notes—Bowdoin College
- Soc. 315, General Anthropology, 1955—Lecture Notes, William and Mary College
- Soc. 316, Cultural Anthropology, 1956—Lecture Notes, William and Mary College
- Soc. 308, Marriage and the Family, Fall 1957, William and Mary College, Lecture Notes

- Soc. 411, Social Research, 1957, Lecture Notes, William and Mary College, Taught with Ed Rhyne
- Soc. 103, Intro to Sociology & Anthropology, Bard College, Lecture Notes 1959
- Soc. 331, Contemporary American Social Theory, Bard College, 1960, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 314, Sociological Research, 1961, Bard College, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 104, Intro to Sociology & Anthropology, Bard College, 1960, Lecture Notes Department of Soc, U of IA, 1961-69
- Soc. 34.1 Intro to Sociological Principles, 1961, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34.161 Sociology of the Family, Spring 1962, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34.162 Sociology of Courtship, Fall 1962, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34:162 Sociology of Courtship, Fall 1966, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34: 269 Seminar: Functional Analysis of the Family, Spring 1962, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34.266 Theory and Research in the Family, Fall 1962, University of Iowa Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34:159 The Family in Various Societies, Fall 1964, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 34:173 Deviant Behavior and the Family, Spring 1967, University of Iowa, Lecture Notes
- **University of Minnesota—Student Papers with my comments, 1971-1996**
- Soc. 8501-8502, Seminar: Contemporary Research in Marriage and the Family, 1972-73, University of Minnesota, Lecture Notes

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- Soc. 5501, The Family, Spring 1973-1975, University of Minnesota, Lecture Notes
- Soc. 5506, New Family Forms, 1974-1982, Evaluations, U of MN
- Soc. 5506, New Family Forms, 1974, Lecture Notes, U of MN
- Soc. 8524, Seminar: Sociology of Human Sexuality, 1975-1996, U of MN
- Soc. 8524, Seminar Human Sexuality, 1984, Lecture Notes, U of MN
- Soc. 8524, Seminar in Human Sexuality, Spring 1996, my last qtr, U of MN
- Soc. 5511, Comparative Family Organizations, 1984, Lectures, Evaluations
- Soc. 3501, Sociology of the Family, 1993, Lecture Notes, & more, U of MN
- Soc. 5524, The Cross Cultural Construction of Sexuality, 1995, Lectures, Evaluations and More, U of MN
- Soc. 1001, Introductory Sociology, 1990, U of MN, Lecture Notes, Evaluations
- Soc. 3524, America's Sexual Crisis, 1988, Evaluations, Lectures, U of MN
- Soc. 3524, America's Sexual Crisis, 1995, Lecture Notes, U of MN
- Soc. 8090, Seminar in Social Issues and Social Policies, Spring 1992, Lectures notes, Jointly taught with Fulton, McTavish, Nelson and Ward, U of MN
- Soc. 8505, Theory Development and the Family, Spring 1985, taught with Bob Leik, Lecture Notes, U of MN
- Soc. 3457, Sweden: Social Structure & Social Change, taught with Dan Cooperman, 1986, Lectures, U of MN
- Seminar: Sociology of Sexual Relationships, Summer 1968, **Univ. of Wisconsin**, Lectures Notes
- Seminar: Human Sexuality, 1976, **Uppsala University**, Lectures, etc, Taught with Jan Trost, Lundberg, Lambert, Lisper, Mammorberg, Linner, & Matovic.

### D) *Some Talks and Trips*

- Talks and Trips: 1955-1968
- Talks and Trips: 1969-1974
- Talks and Trips: 1975-1982
- Talks and Trips: 1983-1991
- Talks and Trips: 1992-2002

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## BOX EIGHT

### Series V: Audio Recordings

This series contains audio recordings of Reiss’s professional talks, lectures, media appearances, and other events. The audio recordings are stored individually on 49 compact discs, and are labeled from 1 to 43b. The discs are arranged in chronological order from 1960 to 2004, and offer more than 38 hours of listening material. Note that if the phrase “a favorite of Reiss’s” appears in a disc’s description, it means that Reiss has indicated that the particular recording was one of his personal favorites. Windows Media Player must be used to access these recordings.

#### Disc 1 of 43b: November 30, 1960: Bob Dixon Show

- Broadcast on CBS radio in New York, NY, about Reiss’s 1960 book, *Premarital Sexual Standards in America*, approximately 20 minutes in length

#### Disc 2 of 43b: December 12, 1960: Mary Margaret McBride Radio Show

- Interview on WGHQ in Kingston, NY, about Reiss’s book *Premarital Sexual Standards in America*, approximately 42 minutes in length

#### Disc 3 of 43b: March 13, 1962: Lee Steiner Show

- Broadcast on WEVD in New York, NY, interview about Reiss’s book, *Premarital Sexual Standards in America*, approximately 30 minutes in length

#### Disc 4 of 43b: March 12, 1962: Presentation to Child Study Association of America

- Early report on Reiss’s National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) research on sexual standards, broadcast on WEVD in New York, NY on June 1, 1962, approximately 35 minutes in length

#### Disc 5 of 43b: February 25, 1965: Knox College in Galesberg, Illinois

- Talk on “Trends in Sex Standards.” This presentation is a favorite of Reiss’s, approximately 35 minutes in length

#### Disc 6 of 43b: August 9, 1967: Phone Interview for WOC in Davenport, IA

- About *Premarital Sexual Standards in America*, approximately 45 minutes in length

#### Disc 7 of 43b: February 23 – 28, 1968: Sacramento, CA

- Talk given separately to students on “The Sexual Revolution” at five California colleges in the Sacramento area (Sacramento State, University of California, Davis, Sacramental City College, American River College and Sierra College), approximately 44 minutes in length

#### Disc 8 of 43b: March 20, 1968, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI

- Talk to students on “The New Morality,” contains data from Reiss’s 1967 book, *The Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness*, approximately 47 minutes in length

#### Disc 9 of 43b: March 21, 1968, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI

- Panel discussion on Reiss's talk of the night before (Disc 8 above). This panel discussion is a **favorite of Reiss's**. It offers good insight into adult responses to Reiss's 1967 book on determinants of premarital sexual permissiveness, approximately 62 minutes in length

**Disc 10 of 43b: February 17, 1969: Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**

- Conference talk on "Premarital Sex Codes: The Old and the New," approximately 59 minutes in length

**Disc 11 of 43b: February 26, 1969: Harding Junior High School, Cedar Rapid, IA**

- Talk at a meeting of sex educators: "Sex Education in the Public Schools." This talk is a **favorite of Reiss's** and is approximately 63 minutes in length

**Disc 12 of 43b: September 26 – 28, 1972: Iowa State University, Ames, IA**

- Talk on "Trends in Sexuality: In and Out of Marriage" at a sociology symposium, approximately 60 minutes in length

**Disc 13a of 43b: April 4, 1973: Catonsville Community College, Maryland**

- Talk for the Sociology Department on "Heterosexual Relations in and Out of Marriage," Part 1 of 2, approximately 80 minutes in length, the last 24 minutes is discussion

**Disc 13b of 43b: April 4, 1973: Catonsville Community College, Maryland**

- Part 2 of 2 of Reiss's talk started in Disc 13a, approximately 7 minutes in length

**Disc 14 of 43b: April 1977: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis**

- Final Report of the Promotion, Tenure and Salary Committee that Reiss chaired in 1976-1977 for the Sociology Department at the University of Minnesota, a **favorite of Reiss's**, approximately 26 minutes in length

**Disc 15 of 43b: April 6, 1979: Washington, D.C.**

- Presentation at American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, & Therapists (AASECT) on "A Theory of Extramarital Sexual Permissiveness," a **favorite of Reiss's**, approximately 44 minutes in length

**Disc 16 of 43b: September 9, 1979: Montreal, Canada**

- Talk at Symposium on Child Sexuality at the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM) on "The Sociology of Heterosexuality and Homosexuality", approximately 43 minutes in length

**Disc 17 of 43b: October 24, 1980: Portland, OR**

- "Ideology and Sexuality". Reiss's Presidential Address at National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) meeting, a **favorite of Reiss's**, approximately 56 minutes in length

**Disc 18 of 43b: February 9 -12, 1982: University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA**

- Talk on "The Social Meaning of Sexuality" at the Changing Family Conference, approximately 62 minutes in length

**Disc 19a of 43b: November 18, 1983: Chicago, IL**

- Presentation on "Current Status of the Sexual Sciences" for part of a panel discussion at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) meeting in Chicago, Part 1 of 2, chaired by Ruppel, panel included Bullough, Jessor, Leigh, and Moglia, approximately 62 minutes in length

**Disc 19b of 43b: November 18, 1983: Chicago, IL**

- Part 2 of 2 of the panel discussion in Disc 19a, approximately 32 minutes in length

**Disc 20 of 43b: November 19, 1983: Chicago, IL**

- Talk on "Journey into Sexuality" at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) meeting in Chicago, a **favorite of Reiss's**, approximately 32 minutes in length

**Disc 21 of 43b: June 18, 1984: Guelph, Canada**

- Keynote address at Guelph conference entitled, “Values, Ideology and Sexuality,” **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 80 minutes in length

**Disc 22 of 43b: October 18, 1986: San Francisco, CA**

- Presentation of Burgess Award to Reiss by Reuben Hill at NCFR in San Francisco, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 15 minutes in length

**Disc 23 of 43b: June 29, 1985: Minneapolis, MN**

- Banquet presentation on “The Next 25 Years in Sex Research” to Society for Sex Therapy and Research (STAR), introduction by Sharon Satterfield, approximately 56 minutes in length

**Disc 24 of 43b: September 19, 1985: Seattle, WA**

- Reiss’s Presidential Address to the International Academy of Sex Research (IASR) on “A Macro Sociological View of Human Sexuality,” approximately 71 minutes in length

**Disc 25 of 43b: October 12 & 15, 1985: Minneapolis, MN**

- Reiss’s memorial comments about Reuben Hill, the first comment is at Mormon church in Crystal, the second comment is at the University Memorial, approximately a total of 14 minutes in length

**Disc 26 of 43b: November 7, 1985: Dallas, TX**

- Reiss’s Burgess Award acceptance speech at NCFR in Dallas, entitled “A Sociological Journey into Sexuality,” approximately 60 minutes in length

**Disc 27 of 43b: November 22, 1985: Montreal, Canada**

- “The Sexual Ideologies of Young People” presented at Youth and Sexuality Meeting at UQAM, approximately 80 minutes in length

**Disc 28 of 43b: December 4, 1985: Minneapolis, MN**

- Recording of the “Blue Ira Blues,” part of a surprise party given to Reiss on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by the Sociology Department, University of Minnesota, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 9 minutes in length

**Disc 29 of 43b: January 30, 1986: Minneapolis, MN**

- Interview on KUOM radio at the University of Minnesota about Reiss’s 1986 book *Journey into Sexuality: An Exploratory Voyage*, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 58 minutes in length

**Disc 30 of 43b: October 29, 1986: Minneapolis, MN**

- Presentation on the “Sociology of AIDS,” presented to Bob Fulton’s class on the “Sociology of Death,” audio is a bit rough in places, approximately 48 minutes in length

**Disc 31 of 43b: November 13, 1986: Chicago, IL**

- Radio interview on the Phyllis Levy Show about Reiss’s *Journey into Sexuality*, broadcast on WLS Chicago, approximately 50 minutes in length

**Disc 32 of 43b: February 16, 1987: San Francisco, CA**

- “The American Way of Perpetuating Sexual Problems” presented to the San Francisco chapter of Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 78 minutes in length. Reiss’s first talk on what became his 1990 book.

**Disc 33 of 43b: April 20, 1987: Minneapolis, MN**

- “Rethinking our Sexual Crisis,” presented to a colleagues’ class at the University of Minnesota, approximately 41 minutes in length

**Disc 34 of 43b: November 7, 1987: Atlanta, GA**

- “America’s Sexual Crisis” presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) meeting in Atlanta, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 39 minutes in length

**Disc 35 of 43b: April 13, 1988: Minneapolis, MN**

- “The Next Sexual Revolution” presented to a colleagues’ class at the University of Minnesota, approximately 62 minutes in length

**Disc 36 of 43b: June 14, 1989: Minneapolis, MN**

- A discussion on Reiss’s 1990 book, *An End to Shame: Shaping Our Next Sexual Revolution*, as related to events in Minneapolis, broadcast on the MPR “Take Out” show, approximately 28 minutes in length

**Disc 36a of 43b: June 23, 1989: Minneapolis, MN**

- KSJN Radio “Mid-Day” Show on “Sexuality in the U.S.,” approximately 59 minutes in length

**Disc 37 of 43b: November 12 & 16, 1990: Minneapolis, MN**

- Interviews broadcast on KUOM radio about Reiss’s 1990 book, approximately 42 minutes in length

**Disc 37a of 43b: February 22, 1991: San Francisco, CA**

- Reiss’s 1990 book ideas presented to the San Francisco chapter of Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), approximately 80 minutes in length

**Disc 38 of 43b: May 30, 1991: Minneapolis, MN**

- Interview on the Jim Roger’s Show, broadcast on WCCO radio, about Reiss’s 1990 book, approximately 37 minutes in length

**Disc 39 of 43b: November 10, 1991: New Orleans, LA**

- “Revitalizing Sexology” presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) meeting in New Orleans, is one of the first talks by Reiss promoting a sexual science discipline, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 43 minutes in length

**Disc 39a of 43b: April 6, 1996: Minneapolis, MN**

- Talk on “Sexual Problems in the U.S.: Rape, AIDS, & Porn” to the annual Atheist Alliance Convention in Minneapolis, approximately 64 minutes in length

**Disc 40 of 43b: November 14, 1998: Los Angeles, CA**

- Reiss’s presentation of a proposal to found a task force promoting a new discipline of sexual science, at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) meeting in Los Angeles, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 23 minutes in length

**Disc 41 of 43b: April 10, 2003: San Jose, CA**

- “Fantasies and Fallacies in Sexology: An Insider’s View” presented at the western Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) meeting in San Jose, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 47 minutes in length

**Disc 42 of 43b: April 10, 2003: San Antonio, TX**

- “Just How Scientific Have We Been in the Last Fifty Years?” presented at the Society of the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) meeting in San Antonio, approximately 47 minutes in length

**Disc 43a of 43b: August 13, 2004: Minneapolis, MN**

- “National Veteran’s History Project” interview of Reiss’s service in World War 2, for the Library of Congress, Part 1 of 2, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 48 minutes in length

**Disc 43b of 43b: August 13, 2004: Minneapolis, MN**

- “National Veteran’s History Project” interview of Reiss’s service in World War 2, for the Library of Congress, Part 2 of 2, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 48 minutes in length
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### **Series VI: Video Recordings**

This series contains video recordings of Reiss’s professional talks, lectures, media appearances, and other events. The video recordings are stored individually on 36 DVDs, and are labeled from 1 to 31. The discs are arranged in chronological order from 1978 to 2006, and offer more than 34 hours of listening material. Note that if the phrase “a favorite of Reiss’s” appears in a disc’s description, Reiss indicated that the particular video recording was one of his personal favorites. Windows Media Player must be used to access these recordings.

#### **Disc 1a of 31: June 20, 1978: San Francisco, CA**

- Talk on the “Sociology of Sexuality” at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) in San Francisco, introduction by Wardell Pomeroy, Part 1 of 2 is approximately 2 hours in length

#### **Disc 1b of 31: June 20, 1978: San Francisco, CA**

- Talk on the “Sociology of Sexuality” at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) in San Francisco, Part 2 of 2, approximately 38 minutes in length

#### **Disc 2a of 31: June 20, 1979: San Francisco, CA**

- Talk on “Gender Equality in Sexuality in Sweden” at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) in San Francisco, introduction by Wardell Pomeroy, Part 1 of 2 is approximately 96 minutes in length

#### **Disc 2b of 31: June 20, 1979: San Francisco, CA**

- Talk on “Extramarital Sexuality in the U.S.” at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) in San Francisco, Part 2 of 2, approximately 80 minutes in length

#### **Disc 3 of 31: January 26, 1984: Minneapolis, MN**

- Appearance on the Minneapolis Channel 2 television show “Nighttimes” to discuss “Sexual Jealousy,” approximately 12 minutes in length

#### **Disc 4 of 31: March 6, 1984: Minneapolis, MN**

- Testimony to city council Task Force on Pornography in Minneapolis, approximately 112 minutes in length

#### **Disc 5 of 31: June 29, 1985: Minneapolis, MN**

- Society for Sex Therapy and Research (STAR) banquet talk on “Sex Research and Theory in the Next 25 Years,” introduction by Sharon Satterfield, approximately 56 minutes in length (See Audio disk #23 for an audio recording of this presentation)

#### **Disc 6a of 31: February 17, 1987: San Francisco, CA**

- Professional talk, “Sexuality Cross Culturally”, given to the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) on Reiss’s 1986 book, *Journey Into Sexuality: An Exploratory Voyage*, introduction by Charles Moser, Part 1 of 2, approximately 84 minutes in length, **a favorite of Reiss’s**

#### **Disc 6b of 31: February 17, 1987: San Francisco, CA**

- Part 2 of 2 (see disc 6a) on “Sexuality Cross Culturally,” given to IASHS on Reiss’s 1986 book, **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 78 minutes in length

#### **Disc 7 of 31: November 7, 1987: Atlanta, GA**

- Career Interview with Reiss at the 1987 Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) meeting by Howard Ruppel, 50 minutes in length, followed by a separate interview with Hans Lehfeltdt, a founder of SSSS, 70 minutes in length. Total disc, two hours.

**Disc 8 of 31: October 21, 1988: Normal, IL**

- Professional talk on "America's Sexual Crisis" given at the Illinois Sociological Association meeting, approximately 90 minutes in length

**Disc 9 of 31: November 16, 1989: Minneapolis, MN**

- Appearance on the Minneapolis Channel 5 television show "Twin Cities Live" to discuss chastity, Reiss was the show's expert and was interviewed by Bob Bruce, approximately 20 minutes in length

**Disc 10 of 31: March 10, 1990: San Francisco, CA**

- "Sexual Pleasures of the 1990's", Talk given to the western chapter of Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) on Reiss's 1990 book, *An End to Shame: Shaping Our Next Sexual Revolution*, the talk focuses on therapy issues, introduction by Rebecca Black, approximately 70 minutes in length

**Disc 11 of 31: June 1, 1990: Toledo, OH**

- Talk given to the mid-continent chapter of Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) on "Tuning Out the Static in America's Sexual Dialogue," the talk focuses on HIV/AIDS issues from Reiss's 1990 book, introduction by Dave Weis, approximately 76 minutes in length

**Disc 12 of 31: July 1990: Rochester, MN**

- Interview on pornography with KTTC-TV of Rochester, MN, for a four-part television series on the new pornography laws, interview took place in my home and was broadcast later that month, approximately 20 minutes in length and is fully presented here.

**Disc 13 of 31: December 11, 1990: New York, NY**

- Interview on Reiss's 1990 book, broadcast on the CNN television show "The Sonja Show," approximately 14 minutes in length

**Disc 14 of 31: February 15, 1991: San Francisco, CA**

- "America's Sexual Crisis," talk given to the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) on Reiss's 1990 book, introduction by Ted McIlvrena, Part 1 of 2, approximately 80 minutes in length

**Disc 15 of 31: February 15, 1991: San Francisco, CA**

- Part 2 of 2, Talk given to the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS) on Reiss's 1990 book, approximately 85 minutes in length

**Disc 16 of 31: September 12, 1991: Houston, TX**

- "America's Sexual Crisis" talk given at Rice University on Reiss's 1990 book, sponsored by the Sociology Department and Planned Parenthood, a favorite of Reiss's, approximately 52 minutes in length

**Disc 17 of 31: September 13, 1991: Houston, TX**

- Interview on the television show "The Ron Stone Show" on Reiss's 1990 book, approximately 20 minutes in length

**Disc 18 of 31: September 16, 1991: Toronto, Canada**

- Part of a panel discussion on Canada's television show "The Shirley Show" regarding "The Sexual Revolution," (Broadcast November 12<sup>th</sup>), approximately 23 minutes in length

**Disc 19 of 31: September 18, 1991: New York, NY**

- Appearance on the NBC television show “The Today Show” about “Sex in the Nineties,” approximately 6 minutes in length

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**Disc 20 of 31: November 10, 1991: New Orleans, LA**

- “Revitalizing Sexology” presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) meeting in New Orleans, is one of the first talks in which I promoted forming a new sexual science discipline,(also on audio disc #39), **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 45 minutes in length

**Disc 21 of 31: March 24, 1992: Chicago, IL and October 2<sup>nd</sup> & November 30<sup>th</sup>, Minneapolis, MN**

- Appearances on three television shows: (1) The “Jenny Jones Show” on March 24, 1992 to discuss phone sex, (2) the Channel 4 Minneapolis News to discuss the book “Sex” by Madonna on October 2, 1992, and (3) the “Mary Hanson Show” on Minneapolis Channel 6 to discuss sexual violence on November 30, 1992, approximately 42 minutes in length

**Disc 22 of 31: March 17, 1994: Montreal, Canada**

- “Coping with our Sexual Crisis” talk given to the Association of Sexologists, approximately 73 minutes in length

**Disc 23a of 31: March 18, 1994: Montreal, Canada**

- “Nature of Science and the Building of Sexology” talk given at the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM), **a favorite of Reiss’s**, approximately 82 minutes in length

**Disc 23b of 31: March 18, 1994: Montreal, Canada**

- Discussion with faculty and students in UQAM’s Sexology Department about the talk described above in Disc 23a, approximately 87 minutes in length

**Disc 24 of 31: June 22, 1995: Minneapolis, MN**

- “Sexuality and the ACLU” talk given to the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union at Barbara Carlson’s home, approximately 30 minutes in length

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**Disc 25 of 31: April 6, 1996: Minneapolis, MN**

- “Sex in America” talk given to the Minnesota Atheists chapter, approximately 28 minutes in length (Audio version is in Audio #39a)

**Disc 26 of 31: June 14, 1996: Minneapolis, MN**

- Retirement party held for Reiss at the University of Minnesota, approximately 30 minutes in length

**Disc 27 of 31: June 29, 1997: Minneapolis, MN**

- Appearance on the Minneapolis Channel 2 television program “Face to Face” to discuss adultery, approximately 24 minutes in length

**Disc 28 of 31: June 24, 1999: Stony Brook, NY**

- “The Last 25 Years” talk to the International Academy of Sex Research (IASR), followed by a talk by Paul Gebhard and an awards presentation, approximately 40 minutes in length

**Disc 29 of 31: September 22, 2000: Helsinki, Finland**

- “Sexual Health” talk given at the Association of Nordic Sexologists meeting, approximately 48 minutes in length

**Disc 30a of 31: June 18, 2001: San Francisco, CA**

- “An Overview of My Career” presented at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS), Part 1 of 2, approximately 94 minutes in length

**Disc 30b of 31: June 18, 2001: San Francisco, CA**

- “An Overview of My Career” presented at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality (IASHS), Part 2 of 2, approximately 78 minutes in length

**Disc 31 of 31: November 11, 2006: Las Vegas, NV**

- “SSSS Presidential Reflections” presented at the SSSS meeting, November 2006, part of taping of past presidents, approximately 30 minutes in length