Archives Processing Internship

This internship will consist of appraising and analyzing the content of an unprocessed collection and create a detailed processing plan. The Martin Diskin papers comprise 27 cubic feet of material that has been partially described but not yet processed. This internship is an opportunity for a student to appraise an anthropologist’s papers taking into consideration various factors including the unique needs of anthropological documents such as ethnographic field notes, preservation needs for various material formats, and identifying material that may need screening based on MIT and donor restrictions. Collection content will be analyzed based on subjects and material formats and the intern will propose a physical arrangement and intellectual description.

Martin Diskin, 1934-1997, was a professor of anthropology in the Department of Humanities at MIT. He studied the agrarian economy of Oaxaca, Mexico for his doctoral thesis (UCLA, 1967) and continued to carry out anthropological field work in Mexico, Columbia, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. The collection consists of teaching files, correspondence, photographs of anthropological fieldworks, and tape recordings of debates and interviews.

Outcomes:

Create a detailed processing plan; present about the collection to Libraries staff