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Inventory of the American Scholars of Religion Project

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This collection documents the American Scholars of Religion project, a series of video interviews conducted by Alfred Benney, a professor of religious studies at Fairfield. The materials include:

- a list of 88 scholars interviewed as of 9/9/2016
- 86 folders pertaining to individual participating scholars, containing release forms, biographical information, notes and correspondence
- 4 full-size VHS cassettes
- 111 MiniDV video cassettes
- 92 DVDs

Individual folders exist in the collection for all of the scholars on the 2016 list except for Ron Davidson and Paul Lakeland.

Lynda Sexson and Ellen Umansky appear on the list of scholars and have folders providing the interview date, but the collection does not include any recordings of either interview.

All of the existing folders include release forms from the interview subject, except for the folders on Frederick Streng and Ellen Umansky. The release form from Nancy Dallavalle is signed but not witnessed.

As of 2024, excerpts from interviews with 36 of the scholars are available on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@AmScholarsReligion/videos>). In the case of 30 of these 36 interviews, the excerpts are also available through DigitalCommons@Fairfield (<https://digitalcommons.fairfield.edu/americanscholarsreligion/>).

An index providing detailed information for each interview (date of interview, release form status, recording format, and online availability) is included in Box 1.

Inventory

Box #	Contents
1	Inventory of Collection Materials, 2024; Index to Collection Materials, 2024; Record of Transfer, 2024; List of Scholars, 9/9/2016; Folders on Individual Scholars, Achtemeier – O’Neill
2	Folders on Individual Scholars: Ong-Wilcox
3	DVDs, Mini DV cassettes, and VHS cassettes