Martha Davis papers

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Abstract
Martha Davis, Ph.D., C.M.A, is a psychologist and certified movement analyst (by the Bartenieff/Laban Institute of Movement Studies) who has published articles and books on nonverbal communication research. The Martha Davis papers cover the period from 1873-2017; the bulk of the materials date from 1960-1995. The collection consists of publication drafts, books, conference papers, research accounts, and newspaper clippings related to Davis’s work as in non-verbal communications research in psychiatry and psychotherapy.

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Historical Note
Martha Davis, Ph.D., C.M.A, is a psychologist and certified movement analyst (by the Bartenieff/Laban Institute of Movement Studies) who has published articles and books on nonverbal communication research. She apprenticed in movement observation and dance therapy with Irmgard Bartenieff, and in 1965, together with Bartenieff and Forrestine Paulay, founded the training program that would become the Laban Movement Analysis Certificate Program. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Yeshiva University in 1973. From 1962 through 1985 she conducted research on movement and psychodiagnosis, and nonverbal patterns of therapist/patient interaction first at Albert Einstein College of Medicine Psychiatric Day Hospital, followed by Bronx Psychiatric Hospital, Roosevelt Hospital, Psychiatric Institute at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, and Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia.

In the mid-1980s she was on the faculty of New York University’s Tisch School Department of Performance Studies where she did studies of movement patterns in presidential debates and speeches. During the 1990s she led a study of behavioral cues to stress and deception in videotapes of criminal confessions at John Jay College of Justice, City University of New York. Davis has taught courses in nonverbal communication research and the Movement Psychodiagnostic Inventory that she developed in dance/movement therapy programs from Hunter College in 1973 until recently at the National Centre for Dance Therapy in Montreal. After her retirement from research, she became involved in the movement to reform the American Psychological Association’s policy supporting psychologists involvement in detainee interrogations.
Scope and Contents of Collection
The Martha Davis Collection covers the period from 1873-2017; the bulk of the materials date from 1960-1995. The collection consists of publication drafts, books, conference papers, research accounts, and newspaper clippings related to Davis’s work as in non-verbal communications research in psychiatry and psychotherapy, including her involvement with the journal, Kinesis, and the American Institute for Non-Verbal Communication Research.

Custodial History and Acquisition Information
Gift of Martha Randall, October 2015.

Arrangement of Collection
This collection is organized into four series.
- Series 1: Publications
- Series 2: Conference Dossiers
- Series 3: Colleague/Other Scholar Publications
- Series 4: Bartenieff & Lewis Items

Series Descriptions
Series 1. Publications Involving Davis, 1873-2017 (34 Items)
This series contains books and copies of publications concerning non-verbal communication research to which Davis contributed her research. Materials are arranged in their original order.
- Subseries 1. Books and Publications, 1873-1985 (10 Items)
- Subseries 2. Copies, 1964-2017 (7 Items)

Series 2: Conference Dossiers and Periodicals, 1968-2017 (1.3 ft)
This series contains correspondence, programs, and presentation materials from conferences Davis was a participant or serving as leadership. Materials are in their original order.

Series 3: Colleague/Other Scholar Publications, 1947-2001 (1.3 ft)
This series contains copies of publications by various scholars involved in movement and nonverbal communication research. Materials are in their original order: alphabetically by last name of author.

Series 4: Bartenieff & Lewis Items, 1933-1994 (5 items)
This series contains items related to the lives of and collaboration between Dori Lewis and Irmgard Bertenieff. The items are in their original order.

Box Inventory
Series 1 – Publications Involving Davis, 1873-1999
Subseries 1 – Books and Publications, 1873-1985
Box 1
Item 1  Gender and Nonverbal Behavior, edited by Clara Mayo and Nancy Henley, 1981.
Item 5  Methods of Perceiving Patterns of Small Group Behavior, Davis, 1977.
Item 8  Phrenology, Fowler, 1873.
Item 9  Movement as Patterns of Process, 1974.

Box 1
Item 13  Movement Patterns in Borderline and Narcissistic Personality Disorders, Miriam Roskin Berger, 1999.
Item 15  [No Title], 1979-1994.
Item 16  Movement Psychodiagnostic Inventory Short Form/Clinical Report, 2017.
Item 17  Nonverbal Behavior and Client State Changes During Psychotherapy, Davis & Hadiks, undated.

Subseries 3 - Kinesis Journal
Item 18  Kinesis, Vol. 1 No. 1, Fall 1978.
Item 19  Kinesis, Vol. 1 No. 1, Fall 1978.
Item 23  Kinesis, Vol. 2 No. 1, Fall 1979.
Item 24  Kinesis, Vol. 2 No. 1, Fall 1979.
Item 27  Kinesis, Vol. 2 No. 4, Summer 1980.
Item 28  Kinesis, Vol. 3 No. 1, Fall 1980.
Item 29  Kinesis, Vol. 3 No. 1, Fall 1980.
Item 32  Kinesis, Vol. 3 No. ¾, Spring/Summer 1981.
Item 33  Kinesis, Vol. 3 No. ¾, Spring/Summer 1981.

Series 2 - Conference Dossiers and Periodicals, 1968-2017
Box 2
Folder 1  American Journal of Dance Therapy, Volume 4 no. 1, 1981.
Folder 3  For LIMS, LMA Theory Network Records/Correspondence 1984, & LMA Theory Papers by Individual CMAs, 1984.
Folder 12 Eliot Tape, 6/14/86, 1986.
Folder 13 Chapple, 1986.
Folder 19 Psychotherapy Refs, 1986.
Folder 20 New Orleans Conference on Therapy Research & NVC, Undated.
Folder 30 Presidential Body Politics 96?, c. 1996.
Folder 31 Davis & Hadiks, Undated.

Series 3 - Colleague/Other Scholar Publications, 1947-2001
Box 3
Folder 2 Laban/Lewis: Effort, 1947.
Folder 3 Loeb: Rooting-like Movements Film Study, Undated.
Folder 5 Meltxoff/Moore: Imitation in Infancy, 1983.
Folder 8 Nguyen: Meaning of Touch, 1976.
Folder 15 Scherer: Judging Emotions from Content - Masked Speech, 1972.
Folder 27 Ethology & Therapy, McGuire & Polsky, c. 1981.
Folder 28 E. C. Grant, NVC of Mentally Ill, 1972.
Folder 29 Beebe, c. 1986.
Folder 30 Weitz, Shirley, Interracial, 1972.
Folder 32 Flora Davis, 1970.
Folder 34 Argyle, 1972.
Folder 37  Exline & Winters, 1965.
Folder 38  Krout, 1952.
Folder 40  Sanders, Undated.
Folder 41  Ostwald, 1963.
Folder 43  Gullberg & Holmqvist, 1999.
Folder 46  Sussman & Rosenfeld, 1978.
Folder 47  Exline & Fehr, 1979.
Folder 50  Mehrabian, 1969.
Folder 51  Police Officers’ Incorrect Beliefs about Nonverbal Indicators of Deception and Consequence, c. 1997.
Folder 52  Russell & Trull: Analysis of Lang, Variables, 1986.
Folder 54  Grimshaw - Multi-view project, 1983.
Folder 55  Beebe & Gerstman, 1984.
Folder 56  Buck, Baron & Barrette, 1979.
Folder 57  Felix Deutsch, Undated.
Folder 60  Shuter, 1979.
Folder 61  McDermott & Roth, 1978.
Folder 64  Dil: Kinesics of Affective Instability, 1979.
Folder 71  Interviewer Influence on Duration of Interviewee Silence, 1967.
Folder 72  Nonverbal Cues for Anxiety: An Examination of Emotional Leakage, 1974.
Folder 73  The Body Movement-Speech Rhythm, Relationship as a Cue to Speech Encoding, 1968.
Folder 74  The Nonverbal Meditation of Self-Fulfilling Prophecies in Interracial Interaction, 1974.
Folder 76  Heslin & Alper: Touch, 1983.

Box 4
Folder 7  Kinzel: Body Buffer Zone, 1970.
Folder 9  Daubenmire, 1977.
Folder 11  Duchennes: Physiology of Motion, 1959.
Folder 16  Erickson/Schultz: Analysis in Psychotherapy, 1983.
Folder 17  Aström et al nonverbal comm. in. greeting - Interview, 1993.
Folder 20  Blakeslee: NY Times article on brain w/ Tourette’s, 1996.
Folder 22  Burgoon: Nonverbal Violating of Expectations, 1983.
Folder 24  Buck: Receiving Ability, 1983.
Folder 27  Cappella, Joseph, 1983.
Folder 29  Cole, Gallagher, McNeill et al Gestures after Deafferentiation, undated.
Folder 32  Starkey Duncan, 1977.
Folder 36  Kesteberg Sossin Lamb, undated.
Folder 38  Bond & DePaulo, 2000-2005.
Folder 41  Allport & Cantril: Judging Personality from Voice, 1972.
Folder 43  Beels, Ferber & ...: Analysis of a Family Interview, undated.
Folder 45  Brazelton, Koslowski & Main: Mother-Infant Interaction, undated.
Folder 46  Byers: Biological Rhythms, undated.
Folder 51  Duncan: Speaker-auditor Interaction, undated.
Folder 52  Efron, David: Gesture and Culture, 1972.
Folder 56  Jacobs: Posture, Gesture & Movement, undated.
Folder 63  McDermott: Facial Expression, undated.
Folder 65  Sapir: Speech as a Personality Trait, 1972.
Folder 71  Wiemann/Harrison: Nonverbal Interaction, 1983.
Folder 73  Efron - Gesture & Environment: 1941.

Series 4 - Bartenieff and Lewis Items
Box 5
Item 1  Dori Lewis Memorial October 9, 1994
Item 2  Imperfect Circle, Dori Lewis, 1994.
Item 3  Movement Assessment and Treatment of an Autistic Child, undated.
Item 4  Effort - Shape Analysis of Movement, Bartenieff, 1965.
Item 5  Studies in Expressive Movement, Allport and Vernon, 1933.
Related Material


- Irmgard Bartenieff papers, Special Collections in Performing Arts, University of Maryland Libraries.


Subjects

Laban/Bartnieff Institute for Movement Studies
Dance--United States--Twentieth Century
Dance--United States--Twenty-first Century
Physical therapy--United States--Twentieth Century
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Dance therapy--United States--Twentieth Century
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Nonverbal communication

Names
Davis, Martha.
Bartenieff, Irmgard. 1900-1981
Lewis, Dori.