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The Foucault Archives at Berkeley

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The secondary literature devoted to Foucault refers, from time to time, to certain documents archived at the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. These records contain mostly, but not exclusively, work carried out by Foucault on the American West Coast. His first invitation to Berkeley in the spring of 1975 became the prelude to five more stays in California; namely, Fall 1979, Fall 1980, Fall 1981, and Spring and Fall 1983. Foucault enjoyed there some formative exchanges with colleagues and students where he found an intellectual niche open to his unique ways of thinking. He also found himself interested in the wealth of counter-cultures characteristic of the San Francisco region, while remaining critical of some features associated with the "Californian cult of the self." Transformed into an iconic contemporary intellectual, Foucault attracted larger and larger crowds, quickly reaching the thousands. Shortly before his death, he envisaged leaving his position at the Collège de France to return on a more permanent basis to his post on the American West Coast. His time spent at Berkeley gave rise to some lasting friendships that sometimes resulted in academic collaborations with prominent professors such as Leo Bersoni (Department of French Studies), Hans Sluga (Department of Philosophy), and most notably, Paul Rabinow (Department of Anthropology) and Hubert Dreyfus (Department of Philosophy).

The cultural environment in California, at once liberal and leftist, stylized and revolutionary, offered Foucault what was lacking at the Collège de France and its institutionalization of knowledges: that is to say, a space that simultaneously promotes freedom of speech, academic freedom, proximity to students, and minority practices. Without a doubt, these encounters and experiences had a direct effect on the development and trajectory of Foucault's later thought (re-reading of the liberal tradition, care of the self, ethics, and aesthetics of existence, etc.). Academic circles in the American West Coast were thus privileged witnesses to the evolution of Foucault's thought, which was reciprocally nourished by this environment¹.

¹ The following is a brief summary of the secondary literature devoted to Foucault's time spent on the American West Coast: Keith Gandal & Stephen Kotkin, "Foucault in Berkeley," *History of the present*, Feb. 1985, No. 1, p. 6 and 15 (four issues of this Californian journal edited by a group of Foucault scholars were published between 1985 and 1988); Marcus Wohlsen, "Foucault at Berkeley. A University transformed," *Illuminations. Berkeley's online magazine of research in the arts and humanities*, March 2005 <<http://illuminations.berkeley.edu/archives/2005/history.php?volume=3>> (accessed Oct. 26rd 2010); James

The Foucault archives found at the Bancroft Library are available for consultation only. They include seminars, public lectures, interviews, and conversations in the form of typescripts and audio recordings, in English and French. Before an inventory of these materials is given, we feel that it would be necessary to make some preliminary remarks about these documents. Firstly, several documents archived at the Bancroft Library have been published since their writing or recording, the appropriate bibliographical information will be included. Secondly, if we rely on the chronology given in *Dits et écrits* (Vol. 1, Paris, Gallimard, 1994, 46-63), we find that many public speeches by Foucault on the American West Coast are still missing from the archives, these may be filed later. Among these are a lecture in Sacramento on October 19th 1979, participation at a symposium held in Los Angeles in the fall of 1981, and two lectures given at Boulder and Santa Cruz in the fall of 1983.

The Foucault material filed at the Bancroft Library archives are primarily of two kinds: 1) typescripts with annotations by Foucault himself, and 2) audio recordings on cassettes or compact disks. We hope that the information presented is useful in planning future research stays at the University of California, Berkeley. Those who visit may also benefit from the view atop the "Sather Tower," which dominates the campus at 94 meters high (said to be the 3rd highest bell and clock tower in the world!). Moreover, researchers may also benefit from a visit to the Phoebe Apperson Hearst anthropology museum, which contains the oldest and largest collection in the Western United States. One searches in vain however, for the "Café Foucault," as it was once known in his honour, which exists today as *Espresso Experience* located at 2440 Bancroft Way, wedged between two beauty salons...

TYPESCRIPTS

CATALOGUE NUMBER: BANC MSS 90/136z

TITLE: "Papers from the UC Berkeley French Studies Program, pertaining to Michel Foucault's visits at Berkeley and Stanford University, 1975-1984"

DESCRIPTION: Box containing a collection of 15 files numbered from "1:1" to "1:15"

1:1

TITLE: "Interview with Mexican journalist for publication in Mexican magazine"

LANGUAGE: French

AUTHORS: Manuel Osorio and Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): 1976 (unknown)

PAGES: 21 pages

DESCRIPTION: madness, occident/orient, medicine, capitalism, direction of conscience

Miller, *The Passion of Michel Foucault* (New York, Simon & Schuster, 1993), ch. 10: "The Scripting of the Self," 319-353; Didier Eribon, *Michel Foucault* (Harvard, Harvard University Press, 1992), ch. 21: "Zen and California," 309-316.

PUBLICATION: This text was initially published in the Spanish magazine *Quadernos para el dialogo* and was translated and published in French under the title “*Le pouvoir une bête magnifique*” in *Dits et écrits*, Vol. 3 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 368-382; English edition unknown

1:2

TITLE: “Entretien enregistré le 3 avril 1978”

LANGUAGE: French

AUTHORS: Colin Gordon, Paul Patton and Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): April 3rd 1978 (Paris)

PAGES: 22 pages

DESCRIPTION: capitalism, Marxism, archaeology and genealogy

PUBLICATION: Unpublished

1:3

TITLE: “Interview with Frank Mort and Roy Peters”

LANGUAGE: English

AUTHORS: Frank Mort, Roy Peters and Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): May 29th 1979 (Paris)

PAGES: 14 pages

DESCRIPTION: sexuality, pleasure, relations of power

PUBLICATION: This interview was published in *New Formations* in 2005 under the title “Foucault Recalled: Interview with Michel Foucault,” available online at: <www.lwbooks.co.uk/journals/newformations/archive/newformations55.html> (accessed Oct. 26rd 2010); French translation unknown

1:4

TITLE: “Ethics and Politics”

LANGUAGE: French and English

AUTHORS: none mentioned, likely the same as 1:5

DATE (LOCATION): April 1983 (University of California, Berkeley)

PAGES: 37 pages and 9 pages

DESCRIPTION: consists of two parts: complete interview (37 pages), and edited selections (9 pages); preliminary version of 1:5 and 1:6

PUBLICATION: complete unedited interview, for edited version see 1:6

1:5

TITLE: “Michel Foucault on Ethics and Politics”

LANGUAGE: French and English

AUTHORS: Paul Rabinow, Charles Taylor, Martin Jay, Richard Rorty, Leo Lowenthal and Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): April 1983 (University of California, Berkeley)

PAGES: 12 pages

DESCRIPTION: preliminary version of 1:6

PUBLICATION: see 1:6

1:6

TITLE: "Ethics and Politics"

LANGUAGE: English

AUTHOR: none mentioned, likely the same as 1:5

DATE (LOCATION): April 1983 (University of California, Berkeley)

PAGES: 9 pages

DESCRIPTION: *êthos*, Subjugation, Politics

PUBLICATION: The English version was published under the title "Politics and Ethics: An Interview" in Paul Rabinow (ed.), *The Foucault Reader* (New York, Pantheon Books, 1984), 373-380; French Translation: "Politique et éthique: une interview," in *Dits et écrits*, Vol. 4 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 584-590

1:7

TITLE: "Polemics, Politics, and Problematizations: Interview with Paul Rabinow"

LANGUAGE: questions in English, Foucault's responses in French

AUTHORS: Paul Rabinow and Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): November 1983 (unknown)

PAGES: 16 pages

DESCRIPTION: nihilism, Marxism, genealogy

PUBLICATION: The English version was published under the title "Polemics, Politics and Problematizations. An Interview with Michel Foucault," in Paul Rabinow (ed.), *The Foucault Reader* (New York, Pantheon Books, 1984), 381-390; French translation: "Polémique, politique et problématisation," in *Dits et écrits*, Vol. 4 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 591-598

1:8

TITLE: "Lecture at Berkeley: Discourse and Repression"

LANGUAGE: English

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): May 8th 1975 (University of California, Berkeley)

PAGES: 23 pages

DESCRIPTION: sexuality, repression, confession

PUBLICATION: a preliminary version of this conference paper was presented at the university of Columbia in New York, and was published in English under the title "Schizo-Culture: Infantile Sexuality," in Sylvère Lotringer, *Foucault Live. Collected Interviews, 1961-1984* (New York, Semiotext(e), 1989), 154-167; French translation unknown

1:9

TITLE: "Tanner Lectures on Human Values: Each and Every One" (2 items)

LANGUAGE: English

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): October 10th 1979 and October 16th 1979 (Stanford University)

PAGES: 15 pages and? 18 pages

DESCRIPTION: pastoral power, *raison d'état*, political rationality; contains 2 parts (October 10th and 16th 1979)

PUBLICATION: An English version, revised and edited, was published under the title "Omnes et Singulatim: Towards a criticism of Political Reason" in Sterling McMurrin (ed.), *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, Vol. 2 (Salt Lake City, University of Utah Press, 1981), 224-254 (several reproductions); French translation: "Omnes et singulatim: vers une critique de la raison politique," in *Dits et écrits*, Vol. 4 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 134-161

1:10

TITLE: "Lectures: Conference on Semiotics" (3 items)

LANGUAGES: French (1st conference) and English (2nd and 3rd conferences)

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): "Summer 1980" is indicated on the document; however, it most likely took place in summer 1982 (University of Toronto)

PAGES: 14 pages, 16 pages, and 12 pages

DESCRIPTION: care of the self (*epimeleia heautou*), truth-telling, antiquity; contains 3 items (1st conference: 14 pages, 2nd conference: 16 pages, 3rd conference: 12 pages); texts typed and lightly edited

PUBLICATION: unknown

1:11

TITLE: "Howison Lectures at Berkeley: *Truth and Subjectivity*" (2 items)

LANGUAGE: English (with the exception of the first paragraph in item one, which is in French)

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): October 20th and 21st 1980 (University of California, Berkeley)

PAGES: 18 pages and 20 pages

DESCRIPTION: Catholic confession, ethics, subjectivity; texts are typed *recto-verso*, item two contains some annotations possibly by Foucault; certain themes were revisited and developed in the course "*Subjectivité et vérité*" (Collège de France 1980-1981)

PUBLICATION: unknown; an audio version can be found online at <www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/foucault/howison.html> (accessed Oct. 26rd 2010)

1:12

TITLE: "Transcript of course 'Mal faire, dire vrai. Fonctions de l'aveu'"

LANGUAGE: French

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): May 1981 (Louvain Catholic University)

PAGES: 154 pages (divided in 7 sections, each containing between 19 and 29 pages)

DESCRIPTION: jurisdiction, veridiction, confession; course offered at the Louvain Catholic University for the Francqui-Chair; the text by Foucault "Sexualité et solitude" (*Dits et écrits*, Vol. 4 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 168-178; originally published in English in *London Review of*

Books, Vol. 3, No. 9, May/June 1981, 3-7) resembles textually the beginning of 1:12; complementary materials: interview from Louvain with André Berten available online at <http://foucault.info/foucault/malfaire.html> (accessed Oct. 26rd 2010) and Jean François, "Aveu, vérité, justice et subjectivité. Autour d'un enseignement de Michel Foucault," *Revue Interdisciplinaire d'études juridiques*, n° 7, 1981, 163-182

PUBLICATION: unpublished; currently being edited under the supervision of Fabienne Brion and Bernard Harcourt for publication, French version expected to be published in Fall 2010 (Presses universitaires de Louvain), the English translation will follow (University of Chicago Press)

1:13

TITLE: "Preface and Introduction to 'Genealogy of Ethics' with notes" (3 items)

LANGUAGE: French

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): 1981 (unknown)

PAGES: 16 pages, 13 pages, and 38 pages

DESCRIPTION: preliminary version of the "Introduction" to the 2nd volume of *Histoire de la sexualité*, it contains many passages edited and annotated possibly by Foucault

PUBLICATION: partially reproduced in English under the title "Preface to the *History of Sexuality* Volume II" in Paul Rabinow (ed.), *The Foucault Reader* (New York, Pantheon Books, 1984), 333-339; these preliminary versions of the "Introduction" to the 2nd volume of *Histoire de la sexualité*, were not published in French

1:14

TITLE: "Le Pouvoir, comment s'exerce-t-il?"

LANGUAGE: French

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): none mentioned, possibly 1981 or 1982 (unknown)

PAGES: 16 pages

DESCRIPTION: conduct, government, resistance

PUBLICATION: French version published in Hubert Dreyfus and Paul Rabinow (ed.), *Michel Foucault. Un parcours philosophique* (Paris, Gallimard, 1984), 308-321, and reprinted in *Dits et écrits*, Vol. 4 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 232-243; English version published under the title "How is Power exercised?," in Hubert Dreyfus and Paul Rabinow (eds.), *Michel Foucault. Beyond Structuralism and Hermeneutics* (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1983), 216-226

1:15

TITLE: "Was ist Aufklärung?" ("2 items" indicated on document, but there are 3)

LANGUAGE: French

AUTHOR: Michel Foucault

DATE (LOCATION): none mentioned, possibly 1983 (unknown)

PAGES: 15 pages, 31 pages, and 11 pages

DESCRIPTION: Kant, modernity, critical ontology; 1st item (typed and annotated) is the preliminary version of the first part of the essay, the 2nd item (written by hand) is the preliminary version of the second part of the essay, the 3rd (typed) is the definitive version that unites the two parts

PUBLICATION: English translation published under the title "What is Enlightenment?" in Paul Rabinow (ed.), *The Foucault Reader* (New York, Pantheon Books, 1984), 32-50; the French version was published under the title "Qu'est-ce que les Lumières?", in *Dits et écrits*, Vol. 4 (Paris, Gallimard, 1994), 562-578

AUDIO RECORDINGS

CATALOGUE NUMBER: Phonotape 2222 C:1-91

TITLE: "Lectures given at University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University"

DESCRIPTION: 91 codified audio cassettes "REEL 1" to "REEL 91"

REEL 1 à 9: Lectures at the Collège de France "Il faut défendre la société" (1976)

Reel 1	C66(1) R	1/7/76 beg. – 1/14/76 beg.
Reel 2	C66(2)	1/14/76 end – 1/21/76 beg.
Reel 3	C66(3) R	1/21/76 end, 1/18/76, 2/4/76 beg.
Reel 4	C66(4) R	2/4/76 end – 2/11/76 beg.
Reel 5	C66(5) R	2/11/76 end – 2/18/76 beg.
Reel 6	C66(6) R	2/18/76 end – 2/25/76
Reel 7	C66(7) R	3/3/76 – 3/10/76 beg.
Reel 8	C66(8) R	3/10/76 end – 3/17/76 beg.
Reel 9	C66(9) R	3/17/76 end

REEL 10 à 18: Lectures at the Collège de France "Naissance de la biopolitique" (1979)

Reel 10	I 1/10/79 – II 1/17/79 beg.
Reel 11	II 1/17/79 end – III 1/24/79 beg.
Reel 12	III 1/24/79 end – IV 1/31/79
Reel 13	V 2/7/79 – VI 2/14/79 beg.
Reel 14	VI 2/14/79 beg. – VII 2/20/79 beg.
Reel 15	VII 2/20/79 end – VIII 3/7/79
Reel 16	IX 3/14/79 – X 3/21/79 beg.
Reel 17	X 3/21/79 end – XI 3/28/79 beg.
Reel 18	XI 3/28/79 end – XII 4/5/79

REEL 19 à 30: Lectures at the Collège de France "Le Gouvernement des vivants" (1980)

Reel 19	C64(1) R	1/9/80
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Reel 20	C64(2) R	1/16/80
Reel 21	C64(3) R	1/23/80
Reel 22	C64(4) R	1/30/80
Reel 23	C64(5) R	2/6/80
Reel 24	C64(6) R	2/13/80
Reel 25	C64(7) R	2/20/80
Reel 26	C64(8) R	2/27/80
Reel 27	C64(9) R	3/5/80
Reel 28	C64(10) R	3/12/80
Reel 29	C64(11) R	3/19/80
Reel 30	C64(12) R	3/26/80

REEL 31 à 39: Lectures at the Collège de France “Le Gouvernement de soi et des autres” (1983)

Reel 31	1/5/83 beg.
Reel 32	1/5/83 end – 1/12/83 beg.
Reel 33	1/12/83 end – 1/19/83 beg.
Reel 34	1/19/83 end – 1/26/83 beg.
Reel 35	1/26/83 end
Reel 36	2/2/83 beg.
Reel 37	2/2/83 end – 2/9/83 beg.
Reel 38	2/9/83 end – 2/16/83 beg.
Reel 39	2/16/83 end – 2/23/83
Reel 40	2/23/83 end
Reel 41	3/2/83 beg.
Reel 42	3/2/83 end – 3/9/83 beg.
Reel 43	3/9/83 end

REEL 31 à 39: Lectures at the Collège de France “Le Courage de la vérité” (1984)

Reel 44	I 2/1/84
Reel 45	II 2/8/84 beg.
Reel 46	II 2/8/84 end – III 2/15/84 beg.
Reel 47	III 2/15/84 end – IV 2/22/84 beg.
Reel 48	IV 2/22/84 end – V 2/29/84 beg.
Reel 49	V 2/29/84 end
Reel 50	VI [3/7/84] – VII 3/14/84 beg.
Reel 51	VII [3/14/84] end – VIII 3/21/84 beg.
Reel 52	VIII [3/21/84] end – IX 3/28/84 beg.
Reel 53	IX [3/28/84] end

Interviews, conferences, and seminars at Berkeley and Stanford

- Reel 54 10/11/79. Michel Foucault in discussion with faculty, Stanford University (Sides 1 & 2 reversed)
- Reel 55 10/23/79. Side 1 – Cognitive Science Group discussion (continued from Side 2). Side 2 – Michel Foucault in discussion with Hubert Dreyfus, Raul Rabinow and John Searle; Cognitive Science Group discussion, UC, Berkeley.
- Reel 56 10/20/80. Michel Foucault, "Truth and Subjectivity." Howison Lecture I. Introduction by Hubert Dreyfus. Wheeler Auditorium, UC, Berkeley.
- Reel 57 10/21/80. Michel Foucault, "Truth and Subjectivity." Howison Lecture II. Introduction by Leo Bersani. Wheeler Auditorium, UC, Berkeley.
- Reel 58 10/23/80. Michel Foucault in discussion with philosophers, UC, Berkeley (begin)
- Reel 59 10/23/80. Michel Foucault in discussion with philosophers, UC, Berkeley (end)
- Reel 60 11/3/80. Interview of Michel Foucault by Michael Bess (see "Power, moral values, and the intellectual," *History of the Present* 4 (1988)).
- Reel 61 4/12/83. Michel Foucault, "The Culture of the Self." Regent's Lecture. Introduction by Leo Bersani. Zellerbach Auditorium, UC, Berkeley.
- Reel 62 4/13/83. Side 1 – Michel Foucault in public discussion of "The Culture of the Self." UC, Berkeley; discussion of Department of Philosophy (no Foucault) (beg.). Original tape damages in places. Side 2 – Department of Philosophy discussion (end).
- Reel 63 4/13/83. Michel Foucault in discussion with Martin Jay, Leo Lowenthal, Paul Rabinow, Richard Rorty, Charles Taylor (see "Politics and Ethics: An Interview")
- Reel 64 4/19/83. Michel Foucault in discussion at History Department, UC, Berkeley.
- Reel 65 4/21/83. Michel Foucault in discussion of politics with Robert Bellah, Hubert Dreyfus, Martin Jay, Leo Lowenthal, Paul Rabinow and Charles Taylor.
- Reel 66 5/3/83. Michel Foucault in discussion at Department of French. UC, Berkeley.
- Reel 67 5/5/83. Visit of Michel Foucault to seminar of Paul Rabinow (Anthropology 250-X).
- Reel 68 10/24/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, I: Introduction, Euripedes (part 1).
- Reel 69 10/24/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, I: Introduction, Euripedes (part 2).
- Reel 70 10/27/83. Interview of Michel Foucault by Jonathan Simon.
- Reel 71 10/31/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, II: Ion (part 1).

- Reel 72 10/31/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, II: Ion (part 2).
Reel 73 11/7/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, III: Orestes.
Reel 74 11/9/83. Michel Foucault in discussion at home of Paul Rabinow:
Jean Cohen, Herbert Dreyfus, Todd Gitlin, Martin Jay, Jeo
Lowenthal, Rabinow.
Reel 75 11/9/83. Seminar of Michel Foucault: Presentation by Paul Rabinow.
Reel 76 11/14/83. Side 1 – blank. Side 1 – Michel Foucault seminar on
parrhesia, IV: Plato and Socrates (part 1 incomplete).
Reel 77 11/14/83. Side 1 – Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia. IV: Plato
and Socrates (part 2).
Reel 78 11/21/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, V: Diogenes and
Cynics.
Reel 79 11/30/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, VI: Techniques of
the Self (part 1).
Reel 80 11/30/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, VI: Techniques of
the Self (part 2).

Various

- Reel 81 Folie et Civilisation – Tunis (beg.)
Reel 82 Sao Paulo, Conférence 4 (end)
Reel 83 Folie et Civilisation – Tunis (end)
Reel 84 Structuralisme et Critique littéraire – Tunis (beg.)
Reel 85 Structuralisme et Critique littéraire – Tunis (end)
Reel 86 Sao Paulo, Conférence 1 (Histoire de la sexualité)
Reel 87 Sao Paulo, Conférence 4 (beg.)
Reel 88 Sao Paulo, Conférence 2 (end)
Reel 89 Sao Paulo, Conférence 2 (cont.)
Reel 90 Sao Paulo, Conférence 3 (beg.)
Reel 91 Birth of biopolitics

One finds, filed under the cataloguing number “BANC CD 572:1-2,” a version of public speeches on compact disc, which are also available on cassette.

Finally, note that the Media Resources Center at the University of California, Berkeley has made easily available several audio files. These recordings can be accessed online at <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/foucault/mfaa.html> (accessed Oct. 26rd 2010) with the help of QuickTime software. These files include:

- In English: Howison Lectures (1980)
 Discourse & Truth: Parrhesia (1983)
 Rabinow Seminar and Recordings (1983)

In French: “*Il faut défendre la société*” (1976)
 Sécurité, territoire, population (1978)
 Naissance de la biopolitique (1979)
 Le Gouvernement de soi et des autres (1983)
 Le Courage de la vérité (1984)

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