

Arturo G. Pacho Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Arturo G. Pacho Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1945-2007

Bulk Dates: 1994-2005

ID No.: MSS86651

Creator: Pacho, Arturo G.

Extent: 1,450 items

Extent: 7 containers

Extent: 3.5 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, with some Tagalog and Chinese

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Filipino American author and educator. Agendas, brochures, conference programs, flyers, meeting notes, memoranda, newsletters, organizational articles and bylaws, pamphlets, photographs, publications, and other research material documenting Pacho's work with Filipino American organizations and his career as an author and educator.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Arturo G. Pacho were given to the Library of Congress by Pacho in 2011.

Custodial History

The papers of Arturo G. Pacho were part of the Asian American Pacific Islander Collection in the Library of Congress's Asian Division. In 2023, the collection was transferred from the Asian Division to the Manuscript Division.

Processing History

The papers of Arturo G. Pacho were processed in 2013 by Pang Xiong and Stephanie Arbieto while in the custody of the Asian Division and encoded in 2015 as ad015002. The finding aid was revised in 2024 by Katherine S. Madison and Joanne Archer upon transfer to the Manuscript Division.

Transfers

Audiocassettes have been transferred to the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center where they are identified as part of the Arturo G. Pacho Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in advance of a research visit.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Arturo G. Pacho is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Arturo G. Pacho are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Arturo G. Pacho Papers, Asian American Pacific Islander Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Arturo "Art" Pacho was born August 13, 1942, in Manila, the Philippines, to Antonio de la Cruz, a civil engineer, and Ester Pacho, a public health nurse. Pacho attended the University of the Philippines Diliman in Quezon City for his undergraduate studies. In 1966, he wrote a report for the School of Public Administration at the University of the Philippines titled *The Public Health of Davao*, and the school published it as a limited edition. He went on to earn a masters of public administration at the University of the Philippines Manila in 1967.

Afterwards, Pacho and his wife, Jenny HK Dee, moved to the United States. He continued his graduate work in city and regional planning at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, and completed his doctoral studies at Kent State University in Ohio. His doctoral thesis, *Policy Agenda of the Ethnic Chinese in the Philippines*, was published in 1981. For the next few years, he was a fellow at the University of the Philippines, and he became an assistant professor focusing on local governments, regional policies, and urban development. His major policy involvement was the formation of the Metro Manila Authority, the precursor of the Metro Manila Development Authority. Pacho also did consultancy work for the United Nations in Thailand and completed a fellowship at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

The Pachos then settled in Glendale, California, where he served as a management analyst and civilian adjutant for the Los Angeles Police Department. As members of the Los Angeles Filipino American community, Pacho and Dee actively participated in organizations such as An Taclobanon Association of Southern California, the Filipino American Educators Association (FAEA), the Filipino American Public Affairs Council (FAPAC), and the Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI).

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Arturo G. Pacho (1942-) span the years 1945-2007, with the bulk of the material dating from 1994 to 2005. The collection documents Pacho's active involvement and affiliation with Filipino American organizations and his research interests as an author and educator. The collection consists of agendas, articles, brochures, conference programs, correspondence, flyers, meeting notes, memoranda, newsletters, organizational articles and bylaws, pamphlets, photographs, publications, and research material. The collection is organized into three series: [Organizations](#), [Subject Files](#), and [Publications](#).

The [Organizations](#) series provides insight into Pacho's involvement with Filipino American organizations while also helping to document the mission, goals, initiatives, and events of organizations such as the An Taclobanon Association of Southern California, the Filipino American Educators Association (FAEA), affiliated with the statewide Filipino American Educators Association of California, Inc. (FAEAC), the Filipino American Public Affairs Council (FAPAC), and the Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI).

In 1998, Pacho was hermano mayor of An Taclobanon, a nonprofit organization in Southern California that promoted and organized peoples with ties to Tacloban, Leyte Province in the Philippines. Its mission was to maintain religious, civic, social, and family ties between the Philippines and the United States. Pacho's papers includes a copy of the articles of inclusion and bylaws, brochures, correspondence, meeting notes, memoranda, minutes, newsletters, reports, and other documents. Each year, the organization hosted a Saint Nino De Leyte Fiesta and Miss An Maglipayon USA pageant. Programs and notes from both events are also in the collection.

Pacho was also involved in various capacities with FAEA, a chapter of FAEAC. While with the organization, he was vice president of community affairs and eventually became the president. Originally founded in 1974 by Filipino American teachers in the Los Angeles area, FAEA evolved into a professional organization that served the community. Pacho was part of the planning for the FAEA-sponsored FAEAC statewide conference held October 14-15, 2015, in Anaheim, California. Correspondence and conference planning material documents Pacho and FAEA's efforts to bring together teachers to

discuss the future of education. Also included are newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, a list of duties of FAEA officers, and bylaws.

From 2003 to 2005, as FAEA president, Pacho worked closely with FILMEDA, the San Diego chapter of FAEAC, as Filipino American teachers struggled to be credentialed in Tagalog. Due to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, teachers had to be credentialed in a subject in order to teach. However, at the time of this federal act, California did not offer exams to teach Tagalog. Pacho petitioned assembly members and members of Congress regarding this issue, and the collection includes copies of this correspondence. In addition, the collection includes a presentation slide, notes, articles, and other documents about teaching Tagalog in schools.

FAPAC, a nonprofit founded in 1988, served as a forum for issues affecting Filipino Americans. Serving in various capacities throughout the years as a member, treasurer, and executive director of FAPAC, the collection includes planning notes for a 1991 conference about the Filipino community and its future. Additionally, there are articles of inclusion from 1988, documents pertaining to establishing the organization's nonprofit status, and photographs. Cassette recordings of the November 16, 1991, conference have been transferred to the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center.

The collection also includes meeting notes, agendas, memoranda, correspondence, program events, bylaws, and reports documenting FASGI, an organization founded in 1981 as a provider of hot meals to the elderly. In 1998, its mission evolved to empower Filipino Americans and others through gender, age, culture, and linguistically sensitive advocacy, social services, and social action and leadership. The organization also received a project grant from the United States Department of Justice to focus on trafficked Asian women. The collection includes material related to FASGI's Trafficked Women Project.

The [Subject Files](#) series consists of articles, correspondence, newspaper clippings, newsletters, and other research material relating to Pacho's interests in the Chinese population in the Philippines and Southeast Asia, the Filipino American community, immigration, and naturalization. Some material was used for Pacho's thesis, such as newsletters in Tagalog and Chinese published by the Filipino Chinese Amity Club.

The [Publications](#) series contains articles by Pacho and others and reflects his research interests in the Chinese population in the Philippines. Also included are monographs on this topic published in the 1960s and 1970s. Pacho's 1966 report for the School of Public Administration at the University of the Philippines titled *The Public Health of Davao* is also found in this series.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Organizations, 1978-2006](#)
- [Subject Files, 1945-2007](#)
- [Publications, 1964-2001](#)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Pacho, Arturo G.

Organizations

An Taclobanon Association of Southern California.

Asian American Pacific Islander Collection (Library of Congress)

Filipino American Educators Association of California, Inc.

Filipino American Educators Association.

Filipino American Public Affairs Council.

Filipino American Service Group, Inc.

Subjects

Chinese--Philippines.
Chinese--Southeast Asia.
Filipino Americans--California.
Filipino Americans--Education.
Filipino Americans--Social conditions.
Filipino Americans--Societies, etc.
Filipino Americans.
Naturalization.
Tagalog language.

Places

California--Social conditions.
California--Social life and customs.
Leyte (Philippines)
Philippines--Emigration and immigration.
Philippines--Relations--United States.
Philippines--Social life and customs.
United States--Emigration and immigration.
United States--Relations--Philippines.
United States--Social conditions--1945-

Occupations

Authors.
Educators.
Filipino American authors.
Filipino American educators.

Description of Series

Container

Series

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Organizations, 1978-2006

Correspondence, meeting and planning notes, reports, brochures, conference programs, newsletters, organizational articles of inclusion and bylaws, presentation slides, assessments, agendas, photographs, memoranda, and other documents related to organizational events.

Arranged alphabetically by organization name and therein alphabetically by subject or format.

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Subject Files, 1945-2007

Correspondence, articles, newsletters, newspaper clippings, writings, and research-related material.

Arranged alphabetically by subject or format.

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Publications, 1964-2001

Articles and monographs published by Pacho and others.

Arranged alphabetically by author and format and chronologically therein.

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Subject Files, 1945-2007

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