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 Bersani (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 environment.

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. 26th 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

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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. 26th 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
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

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

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)

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 (epimelēia 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. 26th 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

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

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


**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)

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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 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 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, Euripides (part 1).

Reel 69  10/24/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, I: Introduction, Euripides (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).
10/31/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, II: Ion (part 2).
11/7/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, III: Orestes.
11/9/83. Michel Foucault in discussion at home of Paul Rabinow: Jean Cohen, Herbert Dreyfus, Todd Gitlin, Martin Jay, Jeo Lowenthal, Rabinow.
11/9/83. Seminar of Michel Foucault: Presentation by Paul Rabinow.
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11/21/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, V: Diogenes and Cynics.
11/30/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, VI: Techniques of the Self (part 1).
11/30/83. Michel Foucault seminar on parrhesia, VI: Techniques of the Self (part 2).

Folie et Civilisation – Tunis (beg.)
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Folie et Civilisation – Tunis (end)
Structuralisme et Critique littéraire – Tunis (beg.)
Structuralisme et Critique littéraire – Tunis (end)
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Sao Paulo, Conférence 4 (beg.)
Sao Paulo, Conférence 2 (end)
Sao Paulo, Conférence 2 (cont.)
Sao Paulo, Conférence 3 (beg.)
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. 26th 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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