Ely Chinoy Collection

Papers, 1936-1983

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Ely Chinoy was born in Newark, New Jersey, received his doctorate from Columbia University and taught at Newark College of Engineering, New York University and the University of Toronto before becoming professor of sociology and anthropology at Smith College in 1951, where he later chaired the department. A member of the graduate faculty of the University of Massachusetts, he also taught at Clark University and Mount Holyoke College. Professor Chinoy, a specialist in the sociology of labor, described and analyzed discontent on the factory assembly line in his first book, *Automobile Workers and the American Dream*, and also authored *Urban Future* and two sociology textbooks, *Society* and *Sociological Perspective*. He died in an automobile accident in April of 1975 at the age of 53.

The Ely Chinoy Collection contains correspondence, interviews, research notes, reference materials and draft manuscripts relating primarily to the writing of *Automobile Workers and the American Dream* and *Assembly Line*, the manuscript of which was incomplete at the time of Professor Chinoy’s death.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.

Important subjects in the collection:

Automobile industry and trade--United States
Automobile industry workers--United States
Industrial sociology--Research
International labor activities
Occupational mobility
Occupational surveys
Oldsmobile plant (Lansing, Mich.)
Quality of work life
UAW Local 650 (Lansing, Mich.)

Non-manuscript material:
A number of books on automobile work, work generally, social mobility and industrial sociology have been placed in the Archives Library.
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