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# **Bias in the Biography: Bias and Subjectivity in Ethnographic Research**

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*This article is concerned with bias and subjectivity in ethnographic research. Since the research in ethnography cannot eliminate biographical determinants,*

*...number of factors that det... the article suggests some ways to man...*

bias to my own work. In so doing, I have been guided by the assump-

ology, and who worked in museums or university departments of



from all of the articles by those who had attempted to define what anthropology and education is. I thought that in that way I could define who belonged to what camp by seeing who cited whom. I didn't do it.

metaphor of an archeological dig to understand the impact of opportunity costs in my own intellectual career. My dig was occasioned by a thorough housecleaning of my existing files. necessitated in part by

estant family in the neighborhood. As such, I was the only public

**In Conclusion**

definitions in cultural transmission and learning, and the many of the

