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Abstract: This collection spans Dr. Singleton's work and activism with a bulk of the materials from the 1960s and 1970s. It is comprised largely of documents but also includes flyers, correspondence, and publications.
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Arrangement
This collection has been divided into eight series based on different aspects of Dr. Singleton's life and career. They include: CORE/NAACP activities (which include the Freedom Rides), UCLA's Institute of Industrial Relations, the Western Student Movement, the Office of Assembly Research, UCLA's Bunche Center, the Angela Davis controversy, the Education Finance Reform Project, and miscellaneous material.
Biographical / Historical
Dr. Robert Singleton studied at the University of California, Los Angeles in the 1960s, earning a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, a Master's degree in International Economics, and a Ph.D. in Urban and Labor Economics. During his time as a student, Singleton served as president of the school's chapter of NAACP where he organized sit-ins at stores with discriminatory practices as well as investigating other forms of discrimination on or around campus. Singleton continued his activist work by joining the Congress of Racial Equality, or CORE, that initiated the Freedom Rides of 1961. As a result of his participation in the Freedom Rides, Singleton was arrested and sent to Parchman Penitentiary along with his wife Helen Singleton, a fellow Freedom Rider.
Dr. Singleton joined the staff of UCLA, working as faculty in the Graduate School of Management as well as Chief Researcher for the Institute of Industrial Relations. He also went on to serve as Founding Director of the Center for African-American Studies, now the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies. During this time, Singleton also became involved in the Angela Davis Defense Committee, supporting fellow faculty member Angela Davis after her firing due to her membership in the Communist Party. Singleton also worked for the U.S. Department of Labor as well as the California Assembly Office of Research and was Founding Director of the Education Finance Reform Project. His latest position is that of faculty in the Economics department of Loyola Marymount University where he has been since 1982.
Scope and Contents
This collection is comprised of documents, newsletters, flyers, correspondence, and publications related to Dr. Singleton's involvement with CORE/NAACP, UCLA's Institute of Industrial Relations, the Western Student Movement, the Office of Assembly Research, UCLA's Bunche Center, the Angela Davis controversy, and the Education Finance Reform Project.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Related Materials
Records related to Dr. Singleton's work as a Professor of Economics at Loyola Marymount University are housed in the University Archives. Please contact special.collections@lmu.edu for more information.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Civil rights movements
Freedom Rides, 1961
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Congress of Racial Equality
Davis, Angela Y. (Angela Yvonne), 1944-
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Los Angeles. Institute of Industrial Relations
Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA

Series 1: CORE/ NAACP activities

Scope and Contents
Activities from the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), includes sit-ins and the Freedom Rides.

box 1, folder 1
UCLA NAACP- correspondence re: structure/status of group 1960-1964

box 1, folder 2-3
CORE/ NAACP- sit-ins and boycotts 1960-1961

Scope and Contents
Includes material from Westwood NAACP, Santa Monica and Venice CORE, Southern California Boycott Committee, Southern California Committee on Integration, and copies of the publications "From the Picket Line", "Independent Student", "Fellowship", and "Newsletter of the Bay Area 'Don't Buy' Campaign" regarding activity such as the Woolworth boycotts. Material includes newsletters, pledge cards, event tickets, flyers, and boycott stamps.

box 1, folder 4
UCLA NAACP 1960-1963

Scope and Contents
Includes correspondence, maps, and a pamphlet.

box 1, folder 5
"CORE-lator" issues 1960-04-1962-10

box 1, folder 6
newspaper clippings (facsimiles) re: civil rights 1962

Scope and Contents
The majority of clippings are from the Evening Outlook with others from the New York Times and the Louisiana Weekly.

box 1, Folder 7
"Daily Bruin" newspaper clippings 1960 1969

box 1, folder 8-9
UCLA housing discrimination 1959-1963 1970

box 1, folder 10
Haywood County project 1960-1961

box 1, folder 11
UCLA barber shop discrimination 1961

box 1, folder 12

Southern California Committee for Integration 1960

box 2, folder 1-2

Freedom Rides material 1961-1965

Scope and Contents
Includes applications, correspondence, newsletters, newspapers, and letters from UCLA NAACP, CORE, and the Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee of the Los Angeles Area.
Series 1: CORE/NAACP activities

UCLA barber shop discrimination 1961

Scope and Contents
Includes facsimiles of images of Parchman Penitentiary cell layouts, Freedom Riders.

Australian Freedom Rides 1963

Freedom Rider Loan Fund 1961-1969

Freedom Rides—reunion events 1981-2015

Freedom Rides—Museum of Tolerance "Voices of Civil Rights" event 2004

Freedom Rides—Dr. Singleton speaking events and requests 2004-2016

Freedom Rides—LMU reunion 2005

Freedom Rides—50th anniversary event in Australia 2015

Freedom Rides—50th anniversary event in Chicago 2011

Includes an appearance on the Oprah television program

Freedom Rides—articles 2005-2016

Series 2: UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations

correspondence 1961-1964
publications 1962-1969

Series 3: Western Student Movement

Scope and Contents
"The Western Student Movement is a California non-profit corporation founded by student leaders of campus-based tutorial projects throughout the Los Angeles area." -WSM Proposal for Los Angeles, Fall 1964

publications and correspondence bulk
Student Tutorial Education Project (STEP)
UCLA Tutorial Project 1964

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Series 4: Office of Assembly Research

Scope and Contents
The California Association of Afro-American Educators (CAAAE) worked to introduce legislation AB 781/AB 2118. Other affiliations include the Nairobi Institute.

box 5
Physical Description: 2 copies, not foldered

box 5
"Review of Job Training and Placement of the Department of Human Resources Development" 1972-10-27
Physical Description: 2 copies, not foldered

box 5, folder 1-2
AB 2118/ AB 781 documents and correspondence 1968-1970
box 5, folder 3
box 5, folder 4
transcript of AB 1463 hearings 1968
box 5, folder 5
miscellaneous CAAAE/NABSE material 1969-1974

Scope and Contents
NABSE (National Alliance of Black School Educators)

Series 5: Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA

Scope and Contents
Previously known as the Afro-American Studies Center and the Center for African-American Studies.

box 6, folder 1-2
founding 1968-1969
box 6, folder 3
organization discussion 1968
box 6, folder 4
proposal correspondence 1968-1970
box 6, folder 5-7
correspondence 1968-1970
box 6, folder 8
research collection/ library 1968-1969 2009
box 6, folder 9
curriculums/ class descriptions 1969
box 6, folder 10
consortium of Black Studies centers 1969-1971
box 6, Folder 11
UCLA Kerner Commission 1967
box 7, folder 1
EOP 1969
box 7, Folder 2
Vocational Guidance Institute 1967-1969
box 7, folder 3
newsletters 1969-1970
box 7, folder 4
President's Commission on Campus Unrest 1970
box 7, folder 5
"Journal of Black Studies" correspondence and mailers 1970-1971
box 7, folder 6
National Endowment for the Humanities workshop 1969-1970
box 7, folder 7
newspapers 1969-1971
box 7, folder 8
"Minorities in the Labor Market" report 1977
box 7, folder 9
student paper on center's history 1986
box 7, folder 10
Committee on Afro-American Society and Cultures
box 7, folder 11
box 7, folder 12
ethnography studies 2002-2003 2006
box 7, folder 13
Thurgood Marshall Lecture and Dinner programs 2004-2010
box 7, folder 14
"Bunche Center Research Report" 2011
box 7, folder 15
research on loyalty oath controversy 1995 2009 2016
box 7, folder 16
miscellaneous 1969 1971 2009 2018

Series 6: Angela Davis

box 8, folder 1-3
correspondence and articles 1969-1971
box 8, folder 4
Angela Davis Defense Committee
box 8, folder 5
President's Commission on Campus Unrest 1970-08-05

Scope and Contents
2 copies; also found in Bunche Center series
Series 6: Angela Davis

box 8, folder 6  research 2009 2016
box 8, folder 7  newspaper clippings- originals

Series 7: Education Finance Reform Project

box 9, folder 1  NIE Committee 1970-1971 1978
box 9, folder 2  "Education Finance and School Governance" newsletters 1972-1976
documents and correspondence 1973-1980
box 9, folder 5  National Alliance of Black School Educators 1974
box 9, folder 6  "Blacks and Public Higher Education in California"
box 9, folder 7  "The Black Child and Equity in School Finance: Analysis and Alternatives" 1974-03-22
box 9, folder 8  "A Study of the Impact of School Finance Reform on Poor and Minority Groups in California" 1975-08
box 9, folder 9  Serrano vs. Clowes 1975-10
box 9, folder 10  "Capitalization Effects of School Finance Reform: The Implications for Poor and Minority Groups" 1978-01
box 9, folder 11  National Policy Conference on Education for Blacks 1972
box 10, folder 1  "The School Finance Revolution: Its Meaning for the Black Community" 1972-10
box 10, folder 2  "Serrano vs. Priest and the Black Child" 1974-02
box 10, folder 3  "The School Finance Crisis and the Effect of Proposed Solutions on the Disadvantaged" 1974-07
box 10, folder 4  "Presentation Before the Assembly Education Committee, Los Angeles" 1974-10
box 10, folder 5  "Presentation at the Los Angeles Hearings of the Commission on Educational Governance National Committee for Citizens in Education" 1974-10
box 10, folder 6  "Minorities, the Poor and School Reform" 1979-07

Series 8: Miscellaneous

box 11, folder 1  UCLA Graduate School of MGMT affirmative action 1963 1969-1971
box 11, folder 2  Santa Monica City College teaching 1967
box 11, folder 3  Social Science Research Council 1970
box 11, folder 4  "Report on Higher Education" correspondence 1971
box 11, folder 5  "New Generation" correspondence 1971-1972
box 11, folder 6  UCLA 1971 1979

Scope and Contents
GSM resignation letter, dissertation research

box 11, folder 8  Atlanta School Board Seminar 1974
box 11, folder 10  "A Cost Analysis of Alternative Proposals to Alleviate the Harms of Racially Isolated Minority Schools in Los Angeles" 1982-04
box 11, folder 11  Labor Market Info Project 1977 1984
box 11, folder 12  research on African American studies programs
box 11, folder 13  article on reparations 2001
box 11, folder 14  Southern California Black Studies Consortium 2007
box 11, folder 15  National Museum of African American History and Culture 2015
box 11, folder 16  Rosa Parks Humanitarian Award 2015
box 11, folder 17  miscellaneous material 1964-2018