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Biography/Administrative History
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Scope and Content of Collection
The bulk of this collection includes event flyers and information hosted or co-hosted by the Cross Cultural Center from 1997-2008 that focused on cultural, political and academic topics. The documents were formally maintained by Cross Cultural Center upon donation.

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