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## Mississippi Freedom Summer Project Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Mississippi Freedom Summer Project Collection

**Dates:** 1963-1970

**Collection Number:** D-579

**Creator/Collector:** Hargreaves, Robert

**Extent:** 0.4 linear feet

**Repository:** UC Davis. Special Collections

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**Abstract:** Collection includes newsletters, memoranda, clippings, and press releases related to the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access**

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**Acquisition Information**

Gift of Robert Hargreaves.

**Biography/Administrative History**

In the summer of 1964, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE), joined by civil rights activists from around the United States, organized an effort to push back against Mississippi's vigorously enforced racial segregation. Hundreds of activists, most of them white college students, arrived in Mississippi eager to register voters and encourage community organizing. Prior to this point, black Southerners' struggle for equality against near-overwhelming opposition was little reported on in the national media. The Mississippi Freedom Summer Project succeeded in bringing attention to the disenfranchisement of black Southerners and was a turning point in the fight against institutional racism. Sources: Kindig, Jessie. "Freedom Summer (June–August 1964)." Online Encyclopedia of Significant People and Places in African American History. <http://www.blackpast.org/aah/freedom-summer-june-august-1964> (accessed 13 October 2014) Ohrenschall, Rachel S. "Freedom Summer campaign for African American voting rights in Mississippi, 1964." Global Nonviolent Action Database. <http://nvdatabase.swarthmore.edu/content/freedom-summer-campaign-african-american-voting-rights-mississippi-1964> (accessed 13 October 2014)

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Collection includes newsletters, memoranda, clippings, and press releases related to the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project.

**Indexing Terms**

African Americans -- Civil rights -- Mississippi -- History -- 20th century.

Civil rights movements -- Mississippi -- History -- 20th century.

Mississippi Freedom Project.

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