Title: Anita Mackey Papers
Identifier/Call Number: CEMA 57
Contributing Institution: UC Santa Barbara Library, Department of Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 5.0 linear feet
Date (inclusive): 1929-1996
Abstract: The Anita Mackey Papers cover her educational, professional and volunteer accomplishments. They are recorded in correspondence, awards, memorabilia and other papers. Many slides and photos are part of this collection. The photos cover much of her personal life. Included are also logs and film from her travels.
Location note: Del Norte
Language of Materials: The collection is in English.
General Physical Description note: 4 document boxes, 2 oversize boxes and approximately 2,000 slides in 9 slide albums
creator: Mackey, Anita
Conditions Governing Use note
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Related Collections
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Biographical/Historical note
Anita Johnson Mackey is a Santa Barbara community leader and nationally recognized social service worker. As a licensed clinical social worker, she worked for the Veteran's Administration for thirty years in three cities: Chicago, as the first African American supervisor in social service; Los Angeles as the first African American supervisor there; and Santa Barbara as administrator of the Social Work Service Office. Mrs. Mackey was born in Riverside, California as one of eight children. At the age of ten she lost her mother and was raised by her father and an older sister. She received her early education in California. She earned a B.A. in speech from the University of Redlands in 1937.
She earned her M.A. degree in medical social service administration from the University of Chicago in 1941. Mrs. Mackey has also taught at various colleges and universities, including teaching as a field instructor in the School of Social Welfare at UCLA, and for Atlanta University and the University of Chicago. At Santa Barbara City College, Mrs. Mackey was the first instructor of the overwhelmingly popular course "Afro- American Culture," in response to the great need at the time and due to the realization that there were few African Americans available to teach such courses. One of Mrs. Mackey's many callings was to work with elementary children to improve their reading and comprehension skills. Her work in the mental health care stems from a strong belief that those with mental disabilities need spokespersons.
Mrs. Mackey has been active in many community and civic organizations and boards, including the Board of the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, as a member of the Santa Barbara Citizens' Adult Educational Planing Council, and on the Board of Directors of the NAACP. She has served on the Citizen's Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, the Channel City Women's Forum, and on the Human Relations Council on Social Services. She has served on the Goleta Valley Community Hospital's Board of Trustees, and on the Board of Loma Linda University and Medical Center. She currently serves on the Santa Barbara Police Department Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Mackey's recognitions and awards are numerous. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women; she is a former Santa...
Barbara Ad Club “Woman of the Year.” (1976), and was honored with the Notable Woman of Santa Barbara County Award in 1982. The Anita Mackey Minority Merit Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1995 at the University of Chicago School of Social Services.

Anita J. Mackey’s papers were deeded to the University of California, to be deposited in the California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives. Her papers are of special value to researchers interested in studying the history of the Santa Barbara community, civil rights, women, African American issues, and the Veterans Administration. Mrs. Mackey’s papers consist of speeches, photographs, slides, memorabilia, ephemera, correspondence, and diaries covering her travels to over one hundred and two countries throughout her life.

**Scope Note**

The Anita Mackey Papers reflect her richly diverse and well-traveled life. Her educational, professional and volunteer accomplishments are recorded in correspondence, awards, memorabilia and other papers. Many slides and photos are part of this collection. The photos cover much of her personal life. The slides are well organized and maintain the order that she used for giving slide shows on her world travels to such places as Africa, Russia, Poland, China and the Holy Land. The current papers cover from 1929 to 1992. The papers consist of three series: Personal and Biographical, Photographs and Slides, Publications, Travel Logs, and Film.

**Series Description**

**Series I Personal and Biographical, 1929-1992**

Included are awards, correspondence, biographical information and some of Anita Mackey’s writings.

**Series II Photographs, 1933-1991**

This series contains personal photographs and travel photos. The boxes are of Anita Mackey’s travels around the world and in the United States. These are housed in box number 2.

**Series III Slides, 1974-1989**

This series contains travel slides.

**Series IV Publications, 1970-1975**

Series three contains publications with personal notes as well as copies of speeches and books she owned and wrote. “Black and Still Coping” is in this series and was part of an oral history project at UCSB Special Collections, with David Russell.

**Series V Travel Logs**

This series contains several books from Anita Mackey’s travels around the world.

**Series VI Film**

Series six contains film reels that document several travel trips.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

African American social workers

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**Series I Personal and Biographical 1929-1992**

Oversize 3

Additional Personal, Biographical and Memorabilia 1964-1989

General Physical Description note: (Oversize box)

Box 1, Folder 1

Awards, Certificates, Recognitions 1929-1992

Awards, Certificates, Recognitions

Box 2, Folder 17 - 20

Award Plaques and 1933 Yearbook 1933-1992

Physical Description: 1.0 linear feet

General Physical Description note: (Oversize box)

Box 4

Correspondence, General (Incoming and Outgoing) 1957-1995

Box 1, Folder 2

Correspondence - Claude Clark and Etta Moten 1984-1987

Box 1, Folder 3

Correspondence - Veterans Administration San Fernando, California 1946

Box 1, Folder 4

Diplomas 1920-1937

Box 1, Folder 5

Memorabilia 1950-1991

Box 1, Folder 6 - 8
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Miscellany 1996 |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Papa's Legacy Undated |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Personal and Biographical Information 1958-1962 |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Queen Elizabeth II Visit to Santa Barbara March 1, 1993 |
| Box 2, Folder 17 | Santa Barbara Citizens Academy (POLICE - Pride Objectivity Leadership Integrity Commitment Excellence) |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Santa Barbara Citizens Commission on Civil Disorder 1970 |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Santa Barbara City College 1969-1970 |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Seven Day Adventist Church 1951-1994 |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Speeches, Addresses and Writings 1970-1978 |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Subject Files Undated |

**Series II Photographs 1933-1991**

| Box 2, Folder 1, 2 | Photos - Personal 1933-1960 |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Photos - Personal - Fisher, Steve 1978-1981 |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Photos - Personal - Honeymoon 1937 |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Photos - Personal - Oluwole Ola Adekanmbi 1933-1983 |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Photos - Public Functions 1976-1983 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Photos - Travel 1937-1991 |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Photos - Travel - Africa - Liberia 1950 |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | Photos - Travel - Africa 1981 |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | Photos - Travel - Delphi, Greece 1964 |
| Box 2, Folder 14 | Photos - Chicago Pre-Wedding Pictures 1936-1950 |
| Box 2, Folder 15-16 | Photos - Miscellaneous |

**Series III Slides 1974-1989**

| Box Slide Album 1 | Slides - Africa, Denmark and Moscow 1974-1981 |
| General Physical Description note: (contains slides originally part of tray 2, Africa 1976-1981 and tray 1, 1989 Denmark to Moscow) 281 slides |
| Box Slide Album 2 | Slides - Europe Venice to White Cliffs of Dover 1981 |
| General Physical Description note: (contains slides originally part of tray 2, 1981 Europe Venice to White Cliffs of Dover) 139 slides |
| Box Slide Album 3 | Slides - Moscow, Poland, Germany and Holy Land 1989 |
| General Physical Description note: (contains slides originally part of tray 2 Moscow, Poland, and Germany - Sept. 1989 and tray 1 Holy Land Feb. 1981) 260 slides |
| Box Slide Album 4 | Slides - China 1980 |
| General Physical Description note: (contains slides originally part of Canton to Shanghai, 12/80 and tray 2 Nanking to Traen to Great Wall to Forbidden City 12/80 Canton to Shanghai) 279 slides |
| Box Slide Album 5 | Slides - Sione DMZ to Honolulu, Oakwood Tuskeju, Flagstaff and Dallas 1980 |
| General Physical Description note: (contains slides originally part of tray 3, 12/80 Sione DMZ to Honolulu and Oakwood Tuskeju, Flagstaff, Dalles March and April 1980) 256 slides |
| Box Slide Album 6 | Slides - Holy Land and Europe 1981 |
| General Physical Description note: (contains slides originally part of tray 2, 1981, Holy Land and tray 1 1981, Europe, England to Venice Italy) 220 slides |
| Box Slide Album 7 | Slides - Alaska 1975 |
| Box Slide Album 8 | Slides - L.A. to Narobi and Africa Cut Outs 1974-1977 |
| Box Slide Album 9 | Slides - Narobi to Senigal and Russia 1974-1977 |
Series IV Publications and Writings 1970-1975

Box 2, Folder 11  
**Afro - Unique** May/June, 1975

Box 6, Folder 18  
**Autobiography of Frank Hannibal Johnson** undated

Box 6, Folder 19  
**Claude Albert Barnett Memorial Service Program** 1967

Box 6, Folder 20  
**Common Human Needs: An Interpretation for Staff in Public Assistance Agencies** undated

Box 6, Folder 21  
**A Giver of Life: An Interview with Anita Mackey** by Diane Gohl 1988

Box 2, Folder 12  
Higgins, Ardis O. **Windows on Women** 1975

Box 6, Folder 23  
**Isaac J. Garrett Biography** undated

Box 6, Folder 24  
**A Journey Through the Changing Times of America** by Regbe Surafel 1988

Box 6, Folder 25  
**Miscellaneous Publications** undated

Box 6, Folder 26  
**Miscellaneous Writings and Speeches** undated

Box 6, Folder 27  
**Service- What it Means** by Anita Mackey

Box 6, Folder 28-29  
**A Study of 108 Syphilitic Children Registered at Max Epstein Clinic of Provident Hospital in the Year 1939** by Anita Johnson Mackey 1941

Box 6, Folder 13  
Tompkins; Walker A. and Russell A. Ruiz **Historical Highlights of Santa Barbara** 1970

Box 5, Folder 1  
Travel Log 1 England, Scotland, and Ireland August 2-31, 1971

Box 5, Folder 2  
Travel Log 2 Florence, Italy November 6, 1981

Box 5, Folder 3  
Travel Log 3 USA Tour May - June 1981

Box 5, Folder 4  
Travel Log 4 Tour of USSR 1978

Box 5, Folder 5  
Travel Log 5 England, Austria, and Africa 1979

Box 5, Folder 6  
Travel Log 6 People's Republic of China and Soviet Korea 1980

Box 5, Folder 7  
Travel Log 7 Africa 1974

Box 5, Folder 8  
Travel Log 8 South America June 24, 1962

Box 5, Folder 9  
Travel Log 9 Africa 1976-1977

Box 5, Folder 10  
Travel Log 10 Alaska 1975

Box 5, Folder 11  
Travel Log 11 Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti

Box 5, Folder 12  
Travel Log 12 Around the World 1964

Box 6, Folder 13  
Travel Log 13 Africa and Europe 9-16-1960

Box 6, Folder 14  
Travel Log 14 Travel in Europe 1950

Box 6, Folder 15  
Travel Log 15 Travel in Africa 1950

Box 6, Folder 16  
Travel Log 16 Latin America 6-1949

Box 6, Folder 17  
Travel Log 17 Tour of Europe and Africa 1981

Series VI: Film

Item V4404/Film  
**England, Scotland, Ireland** undated

Item V4405/Film  
Reel #1 1970

Item V4406/Film  
Reel #2 1970

Item V4407/Film  
Reel #3 1970

Item V4408/Film  
Reel #4 1970

Item V4409/Film  
Untitled undated

Item V4410/Film  
Europe #1 1950