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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Black Women at Virginia Tech Oral History Project was a multi-phase research and educational collaborative program of the Virginia Tech University Libraries and the Women's Center at Virginia Tech. The collection includes audiocassette tapes, DAT tapes, floppy disks, background and biographical information, and transcripts of interviews with some of the first Black female students and employees at Virginia Tech. The interviews focus on the entry experience of the individual into the Virginia Tech community and the interviewees' perceptions of the climate and attitudes within the university community, particularly as pertains to race and gender.

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Kennelly, Tamara

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King, Loretta

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MacDonald, Cheryl Butler

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Pack, Cora McDamel

Creator

Rogers, Rhonda Miller

Creator

Roy, Lucinda

Creator

Scott, Marguerite Harper

Creator

Turner, Linda Edmonds

Extent

0.8 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The majority of the collection is open for research. Restrictions on access to specific items are noted at the item level in the inventory.

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Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to Special Collections and University Archives in several accruals beginning in 1995.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

The Black Women at Virginia Tech Oral History Project was a multi-phase research and educational collaborative program of the Virginia Tech University Libraries and the Women's Center at Virginia Tech. The project involved the identification of the first Black women students, staff, and faculty at Virginia Tech and the collection of their oral history narratives.

Scope and Content

The Black Women at Virginia Tech Oral History Project Records include interviews focused on the entry experience of the individual into the Virginia Tech community and the interviewees' perceptions of the climate and attitudes within the university community, particularly as pertains to race and gender. The collection includes audiocassette tapes, DAT tapes, floppy disks, and transcripts of interviews with some of the first Black women students at Virginia Tech (Jacquelyn Butler Blackwell, Marguerite Harper Scott, and Linda Edmunds Turner); Marva Felder Davis, first Black homecoming queen; Cheryl Butler McDonald, first Black woman in the Corps of Cadets; and Elaine Dowe Carter, catalyst of the project and doctoral candidate at Virginia Tech. Interviews were conducted by Carter and Tamara Kennelly, University Archivist.

Some materials include copies of items from interviewees' times at Virginia Tech, originally dating to the 1960s through 1980s.

Transcripts of interviews with students and with two staff members (Cora McDaniel Pack and Rhonda Miller Rogers) are also available in the collection.

Related Archival Materials

Researchers may also be interested in the Timelines of Black History at Virginia Tech, which includes references to many of the individuals included in this collection.

There are also interviews with additional individuals whose personal experiences at Virginia Tech helped shape the history of the university and of the New River Valley in the following oral history collections:

The Virginia Tech Black History Oral History Collection, Ms2003-011, has been digitized and is available online.

The Multicultural Diversity Oral History Project, Ms2002-001, has been digitized and is available online.

The VT Stories Oral History Collection, Ms2016-015, has been digitized and is available online.

Keywords

African Americans -- History

Faculty and staff

Oral histories (literary works)

Students and alumni

University History

Women -- History

Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1944-1970)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1970-)

Existence and Location of Copies

Several of the interviews in this collection have been digitized and are available online with transcripts. Links to individual interviews are included at the item level in the inventory.

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Technical Access

Equipment is required and available to listen to available audio recordings. Equipment is required to access computer disks, which may not be available.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by interviewee's surname, with project documentation at the beginning.

Description of Subordinate Components

Project Documentation

Unit Date 1997-2000, n.d.

3.5" Floppy Disk labeled "Interview with Jackie Butler Blackwell, Elaine Carter"

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

3.5" Floppy Disk labeled "Black Women's History Project Interviews (Copies) MAC-Word"

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Project Documents

Unit Date 1997-2000

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Blackwell, Jacquelyn (Jackie) Butler

Unit Date 1994-1996

Copy of permission form and interview transcript

Unit Date 1995-1996

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Original tape and 1 copy

Unit Date April 29, 1994

box 2

Existence and Location of Copies

April 29, 1994, interview and transcript online

Original tape and 1 copy

Original tape and 1 copy

Unit Date September 28, 1995

box 2

Carter, Elaine

Unit Date 1995, 1997

Interview transcript and copy of questions

Unit Date October 19, 1995

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Existence and Location of Copies

October 19, 1995, interview and transcript available online

Audiocassette Tape

Unit Date October 19, 1995

box 2

Existence and Location of Copies

October 19, 1995, interview and transcript available online

2 Audiocassette Tapes [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date December 7, 1995

box 2

Conditions Governing Access

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2 Audiocassette Tapes [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date December 12, 1995

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4 Audiocassette Tapes [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date 1997

box 4

Carter, Elaine, Interview 2 [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date 1995-12-07

box 1

Container 14 (folder)

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Carter, Elaine, Interview 3 [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date 1995-12-21

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Container 15 (folder)

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Davis, Marva Felder Carter

Unit Date 1983-1999

Documentation and Interviews

Unit Date 1983-1999

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

This folder contains a variety of items relating to Marva Felder, such as copies of interview transcripts, pages from the *Bugle yearbook*, two 3.5" floppy disks ("Marva Felder Interview" and "Marva2.txt"), and permission form.

2 cassettes and 2 copies, 1 DAT tape and 1 copy

Unit Date March 27, 1999

box 2

Existence and Location of Copies

Interview and digitized transcript

Fulcher, Victoria

Unit Date 1997

Audiocassette Tape [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date February 1997

box 4

Conditions Governing Access

This interview is not available to the public.

Gowens, Cynthia

Unit Date 1997

2 Audiocassette Tapes [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date January 30, 1997

box 4

Conditions Governing Access

This interview is not available to the public.

Higgins, Laverne (Freddie) Hairston

Unit Date 1996-2000

Print off of website with interview transcript and background information

Unit Date 1996-2000

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Existence and Location of Copies

Interview and transcript available online

Interview conducted by by Tamara Kennelly, 2 tapes

Unit Date September 28, 2000

box 2

Alternate Form Available

Interview and transcript available online

Holmes, Michele

Unit Date 1997

Audiocassette Tape [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date January 24, 1997

box 4

Conditions Governing Access

This interview is not available to the public.

Hoyle, Linda Paulette Adams

Unit Date 1968-2000

Copies of correspondence and transcript of November 3, 2000 interview

Unit Date 1968-2000

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Existence and Location of Copies

Transcripts of this interview are available online.

King, Loretta

Unit Date 1997

Audiocassette Tape [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date 1997

box 4

Conditions Governing Access

This interview is not available to the public.

MacDonald, Cheryl Butler

Unit Date 1998

Existence and Location of Copies

Interview and transcript available online

Documentation and 3.5" floppy disk with interview

Unit Date 1998

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Container 6 (folder)

Interview conducted by Tamara Kennelly, 2 cassette tapes, 1 DAT tape, and 1 DAT tape copy

Unit Date November 28, 1998

box 3

Pack, Cora McDaniels

Unit Date 1996-1997

Copy of permission form and interview transcript

Unit Date 1997

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Pack, Cora, Audiocassette Tape [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date 1996-1997

box 4

Conditions Governing Access

The audio file is not available to the public.

Roy, Lucinda

Unit Date 1997

2 Audiocassette Tapes [RESTRICTED]

Unit Date January 28, 1997

box 4

Scott, Marguerite Harper

Unit Date 1996

Existence and Location of Copies

Interview and transcript available online

Copy of permission form and interview transcripts

Unit Date 1996

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Container 10 (folder)

Interview on 2 original tapes and 2 copies

Unit Date March 2, 1996

box 3

Turner, Linda Edmonds

Unit Date ca. 1967, 1996-1997

Copy of permission form and interview transcript

Unit Date 1996-1997

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Container 11 (folder)

Interview conducted by Elaine Carter, 2 original tapes and 2 copies

Unit Date March 2, 1996

box 3

Photocopies of items from Edmonds' college scrapbook

Unit Date originals ca. 1967; photocopies 1996-1997

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Container 12 (folder)