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Unit Date

1974-2013

Mixed Materials [A11423638011]

1 (box)

Mixed Materials [A11423637976]

2 (box)

Language

English .

source

Brinson, Betsy

Creator

Brinson, Betsy

Creator

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Extent

0.83 Linear Feet 2 letter document boxes Collection includes color photographs, color negatives, pins/buttons, and a DVD-R

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access restrictions

The collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions, except for the DVD-R of the panel discussion from Richmond Times-Dispatch. Due to copyright restrictions, the video(s) may not be reproduced or disseminated without the copyright holder's permission.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Betsy Brinson, 2013.

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Biographical / Historical Information

Dr. Betsy Brinson is a white woman who grew up in the military in the South. She earned a Bachelor's degree in American History from University of North Carolina Greensboro and a Ph.D. in Women's Studies from the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities in Cincinnati, Ohio. Now retired, Brinson dedicated her career and efforts to women's rights, documenting the history of civil rights, community support of HIV/AIDS patients, and anti-war efforts.

Selected examples of Brinson's contributions include: working with a team to conduct and collect over 200 oral histories with civil rights activists through the Kentucky Historical Society, leading to the production of a documentary titled "Living the Story"; working with Richmond AIDS Ministry and recruiting/training primary care doctors on how to care for people with HIV; conducting and collecting oral histories of Richmond people involved in justice work; serving on the board of Quaker House, an anti-war military counseling organization in North Carolina; and volunteering with the Richmond Peace Education Center (RPEC). As part of her work with Richmond Peace Education Center, Brinson helped organize the Eyes Wide Open Project, which displayed books of American soldiers who had died in Iraq. She also worked on the RPEC Truth in Recruitment Project, which aimed to educate high school students on the realities of enlistment in the US Army.

Work history: 1970-1974 - North Carolina American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) 1974-1977 - State director, Virginia ACLU 1977-1981 - Program director, Southern Women's Rights Project 1981-1982 - Executive director, Southerners for Economic Justice 1983-1984 - Community relations director, Richmond, Virginia Branch of YWCA 1982-1998 - Adjunct faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) 1982-1984 - Adjunct faculty, University of Richmond 1982-1986 - Adjunct faculty, Mary Baldwin College 1991-1993 - Assistant professor, Medical College of Virginia (MCV), Dept. of Family Practice 1993-1998 - Assistant professor and program coordinator, MCV, School of Medicine Selected volunteer work: 1982-1984 - Virginia's Commission on the Status of Women 1982-1984 - Executive Board, Virginia Women's Cultural History Project 1982-1986 - VCU Women's Studies Task Force 1990-1991 - Central Virginia AIDS Services and Education and the Richmond AIDS Ministry

Scope and Contents

The Betsy Brinson collection contains materials Brinson collected related to her activism and involvement in various organizations, namely the YWCA and Richmond Peace Education Center. The Richmond Peace Education Center materials include newsletters, as well as planning documents and ephemera for the Eyes Wide Open Project. The YWCA materials mostly include pamphlets, information on a YWCA children's reading program, and news clippings. The collection also contains miscellaneous newsletters and reports produced in Virginia or regionally about women's rights and social justice, pins and buttons that are largely political in nature, and photos from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. There are some syllabi and reading packets from Brinson's time teaching at VCU, but the collection largely reflects the organizations and work Brinson was involved with outside of VCU from 1974 to 2013.

Keywords

Women political activists -- Virginia -- Richmond
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Iraq War, 2003-2011
NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt
newsletters
reports
printed ephemera
Photographs
Brinson, Betsy
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YWCA (Richmond, Va.)
Richmond Peace Education Center
Virginia Commonwealth University -- Faculty
American Civil Liberties Union

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Contact Special Collections and Archives staff to request access to the "Race, Class, Culture, Power" panel discussion DVD-R at libsca@vcu.edu. File formats include .VOB and are viewable using a suitable media viewer/player.

Arrangement

Folders are arranged alphabetically.

Description of Subordinate Components

ACLU Women's Rights Report newsletter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76543

Unit Date 1979-1980

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Course syllabi

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76544

Unit Date 1986-1997

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

DVD-R: "Race, Class, Culture, Power" panel discussion, Richmond Times-Dispatch

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76545

Unit Date August 18, 2008

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

DVD-R contains 5 .VOB video files of a panel discussion held by Richmond Times Dispatch. The panel was attended by Richmond Times Dispatch reporters and filmed. The panel is described as being about race, class, culture, and power, and as helping inform the direction of a series of stories (presumably with Richmond Times Dispatch) throughout the year.

The panel took place on August 18, 2008

Part 1: 39:06 runtime Part 2: 11:50 runtime Part 3: 38:39 runtime Part 4: 39:00 runtime Part 5: 1:40 runtime

Introduction and organization of the panel: -Gilman Proctor -Cheryl Magazine

Moderator: -John Motley

Panelists: -Michael Blakey -Imad Damaj -Paul Fleisher -Rachel Flynn -Joseph Williams -Jeremiah Tillman - Teresa Roane -Evans Hopkins -Sherrie Brach -Renee Hill -Gary Rhodes -Lauranett Lee -Kay Coles James - Mary Miley Thenbald -Linda Pruitt -Karin Taylor -Oliver Singleton

Leon Harvey Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76546

Unit Date 1991-1996

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Miscellaneous newsletters

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76547

Unit Date 2005 and 2007

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Newsletters include: Peace Work, Volume 32, issue 359 - October 2005 American Friends Service Committee MARStar Newsletter of the Middle Atlantic Region, Volume 15, issue 1 - Winter 2007

Miscellaneous pamphlets and ephemera

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76548

Unit Date 1974, 1994, and undated

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes: -So You Want to Date a Feminist... A Complete Guide - Feminist Intervention Group, 1974 - Consciousness Razors, Verne Moberg - National Education Association, undated -Loss of the Betsey and Destruction of the Prince - pages 32-72 of an unknown booklet, undated -African American Writers Claiming Our Own Voices, "Conversations with West Indian Writers" - National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Richmond Chapter, 1994

Miscellaneous photos

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76549

Unit Date 1989, 1995, and 2001

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Group photos of individuals at events/conferences and at a Pride march (assumed, given the rainbow flags)

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt photos

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76550

Unit Date 1992

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Pins and buttons

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76551

Unit Date circa 1968-2000

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Pins and buttons

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76552

Unit Date circa 1980-2000

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Postcards

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76553

Unit Date circa 1980-1991

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Readings packets: Women's Studies 391 - Women, War, and Peace

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76554

Unit Date 1991-1992

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Richmond Peace Education Center agendas

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76555

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Richmond Peace Education Center: Eyes Wide Open exhibit planning, promotional materials, and photos

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76556

Unit Date 2004-2007

Mixed Materials [A11423638011] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Richmond Peace Education Center: Eyes Wide Open news clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76557

Unit Date March-April 2007

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Richmond Peace Education Center history

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76558

Unit Date 1990-2010

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Richmond Peace Education Center: Iraq War

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76559

Unit Date 2006-2007

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Richmond Peace Education Center: "Peacemaker of the Year" award

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76560

Unit Date 2008

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

RPECnews newsletter

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76561

Unit Date 2005-2013

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Virginia reports on women

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76562

Unit Date 1984

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

YWCA early history

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76563

Unit Date 1984 and 2001

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

YWCA news clippings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76564

Unit Date 1984-1986 and 2012-2013

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

YWCA pamphlets and magazines

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76565

Unit Date 1983-2005

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

YWCA Storybook Heroes reading program

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/76566

Unit Date 2003-2005

Mixed Materials [A11423637976] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)