

# ARRINGTON, MARVIN S.

## Marvin S. Arrington papers, 1980-2004

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Arrington, Marvin S.  
**Title:** Marvin S. Arrington papers, 1980-2004  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 714  
**Extent:** 10.5 linear feet (12 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and AV Masters:  
2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Marvin S. Arrington, an African American lawyer and Emory University alumnus, including writings, speeches, correspondence, photographs, audio-visual material, and materials relating to his role as president of the Atlanta City Council.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on Access

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#### Source

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#### Citation

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#### Processing

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Marvin S. Arrington (1941- ), African American lawyer, Atlanta City Council president (1980- ), and Emory University alumnus, practices law in the firm of Arrington and Hollowell in Atlanta (1982- ).

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Marvin S. Arrington from 1980-2004. The papers include writings and speeches delivered by Marvin Arrington, writings about Marvin Arrington, materials relating to Arrington's role as president of the Atlanta City Council, correspondence, photographs, audio-visual material and collected material. Writings and speeches by and about Marvin Arrington discuss issues about the Atlanta City Council, Georgia and Atlanta politics, minority education, race relations in Atlanta, and minority lawyers.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Speeches and Writings by Marvin S. Arrington

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	"Remarks by Atlanta City Council President Marvin S. Arrington at the Booker T. Washington High School Observance of Senior Sunday, " 9 June 1991 [includes second copy used at event which as holograph notes and revisions]
1	2	"Why I Support Literacy Action", A Second Chance, Summer 1991
1	3	"President's Message: Empower the People: 'Make a Difference in the '90s'", <i>Council Contact</i> , Summer 1991
1	4	The Powerline, Politics, and Finance, Summer 1991
1	5	Comments on General Assembly Bill to Increase Council President's Authority, 23 August 1991
1	6	Statement before Fulton County Senate Delegation Regarding House Bill 7EX, 29 August 1991
1	7	A Retrospective View of the Sabrina Collins Controversy: Silence as a Two- Edged Sword, no date
1	8	"Minority Counsel Participation in the Corporate and Governmental Environs", by Marvin S. Arrington, Jean E. Wilson, Dwayne C. Vaughn; TLS (photocopy) Dwayne Vaughn to Kitty J. Burgess, 11 February 1992
1	9	Remarks at the Hungry Club, 28 Oct 1987; "Master Plan for the Revitalization of Auburn Avenue" attached
1	10	Inauguration speech, 6 January 1986
1	11	Statement by Marvin S. Arrington Commemorating the Opening of Atlanta's New City Hall, 7 April 1989
1	12	Untitled speech given at the University of Georgia BLSA Annual Awards Banquet on the theme "Marshall and Me: Saluting the Past, Challenging the Future", 11 April 1992
1	13	Greetings by Atlanta City Council President Marvin S. Arrington at the International Training Conference on Public Personal [sic] Administration, 15 October 1990
1	14	Remarks by Atlanta City Council President Marvin S. Arrington at the Booker T. Washington High School Observance of Senior Sunday, 9 June 1991
1	15	Possible Talking Points: Carver High School Athletic Banquet, 27 May 1992
1	16	Speech to American Corporate Counsel Association regarding the State Bar of Georgia 's establishing a Minority Counsel Program, 11 June 1992
1	17	Remarks by Atlanta City Council President Marvin S. Arrington at the Literary Action Student Recognition Ceremony, 11 June 1992
1	18	"All Atlanta Must Fight to Reclaim Communities from Criminals", <i>Atlanta Journal/Atlanta Constitution</i> , 8 January 1989

- 1 20 Statement by Atlanta City Council President Marvin S. Arrington before the Atlanta City Council Public Safety Committee Regarding Condom Sales in Business and Establishments Selling Alcoholic Beverages, 31 August 1992
- 1 21 Olympic Flag speeches, 10-21 September 1992
- 1 22 Japanese City Assemblymen remarks, 21 Oct 1992
- 1 23 A Statement by Atlanta city Council President Arrington commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday and the 8th National Holiday in His Honor, 15 January 1993
- 1 25 Education: Meeting the Challenge of the Next Generation, 26 September 1993
- 1 26 Clippings, 1993
- 1 27 Address to Graduates of Police Academy, 4 October 1993
- 1 28 20th Anniversary "Yes, I Can" Awards Banquet speech, 9 December 1993
- 1 29 Inaugural speech, 3 January 1994
- 1 30 Proposed Comments on the Reduction of City Council, n.d.
- 1 31 Arrington campaign speech, 1985
- 1 32 Paralympic Statement by Atlanta City Council President Arrington, 16 August 1994
- 1 33 Remarks by Arrington at the Southern Bell Calendar of Black History Unveiling Ceremony, 7 September 1994"
- 1 34 Speech by City Council President Arrington Delivered on 27 February 1980 at Swearing-in Ceremony, City Hall, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1 35 Remarks by Arrington, Inauguration of William M. Chace, 5 April 1995
- 1 36 "Tale of Two Cities," October 1994
- 1 37 "An Introduction to Federal Criminal Defense Practices," *Nexus*, Vol. 1, No. 3, 1980
- 1 38 Clark College: 117 Years of Meeting Challenges and Creating Opportunities Through Culture, Service, and Excellence, 18 February 1986
- 1 39 "Making a Difference," Ebenezer Baptist Church, 15 October 1995
- 1 41 Visions Speech, Douglass High School, 11 June 1995
- 1 42 "A Federal Grand Jury Could Indict You and Your Company, and You May Be Surprised by the Rules They Play By," *Georgia State Bar Journal*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (Spring, 1995)
- 1 43 Clark Atlanta University Consolidated Celebration, 27 March 1997
- 1 44 "A Collection of Marvin Arrington's Favorite Poems," 1997
- 1 45 *Blueprint for Atlanta's Success: Problems and Solutions*, 2001

#### **Arrington's Plain Talk (newsletter)**

- 2 1 1992 (Spring, Fall, Winter)
- 2 2 1994 (Vol. 2, No. 2 and 4)
- 2 3 1995 (Vol. 3, No. 2)
- 2 4 1996 (Vol. 4, No 1-2)

2 5 1997 (Vol. 5, No.1)

### Writings about Marvin S. Arrington

- 2 6 "Making the Case for a Legal Career" by Calvin E. Bruce, *The Black Collegian*, 1991 November/December
- 2 7 "Public Housing and a College to Become Partners" by Ronald Smothers, *The New York Times National*, 17 February 1991 (photocopy)
- 2 8 "Marvin S. Arrington: The Other Side of the Story", by Charles H. King, Jr., *Atlanta Voice*, no date (photocopy)
- 2 9 "Arrington cites growth since protest days" by Marla Saporta, *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, no date
- 2 10 "Ready to Run" by Nick Taylor, *Atlanta Weekly*, 16 November 1980
- 2 11 "Arrington is right; council is too big," *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, 1992 November
- 2 12 Miscellaneous clippings
- 2 13 "Arrington: Inner-city populist is hero of his own life," *Atlanta Journal*, 14 January 1985
- 2 14 "Mayoral Hopeful's Mission to Fix Atlanta," *The Atlanta Metro*, Vol. 11, No. 6 (October 1997)
- 2 15 "A Legal Precedent," *Emory Magazine*, Vol. 74, No. 3 (Autumn 1998)
- 2 15a Newspaper clippings, 1997
- OP1 1 *St. Louis Metro Sentinel*, November-December 1993

### Atlanta City Council

- 2 16 *Council Contact*, 1985-1991 (some issues missing)
- 2 17 Acts increasing Council President's Power, 1992
- 2 18 Inauguration program: 6 January 1986
- 2 19 Inauguration: Invitation and program, 1990
- 2 20 Re-election: Campaign materials, 1993
- 2 21 "Marvin S. Arrington: A Profile in Public Service," undated
- 2 22 Annual report, 1990
- 2 23 Underground Atlanta: Brochure
- 2 24 Report on the City of Atlanta, 1996-1997
- 2 25 "Your Atlanta City Council, 1994-1997"
- 2 26 Press package: Airport matter (Harold Echols, et.at.)
- 2 27 Automobile Task Force report, 1996
- 2 28 Financial Management Task Force report, 1982
- 2 29 Fleet Management Task Force report, 1980
- 2 30 Pedestrian Rights Task Force report, 1997
- 2 31 South Central Business District Housing Task Force report, 1985

**Correspondence and invitations**

- 3 1 Correspondence, 1985-1988
- 3 2 Correspondence, 1989
- 3 3 Correspondence, 1990
- 3 4 Correspondence, 1991-1992
- 3 5 Correspondence, 1993-
- 3 6 Invitations, 1989

**Other materials**

- 3 7 Photographs, 1991-1992
- 3 8 Photographs, 1992
- 3 9 Perry and Arrington, 1992
- 3 10 Proclamation: Clark College Honor, 9 June 1983
- 3 11 Miscellaneous collected material
- 3 12 Scheduling requests, 1992
- 3 13 Program: 20th Anniversary "Yes, I Can" Dinner, 9 December 1993
- 3 14 Program: Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards Ceremony Luncheon, 27 September 1993
- 3 15 Honorary Degree: Clark College, 19 May 1986
- 3 16 Atlanta University course taught by Marvin Arrington: Social Work and the Law, 1982 June 7- July 30

**Mayoral Campaign, 1996-1997**

- 3 17 Mayoral campaign materials, 1997
- 3 18 Mayoral campaign letters, 1996
- 3 19 *The Arrington Worker Bee*, 1997 [mayor campaign newsletter]

**Restricted material**

- 4 1 Letter: to Marvin Arrington, 29 October 1991 [RESTRICTED]

**Audiovisual**

- 3 30 Transcript and production notes, circa 1980s
- AV5 - Buckhead Business Association, circa 1989  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pj34n]
- AV1 - Friends of Marvin Arrington, Killingsworth & Killingsworth Productions [1 of 6]  
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- AV1 - Friends of Marvin Arrington, Killingsworth & Killingsworth Productions [2 of 6]  
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- AV1 - Friends of Marvin Arrington, Killingsworth & Killingsworth Productions [3 of 6]  
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- AV1 - Friends of Marvin Arrington, Killingsworth & Killingsworth Productions [4 of 6]  
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- AV1 - Friends of Marvin Arrington, Killingsworth & Killingsworth Productions [5 of 6]  
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- AV1 - Friends of Marvin Arrington, Killingsworth & Killingsworth Productions [6 of 6]  
[original: VHS]  
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- 3 20 Transcript and production notes, circa 1980s
- AV1 - 1979 October 7, Voiceovers for news story/documentary on Marvin Arrington  
[original: Umatic]  
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- AV2 - 1985 February 15, Interviews with bar patrons on a proposed ban of happy hour;  
Atlanta City Council meeting [original: VHS]  
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- AV1 - 1985 March 20, Marvin Arrington and family [original: Betamax]  
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- AV1 - Marvin Arrington and friends [original: VHS]  
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- AV2 - 1985 April 12, Raw footage of interviews with Marvin Arrington around Atlanta  
[1 of 3] [original: VHS]  
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- AV2 - 1985 April 12, Raw footage of interviews with Marvin Arrington around Atlanta  
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- AV2 - 1985 April 12, Raw footage of interviews with Marvin Arrington around Atlanta  
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- AV2 - 1985 April 12, Raw footage of interviews with Marvin Arrington around Atlanta;  
1985 April 13, Marvin Arrington and friends [original: VHS]  
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- AV2 - Special effects [original: VHS]  
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- AV2 - 1985 May 22, Marvin's interview [original: VHS]  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pfm0f]
- AV1 - 1985 May 22, Maynard Eaton: Skyline of Atlanta, City Hall, and Few Kids  
[original: VHS]  
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- AV2 - Arrington at office; Carl Ware, Jack Goger, circa 1985 [original: VHS]

- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id pfm8j]
- AV2 - Reggie Williams, Pictures, Marvin's Mother, circa 1985 [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1990 May 20, Untitled speech: Law Day, Cascade United Methodist Church  
[original: audio cassette]  
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- AV3 - 1991, Atlanta Urban League Distinguished Community Service Award: Marvin  
Arrington and John Portman [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1995 October 15, Citizen's Day, Ebenezer Baptist Church [original: audio  
cassette]  
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digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id phzrn]
- AV3 - 1997 August, Channel 12, Interview-"Hotseat" [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 August 20, TV News [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 August 21-22, TV News, Bill Campbell and Marvin Arrington Profiles  
[original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 August 24, Annual Picnic [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 2, TV News, Police Union Endorses [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 2, Police Union Endorsement [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 10, Qualifying [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 15, Arrington [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 19, Arrington, P.C. [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 19 and 29, Endorsement News [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 September 29, Minister's Endorsement [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 October 1, Firefighters' Endorsement [original: VHS]  
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- AV3 - 1997 October 2, Arrington-Realtors Debate [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 October 13, Arrington for Mayor, Main Street, "Tonya" [original: VHS]



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- AV4 - 1997 October 14, WSB-TV, Story on Campbell's tape on MSA [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 October 16, Arrington for Mayor Spots [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 October 22, Arrington for Mayor, Main Street [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 October 26, Sunday Debate [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 October 28-31, 10:00 and 11:00pm news [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 October 30, Arrington for Mayor, "Accusation" [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 November 2, WXIA-TV, Indepth-Bill Campbell [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 November 4, Election Night [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 November 4-18, Misc. news stories [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 November 11, Gloria Tinubu News Conference [original: VHS]  
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- AV4 - 1997 November 11-12, Hornsby and Gloria Tinubu Endorsements [original:  
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- AV4 - 1997 November 14, WPBA and 1997 November 16, WAGA Debate [original:  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 18, James Usher [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 18-24, Miscellaneous news stories [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 19, Endorsement News Conference [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 23, WSB and Press Club Debates [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 25, News; 1997 November 26, News; and 1997 November 4,  
WSB-TV [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 25, WGNX-TV Runoff Election [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 25, WSB-TV Runoff Election [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 1997 November 25, WXIA-TV Runoff Election [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - [1997] Atlanta This Week, Election Special 101 [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 2000 February 14, Teacher's Appreciation Brunch [original: VHS]  
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- AV5 - 2000 March 21, Salute to the Honorable Donald L. Hollowell [original: VHS]  
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- 10-13 Unprocessed additions
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- 15 Speeches
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