

# DAVIS, THULANI.

## Thulani Davis collection, 1967-1997

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## Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Davis, Thulani.
- Title:** Thulani Davis collection, 1967-1997
- Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 914
- Extent:** 2.25 linear ft. (4 boxes) and 7 oversized papers (OP)
- Abstract:** Material collected by Thulani Davis, an African American journalist and author, including subject files, writings, printed material, recorded interviews, and a number of fliers and posters documenting performances, exhibits, lectures, and other events related to African American history and culture in New York City.
- Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Source**

Gift, 2002.

**Citation**

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**Processing**

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

Thulani Davis (1948-) is an African American journalist, poet, playwright, and novelist. She graduated from Barnard College, and attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. In addition to articles in periodicals such as the *Village Voice*, *Nation*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Review*, she has published several anthologies of her poems, a play, the libretto for an opera, and several novels, including *1959* and the *Maker of Saints*.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains material collected by Thulani Davis from 1967-1997, including correspondence, subject files, writings, photographs, and printed material. Of particular interest are a number of fliers and posters documenting performances, exhibits, lectures, and other events related to African American history and culture in New York City. The collection also includes recordings of interviews Davis conducted with Jesse Jackson during his presidential campaign in 1987-1988, and other individuals including Marion Barry, Andrew Young, Paul Carter Harrison, Roger Wilkins, Ron Walters, Tom Cavanaugh, Kenny Cockerel, and Coleman Young.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Thulani Davis related material

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1979-1987
1	2	Fliers and advertisements
1	3	Subject file, black student movement, 1967
1	4	Writings, "Amistad" [opera libretto], 1997
OP1		Writings, "Anna Deaver Smith," <i>Bomb</i> , Fall 1992
1	5	Writings, "A Graceful Dancer in My Living Room," <i>Dance Journal</i> , volume 16, number 1, 1998
1	6	Writings, "An Interview with Helen Elaine Lee," <i>Callaloo</i> , volume 19, number 2, 1996
1	7	Writings, "Jessica," 1993
1	8	Writings, "The Life and Times of Malcolm X," [opera libretto], 1986

### Collected writings of others

1	9	Bearden, Romare, remarks at opening of Adger Cowans exhibit
1	10	Boggs, James and Xavier Nicholas, "Questions of the American Revolution," 1973
1	11	Cruz, Emilio, "The Reflective Organism," 1988
1	12	Harrison, Paul Carter, "Abercrombie Apocalypse"
1	13	Harrison, Paul Carter, "Ameri / Cain Gothic," 1985
1	14	Harrison, Paul Carter, "The Death of Boogie Woogie," 1975
1	15	Harrison, Paul Carter, "Pavane"
1	16	Harrison, Paul Carter, "Tabernacle"
1	17	Harrison, Paul Carter, "Tophat"
1	18	Montgomery, Vera
1	19	Nelson, Stanley, "Madame C.J. Walker: A Documentary Film" [prospectus]
1	20	Unidentified writings
1	21	Unidentified writings

### Collected material

OP2		Campaign poster, Jesse Jackson for U.S. Senate
2	1	Fliers and programs, activism
2	2	Fliers and programs, conferences
2	3	Fliers and programs, dance
2	4	Fliers and programs, festivals
OP3		Fliers and programs, festivals
2	5	Fliers and programs, film

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| 2   | 6  | Fliers and programs, literature and poetry                                    |
| OP4 |    | Fliers and programs, literature and poetry                                    |
| 2   | 7  | Fliers and programs, music  |
| 2   | 8  | Fliers and programs, music [continued]  |
| OP5 |    | Fliers and programs, music  |
| 2   | 9  | Fliers and programs, theater  |
| OP6 |    | Fliers and programs, theater  |
| 2   | 10 | Fliers and programs, The East, Brooklyn                                       |
| OP7 |    | Fliers and programs, The East, Brooklyn                                       |
| 2   | 11 | Fliers and programs, visual arts  |
| 3   | 1  | Fliers and programs, workshops and classes                                    |
| 3   | 2  | Photograph, Barboza, Anthony, "Self Portrait 1982"                            |
| 3   | 3  | Photograph, Sly and the Family Stone  |
| 3   | 4  | Photograph, Taylor, Cecil and Dianne McIntyre, Sounds in Motion Dance Company |
| 3   | 5  | Newspaper clippings, 1978-1982  |

### **Audiovisual material**

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| 4 | "Birds from the Hidden Planet," February 11, 1987 [cassette recording]   |
| 4 | "Black Journalists," Schomburg Center, October 11, 1987 [cassette recording]   |
| 4 | "Black Journalists," Schomburg Center, October 11, 1987 [cassette recording]   |
| 4 | "Fanfare for the Warriors," parts I and II [reel-to-reel recording]  |
| 4 | "Fanfare for the Warriors," parts III and IV [reel-to-reel recording]  |
| 4 | "Fanfare for the Warriors," part I [reel-to-reel recording]  |
| 4 | "Fanfare for the Warriors," part II [reel-to-reel recording]   |
| 4 | "Fanfare for the Warriors," part III [reel-to-reel recording]  |
| 4 | "Fanfare for the Warriors," part IV [reel-to-reel recording]   |
| 4 | "The Kitchen," 1981 [reel-to-reel recording]   |
| 4 | Barry, Marion, Interview, 1984 [cassette recording]  |
| 4 | Choy, Christine, Interview [cassette recording]  |
| 4 | Cavanaugh, Tom, Interview, 1984 [cassette recording]   |
| 4 | Cavanaugh, Tom and Roger Williams, Interview, 1984 [cassette recording]  |
| 4 | Cockerel, Kenny, Interview, 1984 [cassette recording]  |
| 4 | Donaldson, Jeff, Interview, 1984 [cassette recording]  |
| 4 | Harrison, Paul Carter, Interview, August 13, 1987 [cassette recording]   |
| 4 | Jackson, Jessie, Interview, December 5, 1987<br>[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62h3][Digital/<br>digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62qx] |
| 4 | Jackson, Jessie, Speech, December 6, 1987  |

- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62nn][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62ft]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Speech, Macon, Georgia, February 22, 1988  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62kc][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62cj]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, 8th Street Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia, speech, February 22, 1988  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62gz][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62dp]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Interview (not Jackson) and speech, Alabama and Salem Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, February 1988  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62tb][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62r2]
- 4 Jackson, Jesse, (1) Speech, Asheville, North Carolina, February 24, 1988 and (2) Speech, Asheville High School, North Carolina, February 24, 1988 (1 of 2)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d62mh][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d68qj]
- 4 Jackson, Jesse, Speech, Asheville High School, North Carolina, February 24, 1988 (2 of 2)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d68pd]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Interview, April 7, 1988 (1 of 2)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d642h][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d63z0]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Interview, April 7, 1988 (2 of 2)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d63vk]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Campaign rally, July 17, 1988  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d645x]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Interview, September 1988  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d641c][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d63wq]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Interview, June 13, 1989  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d644s][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d643n]
- 4 Jackson, Jessie, Dunbar High School Commencement speech, June 13, 1989  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d6407]
- 4 Jeffreys, Garland, Interview, February 1981 [cassette recording]
- 4 Young, Andrew, Interview, February 13, 1984  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id d63xv]
- 4 Young, Coleman, Interview, January 18, 1984 [cassette recording]
- 4 Young, Coleman, Interview, January 18, 1984 [cassette recording]
- 4 Walters, Ron, Interview, 1988 [cassette recording]
- 4 Wilkins, Roger and Kane [?], Interview, 1984 [cassette recording]