

GILBERT, CHRISTOPHER, 1949-2007.

Christopher Gilbert papers, circa 1970-2009

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Creator: Gilbert, Christopher, 1949-2007.
Title: Christopher Gilbert papers, circa 1970-2009
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1346
Extent: 8.25 linear feet (11 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), AV Masters: .5 linear feet (1 box), and 90 MB born digital material (503 files)
Abstract: Papers of African American poet and educator Christopher Gilbert including correspondence, personal papers, clippings, fliers, poetry by Gilbert, teaching files, and files relating to Gilbert's graduate study.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Processing

Arranged and described at the box level by Sarah Quigley, November 2015.

Born digital materials processed, arranged, and described by Brenna Edwards, 2020. Born digital materials include files taken from six 3.5" floppy disks, three optical discs, and one external hard drive.

Forensic disk images were created from the floppy disks using Kryoflux, and from the optical discs and hard drive using GuyMager. Individual files were extracted using FTK Imager and scanned for viruses using McAfee's anti-virus software; none were found. Duplicate and system files have been removed, and files were scanned for personally identifiable information; none were found. Text-based files were migrated to PDF using Adobe Acrobat and image files were migrated to JPG using Microsoft Paint. File dates have been changed from the original creation date. Access copies retain original folder titles and file names.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Christopher Gilbert was born on August 1, 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama, to Floyd and Rosie (Walker) Gilbert. He grew up in Lansing, Michigan, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) in 1972. In 1986, he received a Ph.D. in psychology from Clark University (Worcester, Massachusetts). He published a volume of poetry, *Across the Mutual Landscape*, in 1984, which won the Walt Whitman Prize. He taught African American literature and psychology courses at Goddard College (Plainfield, Vermont), Clark Atlanta University (Georgia), and Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island). Gilbert died in 2007.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Christopher Gilbert from circa 1970-2009, and includes correspondence, personal papers, clippings, fliers, poetry by Gilbert, teaching files, and files relating to Gilbert's graduate study. Correspondence is primarily professional in nature and includes letters from poets and scholars including Rita Dove, Mary Fell, Denise Levertov, and Mark Pawlak. Files documenting Gilbert's graduate education and teaching career include syllabi, assigned readings, research material, and university administrative documents. Poetry by Gilbert contains drafts of several unpublished or self-published works, as well as proofs of his seminal *Across the Mutual Landscape*. Clippings and fliers document Gilbert's readings and publications, as well as his research interests in psychology and African American literature. Born digital materials include photographs, teaching materials, and writings.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	Correspondence
11	-	Correspondence
1	-	Personal papers
1	-	Clippings
7	-	Clippings and articles
1	-	Fliers
2	-	Grant and fellowship applications
2	-	Poetry by Gilbert: <i>Demos/Fabrications</i>
2	-	Poetry by Gilbert: <i>Into the Into</i>
3	-	Poetry by Gilbert: <i>Across the Mutual Landscape</i>
3	-	Poetry by Gilbert: <i>Myth(s)</i>
3	-	Poetry by Gilbert: Loose and unidentified
11		Poetry by Gilbert: Loose and unidentified
OP1	1	Poetry by Gilbert: "Wall," broadside
3	-	Essays by Gilbert
3	-	Notebooks
10	-	Teaching files: Bristol Community College (Fall River, Massachusetts)
10	-	Teaching files: Goddard College (Plainfield, Vermont)
3	-	Teaching files: Goddard College (Plainfield, Vermont)
4	-	Teaching files: Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, Georgia)
11	-	Teaching files: General
4	-	Graduate coursework and research
5	-	Graduate coursework and research
6	-	Graduate coursework and research
7	-	Graduate coursework and research
RRL		Access copies of processed born digital material [Reading room access ONLY]
AV1	-	Audiovisual and born digital material
8	-	Teaching files: Student records [RESTRICTED]
9	-	Teaching files: Student records [RESTRICTED]
