

# MARTINEZ, ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND, 1925- Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee collection 1964-1989

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## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Martinez, Elizabeth Sutherland, 1925-  
**Title:** Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee collection 1964-1989  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1270  
**Extent:** .5 linear feet (1 box) and AV Masters: .25 linear foot (CLP4)  
**Abstract:** Records of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee collected by civil rights activist, Elizabeth "Betita" Martínez including memoranda, correspondence, research papers, printed material, and press releases.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Source

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### Processing

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## **Collection Description**

### **Historical Note**

The Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was organized in 1960 and was a prominent body in the American Civil Rights Movement. SNCC is best known for organizing voter registration drives in the South, and led various sit ins around the South. They played a major role in the Freedom Rides (1961) as well as being leaders in the 1963 March on Washington, the Mississippi Freedom Summer (1964) and coordination with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Elizabeth "Betita" Martínez (1925-) was the coordinator of the SNCC New York office in the 1960s.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of records of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee from 1964-1989, collected by Elizabeth "Betita" Martínez, the coordinator of the New York, New York office. The materials include correspondence, research and position papers, progress reports of activities, printed material, minutes and memoranda, and a poem. Correspondence contains letters from Martinez to Stokely Carmichael, Ivanhoe Donaldson, Phil Hutchings, Julius Lester, and other SNCC workers, as well as an undated letter to Stokely Carmichael from Allen Ginsberg. A folder of material relating to Mississippi Freedom Summer, 1964 includes minutes, notes on Greenwood and Hattiesburg, and names of volunteers. Research and position papers cover topics such as women's rights and southern areas where civil rights abuses occurred including Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi. There is also a progress report on challenges the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party faced in congress. Printed material contains newspaper clippings contain articles about Stokely Carmichael, chairman of SNCC from 1966-1967, and about SNCC and the Black Panthers, as well as newsletters, pamphlets, and congressional reports. There are minutes and memoranda from the organization from 1964-1968 and a poem entitled "Band of Brothers" about the Freedom Riders.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, 1963-1969
1	2	Correspondence, no date
1	3	Excerpt, "Get Home Free" by John Clellan Holmes
1	4	Freedom Summer, Mississippi, 1964
1	5	Letterhead, Congress of Black Writers, circa 1969
1	6	Minutes and memoranda, 1964-1968, no date
1	7	Notes, no date
1	8	Photocopies, SNCC microfilm, no date
1	9	Poem, Band of Brothers, December 22, 1964
1	10	Press releases and open letters, 1964-1965, 1968
1	11	Printed material, Congressional records, January 4, 1965, no date
1	12	Printed material, Lorraine Hansberry funeral service program, 1965
1	13	Printed material, newsletters, 1965, 1968
1	14	Printed material, newspaper clippings, Stokely Carmichael, 1966-1971
1	15	Printed material, newspaper clippings, Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, 1964-1968, no date
1	16	Printed material, pamphlets, no date
1	17	Printed material, SNCC and the Black Panthers, 1968-1971
1	18	Printed material, SNCC reunion, 1989
1	19	Research papers and progress reports, 1965, no date
1	20	Transcript, Fannie Lou Hamer interview, 1964
CLP4 -		<i>Freedom in the Air: a Documentary on Albany, Georgia</i> , produced by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (Atlanta, Georgia)

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