VETERANS OF HOPE PROJECT.
Veterans of Hope Project records, 1995-2015

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Creator: Veterans of Hope Project.
Title: Veterans of Hope Project records, 1995-2015
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1293
Extent: 56 linear feet (56 boxes) and 9 GB born digital material (14,843 files)(.5 linear feet, 1 box)
Abstract: Records of the Veterans of Hope Project including administrative records, sound and video recordings of interviews with human rights activists, and born digital material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Related Materials in This Repository
Vincent Harding papers, 1952-2014

Source
Gift of Rachel Harding, 2014.

Custodial History
This collection was stored in Vincent Harding's offices at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Manuscript Archivist Sarah Quigley and Head of Digital Archives Erika Farr packed the audiovisual material in April 2014 and the project records in April 2015. Both sets of material were shipped directly to the Rose Library after packing.

Citation
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Appraisal Note
Acquired by Curator of African American collections Randall Burkett as part of the Rose Library's holdings in African American history and the Civil Rights Movement.

Processing
Arranged and described at the item and box levels by Sarah Quigley, April 2014 and April 2015. Series 1 processed by Hannah Stubblefield, May 2022.

Born digital materials processed, arranged, and described by Brenna Edwards, 2020. Born digital materials include files taken from one 3.5” floppy disk, one external hard drive, and one file transfer. For information as to how these materials were processed, see the processing note in the description of series 3, Born digital material.

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Collection Description

Historical Note
The Veterans of Hope Project was founded by Vincent and Rosemarie Freeney Harding in 1997. The Hardings, along with their daughter Rachel, conducted interviews with human rights activists and social activists from around the world. Vincent and Rosemarie Freeney Harding worked in the Southern Freedom Movement to help teach and organize major campaigns for
the movement. Relocating to Atlanta, Georgia, the Harding’s became involved with several organizations throughout the South such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Congress of Racial Leadership (CORE), and Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR). The Harding’s central focus was to teach non-violence, encourage and mentor movement participants, and explore pathways to racial justice. In 1979, the Harding’s held their first retreat that would become the motivation for intergenerational storytelling as the foundation of the Veterans of Hope Project. The Harding’s relocated to Denver, Colorado in 1981 where Vincent held a faculty position at the Iliff School of Theology. This transition allowed the Harding’s to expand their network to embrace other experiences of American Indian, Asian, and Chicano/Latino partners in social justice movements. These individuals were human rights activists before, during, and after the Southern Freedom Movement of the 1960s (Civil Rights Movement). These individuals are for whom the project is named "Veterans" as documenting and sharing the stories of elder activists: people who are veterans of grassroots struggles for freedom, peace, and human rights. Originally named the Gandhi-Hamer-King Center, the Veterans of Hope Project was founded post-Southern Freedom Movement in Colorado at the Iliff School of Theology. The interviews reflect relationships formed with individuals that were directly involved in the Southern Freedom Movement and other notable individuals who have participated in activism movements for different communities and cultures post 1960s Southern Freedom Movement. These movements include but are not limited to anti-apartheid in South Africa, Chicano, Environmental Justice, Mayan & Chiapas, Jewish Diaspora, Viet Minh, and American Indian. The Harding’s also developed educational curricula that emphasized nonviolence and peaceful reconciliation in social justice work; and organized workshops, symposia, and multiple youth events that offered training in nonviolence and leadership development.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the records of the Veterans of Hope Project from circa 1997-2014, including videotaped interviews with numerous human rights activists and artists such as John Biggers, Anne Braden, Elizabeth Catlett, James Foreman, Carol King, James Lawson, Bob Moses, Wallace Deen Muhammed, Sonia Sanchez, Achaan Sulak Sivaraksa, C.T. Vivian, Andrew Young and others. There are also recordings of Veterans of Hope Project events such as the grand opening of the Gandhi-Hamer-King Center, elder retreats, and youth-oriented programs such as Ambassadors of Hope and other summer programs. Administrative records include correspondence between staff and the activists they interviewed, as well as correspondence with supporters of the project, granting agencies, and others. Also present are financial records and grant files, promotional material, program files, meeting minutes and agendas, and transcripts of interviews.

Arrangement Note
Organized into three series: (1) Interviews and event recordings, (2) Veterans of Hope Project records, and (3) Born digital material.

Finding Aid Note
The original inventory of interviews and other recordings created by Veterans of Hope Project staff is available from the repository by request.
Description of Series

Series 1: Interviews and event recordings, circa 1997-2014
Series 2: Veterans of Hope Project records, circa 1997-2014
Series 3: Born digital material, 1995-2015
Series 1
Interviews and event recordings, circa 1997-2014
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Scope and Content Note
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Arrangement Note
Oral histories are arranged in alphabetical order. Events are arranged in chronological order.

Finding Aid Note
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Restrictions on Access
Audiovisual material in this collection has been digitized. The material is available in Emory's instance of Aviary, but is not currently part of Emory's digital repository. Oral histories were filmed with two cameras as noted "A-Roll" and "B-Roll". A-Roll materials are the principle footage available in Aviary. B-Roll materials are secondary footage and is available to researchers upon request. There are some materials in Aviary that have access restrictions due to copyright. Researchers wishing to access these materials must contact the Rose Library at least two weeks in advance for access to these items. Collection restrictions, copyright limitations, or technical complications may hinder the Rose Library's ability to provide access to audiovisual material.

Additional Physical Form
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Processing Information
Audio visual files were downloaded from corresponding drives using XCopy onto a local drive. Write blocker was used for preservation and security of the original files. The files are organized by unique identifiers and were reconciled with the collection inventory prior to ingesting into Emory’s instance of Aviary. Oral histories were filmed with two cameras as noted "A-Roll" and "B-Roll". A-Roll materials are the principal footage available in Aviary. B-Roll materials are secondary footage. In some instances when A-roll was not available, the B-roll file was uploaded. Box numbers represent location for Master Betacams. For location of original Mini-Dvs see inventory in CL-2 file. Oral histories and event recordings were ingested into Aviary using local drive. Resource metadata was created in Aviary for each intellectual object. Web
sources used to provide contextual notes for each individual interviewee include Wikipedia, Veterans of Hope Project, and personal websites. Note the sequence of events was often unclear and were uploaded accordingly. Note that some of the event videos were created by participants of a program and may be of poor quality. Processed by Hannah Stubblefield, May 2022.

### Oral Histories

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<td>Alejandrez, Daniel (Nane) [original: Mini-DV], B1, B4, 2010, May 19 Daniel “Nane” Alejandrez (1949-) is the founder of Barrios Unidos, in Santa Cruz, California. It is a violence prevention organization dedicated to at-risk youth and opportunities for former prisoners. This organization grew out of his participation in the Chicano rights, civil rights, and peace movements during the 1960s. He serves as the co-chair of the Urban Peace and Justice Summit.</td>
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<td>Bellamy, Fay Powell [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4 (May 15, AM), B1-B5 (May 15, PM), B1-B4 (May 16), 2000, May 15-16 Fay Bellamy Powell (1938-2013) was a civil rights activist and organizer for the Freedom Movement, in Alabama and Georgia. She was a former service member of the United States Air Force and was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She went on to serve at the Institute of the Black World and was a founder of the National Anti-Klan Network known today as the Center for Democratic Renewal.</td>
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<td>Betts, Donnie [original: Mini-DV], undated [Resource available online] Donnie L. Betts (1944-) has been involved in theatre, film, radio, and video. He produces and directs the award-winning radio series “Destination Freedom/Black Radio Dayes” which tells the stories of Black heroes before the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.</td>
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<td>Biggers, John [original: Mini-DV] [Master: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (December 5), B6-B9 (December 6) 1999, December 5-6 John T. Biggers (1924-2001) was an African American muralist. His works were critical of racial and economic injustice toward African American communities as well as a synthesis of African religion and diaspora.</td>
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Boggs, Grace Lee [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5 (June 22), A1-A5 (June 23), 1998, June 22-23
[Resource available online]

Boggs, Grace Lee [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (June 22), B1-B5 (June 23), 1998, June 22-23
Grace Lee Boggs (1915-2015) was a Chinese American author, activist, socialist, and feminist. She worked in urban organizing and authored several works on social transformation. She was a member of the National Organization for American Revolution and was a key figure in the Asian American Movement.

Boggs, Grace Lee [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (June 22), B1-B5 (June 23), 1998, June 22-23

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Braden, Anne [original: Mini-DV] [Master: Betacam SP], A1-A4 (October 10), A1-A6 (October 11), 1997, October 10-11
[Resource available online]

Braden, Anne [original: Mini-DV] [Master: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (October 10), B1-B6 (October 11), 1997, October 10-11
Anne Braden (1994-2006) was a civil rights activist, journalist, and educator from Louisville, Kentucky. She participated in the protest of Willie McGee’s conviction and sentencing in Mississippi and was later charged with sedition during the McCarthy era. The University of Louisville established the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research that opened in 2007.

Bunseki, Fukiar [original: HI-8 MP], 2003, May 31
[Resource available online]
Kimbwandènde Kia Bunseki Fu-Kiau (1934-) is a scholar of African history and culture, particularly that of the Congo. He has written several works on the topic and founded the Institute Luyalungunu Lwa Kumba-Nsi located in his hometown, Manianga, Congo.

Carrasco, David [original: Mini-DV], A1-A3, 2005, June 21
[Resource available online]

Carrasco, David [original: Mini-DV], A1-A2, 2005, June 28
[Resource available online]
David Carrasco (1944-) is an American academic, historian of religion, anthropologist, and Mesoamericanist. He served as a professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and now serves as a professor at Harvard University. He grew up during racial segregation through integration and finds that these experiences influence his work/life today.

[Resource available online]

Catlett, Elizabeth [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (March 12), B1-B5 (March 13), 2003, March 12-13
Elizabeth Catlett (1915-2012) was a renowned sculptor and print maker. Working in Mexico and then the United States, her artwork focused on social justice and activism. In the 20th century much of her work depicted the Black American experience.

Dorothy F. Cotton (1930-2018) was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1960s. Cotton was a colleague of Martin Luther King, Jr., and member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) serving as its Educational Director. She helped develop and lead the Citizenship Education Program which focused on teaching voter registration requirements.

Constance Curry (1933-2020) was an American civil rights activist, educator, and writer. She was the first white woman to serve on the executive committee of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She served as a representative for the American Friends Services Committee and was the director of human services for the city of Atlanta.

Vine Deloria, Jr. (1933-2005) was an author, theologian, historian, and activist for Native American rights. He served as the Executive Director of the National Congress for Native Americans. He was a professor at the University of Arizona establishing the first master's program in American Indian Studies in the United States.

Ruth Denny (1920-2012) was a Presbyterian leader and community organizer in Denver, Colorado. She served as the director of the Denver chapter of the
Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) during the 1960s and was a participant in a wide range of civil rights activities. While working as an educator, she helped to desegregate the education system in Denver.

- Dozier, Mildred [original: Mini-DV], A1-A2, 2009, November 1 [Resource available online]

Mildred Dozier (1919-2013) was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Women’s Army Corp. She was the eldest sister to Rosemarie Harding and a founding board member of the Veterans of Hope Project. She was active in school reform in Chicago and was the first African American president for the Chicago PTA.

- Dunham, Katherine [original: Mini-DV], A1-A3 (February 27), A1-A3 (February 28), 2003, February 27-28 [Resource available online]

Katherine Dunham (1909-2006) was an American dancer and activist. A distinguished dancer of the 20th century, Dunham founded the Katherine Dunham Dance Company. The company performed across the segregated south during the 1960s. She pioneered the intersection of dance and anthropology as she saw dance as a way to understand other cultures.


Julia Acosta Esquivel (1930-2009) was a Guatemalan poet, theologian, and peace activist. She sought justice for Indigenous Mayan people in Central America through nonviolent conflict resolution.
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<td>James L. Farmer, Jr. (1920-1999) was a civil rights activist and key leader during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. He was a colleague of Martin Luther King, Jr. He was the initiator and organizer of the first freedom ride in 1961 and was the co-founder of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE). In 1989, President Bill Clinton awarded Farmer the Presidential Medal of Freedom.</td>
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<td>Tom Feelings (1933-2003) was an American cartoonist, illustrator, and activist. Much of his work focused on the African American experience and he won several awards for his artistic contributions to children's books.</td>
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<td>James Foreman (1928-2005) was a prominent leader during the Civil Rights Movement. He served as the executive secretary for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) for five years. He was also active in the Black Panther Party and the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. He participated in freedom rides, the Albany Movement, the Birmingham Campaign, and numerous marches. After the 1960s, Foreman continued in the fight for social and economic equality.</td>
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<td>Marceline Freeman (1955-2010) was the principal dancer and rehearsal director for the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company in Denver, Colorado. She taught in countries around the world. For four decades, Freeman used her gift to tell stories expressing power, beauty, and passion that inspired the Cleo Parker Dance ensemble.</td>
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Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales (1928-2005) was a poet and activist. He was a leader in the National Chicano Movement in the 1960s and 1970s. Together with his wife, they created the Denver-based Crusade for Justice and worked for the United Farm Workers for America as well as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference’s (SCLC) Poor People's Campaign during the 1960s. Rodolfo also founded the Escuela Tlatelolco in Denver which supports the education of Chicano and Native American youth.

Rudy Nita Gonzales is the daughter of Rodolpho Gonzales and serves as the president/CEO of the school her father founded in Colorado, Escuela Tlatelolco. She is an activist and advocate for Chicano and Mexican youth.

Lorraine Granado (1948-2019) was a recognized peace and justice organizer and activist, central to Denver, Colorado. She was active in advocating on issues such as environmental justice and the empowerment of poor communities. She was the co-founder of Colorado People’s Environmental and Economic Network as well as the Cross Community Coalition.

Maria Guajardo (1959-) is an American educator and advocate for children, families, and Latino communities' civil rights. She has served as director of several non-profits with programs that engage communities in education and culture activism. She was inducted into the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame in 2010.

Prathia LauraAnn Hall (1940-2002) was a leader and activist during the Civil Rights Movement. She was one of the first ordained women in the American Baptist Association. She was a member of the Student Nonviolent
Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and an inspiration behind Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I have a Dream” speech.

[Resource available online]

26 - Harding, Vincent [original: Betacamp SP], B1-B5 (June 17), B1-B5 (June 18), 1998, June 17-18

Vincent Harding (1931-2014) was a historian, theologian, and advocate for social justice. He focused his teachings on nonviolence during the Civil Rights Movement and was involved in several organizations such as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Congress of Racial Equality amongst others. Harding founded the Veterans of Hope Project and was the founding Director of the Institute of the Black World. He was a professor at the Iliff School of Theology.

[Resource available online]

6 - Hargraves, J. Archie [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4 (February 26), B1-B4 (February 27), 1999, February 26-27

James Archie Hargrave (1916-2003) was an urban minister and church leader. He co-founded the East Harlem Protestant Parish in 1948 which was an interdenominational ministry providing leadership in developing community life and was a key example of ecumenical ministry. Hargrave also co-founded the Westside Organization, serving as an example of community-based organizations. He also served as the president of Shaw University.

7 - Heschel, Susannah [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5, 2004, May 4
[Resource available online]

7 - Heschel, Susannah [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5, 2004, May 4

Susannah Heschel (1956-) is an American scholar and professor at Dartmouth specializing in Jewish Studies. Her father, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, was a friend and colleague of Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement. This relationship has served as inspiration for her work.

[Resource available online]

7 - Hill, Robert [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (March 29), B1-B4 (March 30), 2001, March 29-30

Robert Bernard Hill (1938-) is an American sociologist and advocate for African American equality and civil rights. He is associated with the City Colleges of New York and a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Hill also served as a researcher for the National Urban League in 1969.
[Resource available online]

Dolores Huerta (1930-) is an American labor leader and civil rights activist. She co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (now United Farm Workers). She has been an advocate for the Latino community, immigrants, workers,’ and women’s rights. Dolores was the first Latina to be inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame in 1993.

[Resource available online]

Ginni Ishimatsu is a professor of Religious and Asian Studies at the University of Colorado, Denver. Her research and specialization are Hindu religious and ritual traditions.

Jackson Gray Adams, Victoria [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5 (October 18), A1-A7 (October 19), 1999, October 18-19
[Resource available online]

Victoria Gray Adams (1926-2006) was an American civil rights activist. She was a founding member of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) and the secretary for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Additionally, Adams founded the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) which served as a coalition for all freedom organizations in the Civil Rights Movement.

Jackson, Marion and Carol King [original: Betacam SP], 1-5, 2001, April 26
[Resource available online]

Jackson, Marion [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5, 2001, April 25
[Resource available online]

Jackson, Marion [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5, 2001, April 25
[Resource available online]

Marion Jackson King (1932-2007) was one of the founders and organizers of the Albany Movement in Southwest Georgia in the 1960s. She served alongside her husband, Slater King, who served as vice president of the movement. Marion was a lawyer and mediator in the state of Georgia.

Johnson, Nelson [original: Betacam SP], A1-A7, undated
[Resource available online]

Johnson, Nelson [original: Betacam SP], B1-B7, undated
Nelson Johnson (1943-) is a pastor and civil rights activist. He was a leader in the African American student movement in the 1960s and was co-founder of the Malcolm X Liberation University. He is active in issues such as homelessness and poverty, particularly in Greensboro, North Carolina, community. He founded the Greensboro Association for Poor People (GAPP).

23 - Johnson-Reagon, Bernice [original: Betacam SP], A1-A6, 1997, October 27
[Resource available online]

Bernice Johnson Reagon (1942-) is a musician and historian of African American religious music as well as a human rights activist. She was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) as one of their Freedom Singers during the Civil Rights Movement. She is the founder of Sweet Honey in the Rock, a Black women’s acapella ensemble that utilizes music and singing as an avenue for activism.

25 - Johnson-Reagon, Bernice and Young, Andrew [original: Betacam SP], 1, 1999, October
[Resource available online]

Donna Jones was pastor of Cookman United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. She was engaged in local and national efforts for restorative justice as well as transformative social action. She serves as the president and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Emerging Ministries Corporation.

8 - King, Carol [original: Betacam SP], A1-A6, 2001, April 24
[Resource available online]

Carol R. King (1927-2007) was an educator and community organizer. She was widow to Chevene Bowers (CB) King who was the first African American to run for governor in Georgia. She was a leader in the Albany Movement during the 1960s and served as director of Head Start Southwest Georgia which is a network of publicly funded daycares.

8 - King, Edwin [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5, 2001, April 24
[Resource available online]

Reverend Edwin King (1936-) is a United Methodist minister. He was a key figure in the Civil Rights Movement and events taking place in Mississippi, specifically the Freedom Summer Project. He participated in the Woolworth
sit-in in Jackson in 1963 and was a cofounder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP).

[Resource available online]

10 - Lawson, James [original: Betacam SP], B1, B1-B3 (June 29), B2, B4-B5, 1-3 (June 30), 1998, June 29-30

James M. Lawson (1928-) is an American activist and professor. He was a leading theoretician and tactician for non-violent activism during the Civil Rights Movement. He served as the southern director for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and was an active leader in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). James was a mentor to students on tactics of nonviolent actions.

[Resource available online]

10 - Lawson, James [original: Betacam SP], B3-B5, 1998, June 1

[Resource available online]

18 - Long, Charles [original: Betacam SP], B1-B6 (July 18), B1-B5 (July 21), 2000, July 18 and 21

Charles H. Long (1926-2020) was a scholar of African American religious history in the United States. He was a founding member of the Society for the Study of Black Religion. He also served as the president of American Academy of Religion.

10 - Lynd, Alice and Staughton [original: Betacam SP], A1-A4 (October 31), A1-A5 (November 1), 1997, October 31 and November 1
[Resource available online]

10 - Lynd, Alice and Staughton [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4 (October 31), B1-B5 (November 1), 1997, October 31 and November 1

Staughton and Alice Lynd (1929/1930-) are peace activists, Quakers, and authors. They have worked on many labor and pacifist projects together. Staughton was the director of the Freedom Schools for the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project (SNCC) during the Civil Rights Movement. They organized the first march against the Vietnam War in Washington D.C., conducted oral histories of the working class in Chicago, and became labor attorneys representing union workers disputes Vietnam War, Cold War, voting rights, and more.

28 - Maguire, John [original: Mini-DV], A1-A3 (March 10), A5-A7 (March 11), 2009, March 10-11
[Resource available online]
Maguire, John [original: Mini-DV], B1-B3 (March 10), B5-B7 (March 11), 2009, March 10-11
John David Maguire (1932-2018) was a social activist during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s and colleague of Martin Luther King, Jr. He participated in one of the first freedom rides. He organized and led several initiatives on race and democracy, specifically in higher academic institutions where he developed more inclusive college admissions standards. He was President Emeritus and senior fellow of the Institute for Democratic Renewal at Claremont Graduate University.

Marie, Rene [original: Mini-DV], 1-2, 2009, February 12
[Rene Marie (1955-) is an American jazz singer and songwriter. She grew up in the segregated south and found her music to be an avenue for social activism.

[Resource available online]
Charles McDew (1948-2018) was an American activist during the Civil Rights Movement. He served as the chairman for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) for three years in the 1960s. He was involved in community-building work for more than six decades.

[Resource available online]
Robert Moses (1935-2021) was an organizer and activist during the Civil Rights Movement. He was a primary leader-organizer of the Mississippi Freedom Movement of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which sought to educate Black communities on voter registration. He also founded the Algebra Project.

[Resource available online]
Es'kia Mphahlele (1919-2008) was a South African writer and activist. He is one of the founding fathers of modern African literature and is celebrated as the “Father of African Humanism.”

Muhammad, Warith Deen (Imam) [original: Betacam SP], A1-A4, 2000, April 20
Muhammad, Warith Deen (Imam) [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4, 2000, April 20
Wallace Deen Muhammad (1933-2008) was the son of the founder and leader
of the Nation of Islam (NOI). He served in the Nation of Islam (NOI) from his
youth bringing reform to the Nation through racial inclusiveness and interfaith
cooperation. He was the leader of the Muslim American Society in Chicago.

Muhammad, Warith Deen (Imam) [original: Betacam SP], A1-A4, 2000,
December 9

Noel, Rachel [original: Betacam SP], A1-A4 (October 5), A2-A5 (October 6),
1998, October 5-6

Noel, Rachel [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4 (October 5), B1-B5 (October 6),
1998, October 5-6

Rachel Noel (1918-2008) was an educator and activist. She was a leader in
the effort to desegregate the public school system in Denver, Colorado in
the 1960s and 1970s—the legislation is known as the “Noel Resolution.”
Resolution 1520 called for an immediate end to de facto segregation in Denver
public schools, closing overpopulated schools for minorities to integrate, and
called for textbooks that included minority people’s histories. She was the first
African American on the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado.

Valnizia Pereira Oliveira (1959-) is an activist, organizer, and chief priestess
of the Terreiro do Cobre Candomblé temple in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.
She received her religious training and education at the oldest recognized
Candomblé temple in Brazil. She is active in encouraging inter-faith dialogue
among various faiths.

Peters, James [original: Mini-DV], A1-A3 (September 22), A4-A6 (September
23), 2009, September 22-23

James Peters is a pastor and human rights activist. He was a founding member
of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and an associate to
Martin Luther King, Jr. He was pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Denver,
Colorado, and was also a member of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.
In his years of service and activism, he has focused on combining faith with social justice.

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Valdinia Pereira Pinto (1943-) is an activist, organizer, and educator in Nzo Oniboyá Candomble community in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. She has organized citizenship education projects, worked to have the value of African religions recognized in Brazil, and is an environmental justice activist.

19 - Pinto, Valdina Part 2 [original: Mini-DV] [Master: Betacam SP], A1-A2, 2001, March 9
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19 - Pinto, Valdina Part 2 [original: Mini-DV] [Master: Betacam SP], B1-B2, 2001, March 9

29 - Pinto, Valdina Part 3 [original: HI-8 MP], A-1, 2001, March 21
[Resource available online]

29 - Pinto, Valdina Part 4 [original: HI-8 MP], A-2, 2001, March 22
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[Resource available online]

28 - Robinson, Cleo Parker [original: Mini-DV], B1-B3 (November 5), B1-B2 (November 7), 2006, November 5 and 7
Cleo Parker Robinson (1948-) is a choreographer, teacher, and social justice worker. She studied dance under Katherine Dunham and founded the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance company in Denver, Colorado in the 1970s. Her dance ensemble has gained international recognition because of Robinson’s desire to educate audiences on African American culture and history.

16 - Robinson, Randall [original: Betacam SP], A1-A6, 2001, March 11
[Resource available online]

16 - Robinson, Randall [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5, 2001, March 11
Randall Robinson (1940-) is an African American lawyer, author, and activist. He founded the TransAfrica Forum, an institution dedicated to research and education for the African American community on African diaspora. He was active in his opposition to South African Apartheid and an advocate for Haitian immigrants.

13 - Ruiz, Don Samuel (Bishop) [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5, 2000, October 15
[Resource available online]

13 - Ruiz, Don Samuel (Bishop) [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5, 2000, October 15
Samuel Garcia Ruiz (1924-2011) was a Mexican Catholic who served as bishop of the Diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas for four decades. He was a mediator during the conflict between the Zapatista Army of National Liberation and the Industrial Revolution party. He was an advocate for the rights of Indigenous Mayan and Chiapas people.

Ruby Sales (1948-) is an African American social justice activist and theologian who was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the 1960s. She participated in the Selma to Montgomery (Alabama) marches. Ruby is the founder and director of Spirit House, a center for community transformation in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonia Sanchez (1934-) is a poet, playwright, and essayist. Sanchez has worked as an artist-activist-educator in the Black arts movement, the women’s movement, and various human rights struggles. She is a member of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) and of the Nation of Islam.

Rabbi Zalman Schachter (1924-2014) was one of the founders of the Jewish Renewal Movement and an innovator in ecumenical dialogue. He was a professor at the University of Manitoba and a scholar of the Jewish diaspora.
Schachter was most interested and active in studying how Jewish people survived with their culture intact. He was an advocate for interfaith dialogue.

[Resource available online]

13 - Sherrod, Charles [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (June 23), B1-B5 (June 24), 1997, June 23-24
Charles Sherrod (1937-) is a preacher and activist. He was a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the Civil Rights Movement. He participated in the Albany Movement in Southwest Georgia. He continues to work in Southwest Georgia in community education.

13-14 - Shuttlesworth, Fred [original: Betacam SP], A1-A4 (November 7), A1-A5 (November 8), 1997, November 7-8
[Resource available online]

13-14 - Shuttlesworth, Fred [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4 (November 7), B1-B5 (November 8), 1997, November 7-8
Fred L. Shuttlesworth (1922-2011) was a minister in Birmingham, Alabama, during the Civil Rights Movement. He co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and was a close colleague to Martin Luther King, Jr. He was an active participant in freedom rides, sit-ins, and various civil rights activities during the 1960s.

14 - Simmons, Michael [original: Betacam SP], A1-A7, 2001, May 18
[Resource available online]

14 - Simmons, Michael [original: Betacam SP], B1-B7, 2001, May 18
Michael Simmons (1945-) is a longtime peace and justice activist. He worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and was arrested for his resistance to the Vietnam War draft. He was active in the Arkansas community for voter registration and in the Atlanta project.

[Resource available online]

14-15 - Simmons, Gwendolyn Zoharah [original: Betacam SP], B1-B5 (June 24), B1-B4 (June 25), 1998, June 24-25
Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons (1944-) is a human rights activist and scholar of women in Islam. She was an active leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) during the 1960s and was a Freedom School teacher in Mississippi. She then joined the Special Committee of the Atlanta Project, headquartered in Vine City, which was dedicated to learning about the problems facing the poor in Atlanta and sought ways to resolve them. While in Atlanta, Simmons helped found several Black political organizations during the 1970s. She is a faculty member at the University of Gainesville, Florida.
Simmons, Gwendolyn Zoharah Special Compilation of Interview [original: Betacam SP], 2, undated
[Resource available online]

Sivaraksa, Achaan Sulak [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5, 1998, April 28
[Resource available online]

Achaan Sulak Sivaraksa (1933-) is a Buddhist teacher, social activist, and pro-democracy leader in Thailand. He has created several institutions centered on leadership development. He teaches and advocates for social transformation based on alternatives to western consumerism. He has published several resources on this subject.

Tillery, Linda [original: Mini-DV], A1-A3, 2006, January 20
[Resource available online]

Linda Tillery (1948-) is an American singer, musician, writer, and arranger of music. In the 1990s she began to explore the roots of music of enslaved Africans and the African diaspora, which has influenced her own music. She is a member of the Cultural Heritage Choir and often provides brief lectures on the history and importance of the music performed by the choir.

[Resource available online]

Ndugu T'Ofori-Atta (1924-2012) was the professor emeritus of church and society at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the founder and director of the Religious Heritage of Africa World Project, a missionary to the former Belgian Congo in the 1960s, and the founding organizer of the Pan African Christian Conference.

[Resource available online]

Tran and Nuong Van Dinh (1928-2013) were leaders in the Viet Minh movement against French Colonialism in Vietnam. Nuong was a well-known painter and print maker whose collections have been seen at the Pushkin Museum and the Library of Congress. They were influenced by the Civil Rights Movement in their own work for justice and peace in their home country.

[Resource available online]
C.T. Vivian (1924-2020) was an American minister, author, and colleague to Martin Luther King, Jr. He participated in sit-ins, freedom rides, and helped found many organizations during the Civil Rights Movement. He founded Project Vision, now Upward Bound, in the mid 1960s which provides underrepresented and low-income students with better opportunities for attending college. Vivian was a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He cofounded alongside Anne Braden the National Anti-Klan Network, known today as the Center for Democratic Renewal.

Wyatt Tee Walker (1920-2018) was a minister, human rights activist, and national authority on African American religious music. He served as the Chief of Staff for Martin Luther King, Jr. and was a board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE).

Wellington E. Webb (1941-) is a politician and activist. He served as the 42nd mayor of Denver, Colorado and was the first African American mayor in the state. His political agenda and projects have focused on parks, public safety, economic development, and childcare programs. He is a frequent lecturer on civic issues.

Andrew Young (1932-) is a politician and activist having started his career as a pastor. He was an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement and served as the Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was a primary strategist for many campaigns in the 1960s and a colleague to Martin Luther King, Jr. In the years after the Civil Rights Movement, Young served as a Congressman for Georgia, US Ambassador to the United Nations under President Jimmy Carter, and was the 55th Mayor of Atlanta.
Events

29 - Education for Liberation and Guest lecturer for Rachel Harding Class [original: HI-8 MP], 1999, February 20

9 - Reverend Edwin King Preaching [original: Betacam SP], Parts 1-3, 1999, November 3

9 - Reverend Edwin King Preaching [original: Betacam SP], Part 4-B roll, 1999, November 3

12 - Panel Discussion with Vincent Harding, Reverend Jesse L. Boyd, Reverend Bill Caldwell, and Carlotta LaNier [original: Betacam SP], A1-A4, 2000, January 26

12 - Panel Discussion with Vincent Harding, Reverend Jesse L. Boyd, Reverend Bill Caldwell, and Carlotta LaNier [original: Betacam SP], B1-B4, 2000, January 26

17 - Andrew Young and Rajmohan Gandhi Visiting Panelists for Halle Institute Emory University Event [original: Betacam SP], A1-A3, 2000, February 7

17 - Andrew Young and Rajmohan Gandhi Visiting Panelists for Halle Institute Emory University Event [original: Betacam SP], B1-B3, 2000, February 7

26 - CEAO Brazil Trip [original: 1 Hi8], 2000, August 15

Centro de Estudos Afro-Orientas associated with Universidade Federal de Bahia (CEAO) trip to Brazil with Rachel and Rosemarie Freeney-Harding.

54 - Casa de Angola, Brazil and Panel Discussion [original: 1 Hi8], 2000, August 15

29 - Black Tour in Downtown Rio de Janeiro, Brazil [original: 1 HI-8 MP], 2000, August 23

5 - Expect Great Things program [original: Betacam SP], 2000, October 18

A program focused on the wellbeing of children in the United States and a compilation of interviews of elders of the Veterans of Hope Project to provide training, models, and support for youth in Denver, Colorado through asset building.

29 - Reverend James Lawson Classroom Guest Speaker [original: HI-8 MP], 2000, November 9
An intergenerational activists' retreat that brought together a multi-cultural group of seasoned workers for compassionate social change and younger counterparts. This retreat was held at the Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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The Ambassadors of Hope program (AOH) is an initiative of the Veterans of Hope project was first developed in 2003 and took place every 3 to 4 years in Denver, Colorado on the campus of the University of Denver. It served as a summer leadership development program for young students who were interested in social justice movements and democracy. The program includes discussions with elders, arts/crafts, spoken word, preparations for a final program to present to parents of participants, and more.
Reverend Jim Wallis Lecture at Iliff School of Theology [original: Mini-DV], A1-A2, 2006, October 17
[Resource available online]

Anne Braden Memorial [original: 2 DVDs, not digitized], 2006
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Ambassadors of Hope Program [original: 34 Mini-DV], 2007, July 9-20
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Alan Gilbert at AOH Program [original: Mini-DV], 2007, July 17
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Tony Garcia at AOH Program [original: Mini-DV], 2007, July 19
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Marge Tanawaki speaking at Ambassadors of Hope Program [original: Mini-DV], 2007
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Ambassadors of Hope Parent Orientation [original: 2 Mini-DV], 2007
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The Welcome Table [original: Mini-DV], A-1, March 12, 2009
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Parent University [original: Mini-DV], A1-A6, A1 (final version), 2009, July 25
[Resource available online]
Parent University is an initiative of the Veterans of Hope project featuring workshops and lectures designed to help train parents to advocate for their children’s educations.

Ambassadors of Hope Program Final Presentation [original: 5 Mini-DV], undated
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Bill and Bonnie Retirement Party [original: Mini-DV], undated
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Confluence Park [original: Mini-DV], S4-S13, undated
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Confluence Park and Ambassadors of Hope Program [original: 8 Mini-DV], undated
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Constance Curry with group as Guest Speaker [original: Mini-DV], 1B-2B, undated
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Gandhi-Hamer-King Center grand opening [original: Betacam SP], A1-A5, pre-show, undated
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28  -  Lorraine Granado at AOH Program [original: Mini-DV], #S7, #S8, undated  
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28  -  Ford Transfers [original: Mini-DV], undated  
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