YORK, JAKE ADAM.
Jake Adam York papers, 1972-2012

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Jake Adam York (1972-2012) was an American poet. He was born in West Palm Beach, Florida, and was raised largely in rural Gadsden, Alabama. York graduated from Southside High School in Gadsden in 1990 and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama). He then received his Master of Fine Arts and Ph.D. in creative writing and English literature from Cornell University (Itacha, New York). He worked as an Associate Professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Colorado, Denver. In 2011-2012, he was a visiting faculty scholar at Emory University's James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference in Atlanta, Georgia. He died on December 16, 2012 in Denver, Colorado, from a stroke.

York published four books of poetry: *Murder Ballads*, which won the 2005 Elixir Prize in Poetry; *A Murmuration of Starlings*, which won the 2008 Colorado Book Award in Poetry; *Persons Unknown* (2010), which was an editor's selection in the Crab Orchard Series in Poetry; and *Abide*, which was published posthumously in 2014 and was named a finalist for the 2014 National Book Critics Circle Award. York also was named a posthumous recipient of the Witter Bynner Fellowship by the U.S. Post Laureate in 2014.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Jake Adam York. The files include poetry, research files, published materials, educational and professional files, and personal files. Folder titles are taken from their original titles. Poetry files consist of poetry written both by and for Jake Adam York, including handwritten and printed drafts at various stages of development. Research files contain material Jake Adam York accumulated for his research and poetry, including handwritten notes and photocopied articles and manuscripts. Published materials are publications of various media, including contributions by Jake Adam York, as well as press coverage on his published works. Professional files consist of materials relating to Jake Adam York's academic career, including credentials, papers written as a student, and teaching materials. Personal files consist of Jake Adam York's personal correspondence and files related to his personal life.
Arrangement Note
Organized into six series based on York's original filing order: (1) Poetry, (2) Research files, (3) Publications, (4) Educational and professional files, (5) Personal files, and (6) Audiovisual and born digital materials
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Poetry, 1992-2012
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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of poetry written both by and for Jake Adam York from 1992-2012, including handwritten and printed drafts in various stages of development. Major topics of York's poetry include civil rights and race, personal narrative, and reflections on historical events. This series also includes manuscripts and drafts of poetry volumes that were eventually published, in particular A Murmuration of Starlings, Murder Ballads, and Abide. The poetry written by others for Jake Adam York includes poetry by former students and colleagues sent via email. Folder titles in this series are preserved from York's original folder titles.

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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of material accumulated by Jake Adam York for his research projects and poetry from 1991-2012, including handwritten notes and photocopied articles and manuscripts. Major topics of research include the cultural significance of barbecue in the southern United States and in African/African American communities, the Civil Rights Movement and Race, and the structure of poetics.

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**Scope and Content Note**  
This series consists of publications of various media including magazines, newsletters, and literary journals from 1991-2010. Included in this series are copies of *Henge*, a literary journal for which Jake Adam York worked as an editor at Auburn University, press releases for the publication of York's poetry volumes, and various publications containing poetry written by York.

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Scope and Content Note
The series consists of files relating to Jake Adam York's academic career from 1989-2012. This includes awards won during his time as a student and as a professor, as well as ephemera relating to poetry readings and lectures led by York. The professional development files consist of York's credentials, teaching dossiers, applications, and faculty review documents from the University of Colorado, Denver. Also included are course materials for classes, both taught and taken by York, including syllabi, coursework, course anthologies, and rosters from Auburn University, Cornell University, the University of Colorado, Denver, and Kenyon College.

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### Scope and Content Note
The series consists of Jake Adam York's personal correspondence and files relating to his personal life from 1986-2012. Included are creative and research files not related to his academic career, such as early fiction drafts and a family history. This series also contains travel plans, invitations and thank you cards, photographs, and personal notebooks.

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Scope and Content Note
This series consists of audiovisual materials, including Vinyl LPs, born digital, minidiscs, Jake Adam York's dissertation on microfilm, cassette tapes, CDs, and computer equipment.

Arrangement Note
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AV1 - Denver City, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - AV 21 February 2007 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Ransick, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Jeff Lee, PoFest, 23 April 2004 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Release Party, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Barbecue Poems, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Denver Sounds and Book Buffs Intro, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - 7 November 2007 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Logan, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Burn Out, 26 May 2005 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Yakich, 16 April 2009 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - 10/10 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Frogs, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Benbe at Lab, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Cartographers meeting, 25 June 2004 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Prothero, 4 October 2007 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - 10/03 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Arts and Engaged Citizenship, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Copper Nickel, release recordings, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Burn Out reading series, pt. 2, 26 May 2005 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Oxford Barbecue Symposium, October 2002 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Brothers Barbecue, Nick: 11 March 2003, Chris: 13 March 2003 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - NC Barbecue, June 2003 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Byron's Barbecue, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Amps, 12 September 2005 [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Jesse Jake, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Jazz Pack, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Major Jackson at North, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Lighthouse, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1 - Cozy Corner, October 2003 [original: mini disc]
AV1  -  John Stage, Dinosaur, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1  -  Jake Adam York, Dissertation Services, 2000 [original: mini disc]
AV1  -  Kent Haruf, 11 November 2005 [original: mini disc]
AV1  -  Lincoln NE, undated [original: mini disc]
AV1  -  Notes, undated [original: microcassette]
AV1  -  Walk, undated [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  B-Roll, April 11 [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  16th Crazy Plugs Less Christy, undated [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  A, undated [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  B, undated [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  C, undated [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  Coltrane-Kofsky Interview, 1966 [original: mini digital videocassette]
AV1  -  Joe Dabney, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Marilou Awiaakta, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Ronni Lundy, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Loyal Jones, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Frank Browning, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Elizabeth Englehardt, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Rick Bragg, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Fred Sauceman, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Sally Schneider, SFS October 2003 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Roger Green, Poetry Project, Lyric, 2008 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Garuda, Cold-Wired Sentiment, 2002 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Seamus Heaney reading his poems at Harvard, 1987 [original: audio cassette]
AV1  -  Kyle SA, Circle takes the square, undated [original: audio cassette]
BD2  -  Unprocessed born digital, circa 2001-2008

Equipment
AV1  -  iPod (black, 160GB)
AV1  -  24 bit 96kHz WAVE/MP3 recorder, R-09HR
AV1  -  Recording Mini Disc Walkman, MZ-G750
BD1  -  Apple computer tower