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Guide to the

**Coalition of Black Trade Unionists collection**

1972-1988

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## Summary

**Creator:** Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (U.S.)

**Title:** Coalition of Black Trade Unionists collection

**Date:** 1972-1988

**Source:** Gift of William Lucy, 1988. SCM 87-41 SCM 88-75

**Abstract:** The Coalition of Black Trade-Unionists Collection consists of selected speeches by its president and co-founder William Lucy, workshop materials and resolutions from its annual conventions, copies of the CBTU Bulletin, and annual reports of its Executive Committee. A copy of the CBTU's National Constitution and a document entitled "Proposals for Jobs and Training Opportunities for the Disadvantaged" are also included. The bulk of the Collection dates from 1976 to 1988.

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**Language of the Material:** English

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**Separated Materials:**

The following items were removed from the:

Coalition of Black Trade-Unionists Collection SCM 87-41; SCM 88-75

*Donor: William Lucy*

*Date received: 1988*

*Date transferred: January 17, 1992*

The item(s) listed below have been sent to the division indicated, either to be retained or disposed of

there. Any items that should receive special disposition are clearly marked.

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Seven videotapes of the CBTU 1987 annual convention. Materials include a keynote address by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and presentation by William Lucy and Faye Williams.

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## **Creator History**

The Coalition of Black Trade-Unionists (CBTU) was founded in 1972 by a conference of 1,200 black trade-union officials and rank and file members. Its objective is to provide a bridge between the labor movement and the black community, and to organize black workers into the trade-union movement and improve their economic and social well-being. Its membership comprises representatives of over seventy national and international labor unions, and is divided into some twenty seven chapters throughout the country. The CBTU holds a national convention yearly. Its leadership consists of an Executive Council of 30 members and a seven member Executive Committee. William Lucy is a founding member and the president and Secretary-Treasurer of the CBTU. Other founding members include Charles Hayes, vice president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America, Cleveland Robinson, president of the distributive Workers of America, William Simons, president of Local 6 of the American Federation of Teachers in Washington, D.C., and Nelson Edwards, vice president of the United Auto Workers.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American labor union members  
African Americans -- Employment

### **Titles**

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### **Names**

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (U.S.)  
Lucy, William, 1962-

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 National Constitution
- b. 1 f. 2 Speeches by William Lucy  
Convention Documents
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- b. 1 f. 5 Resolutions 1980-1984
- b. 1 f. 6 Resolutions 1985-1988
- b. 1 f. 7 The CBTU Bulletin 1973-1988
- b. 1 f. 8 Annual reports 1974-1988
- b. 1 f. 9 "Proposals for Jobs and Training Opportunities for the Disadvantaged".