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Guide to the

June Jackson Christmas papers

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Summary

Creator: Christmas, June Jackson

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Abstract: June Jackson Christmas (born 1924) is a psychiatrist and mental health professional. Her papers mostly consist of material related to her various positions, including founder of Harlem Rehabilitation Center at Harlem Hospital, New York City Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, professor, and practicing psychiatrist. In addition, her papers contain some materials from her family, including her husband, Walter; her children, Vincent, Rachel, and Gordon; and her father, Mortimer Jackson.

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Creator History

June Jackson Christmas was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 7, 1924, and grew up in Cambridge. One of the first African American graduates of Vassar College, she received her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine, one of only seven women in her class. She headed the medical school chapter of AIMS, the Association of Interns and Medical Students, and worked with other local Boston groups fighting racism and segregation. After a psychiatric residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York and certification in psychoanalysis, Dr. Christmas opened a private practice. Eight years later, she reduced her practice in order to work in community psychiatry in Harlem.

From 1953-1965, she worked as a psychiatrist for the Riverdale Children's Association. In 1964, she founded Harlem Rehabilitation Center, a community-based program of Harlem Hospital which helped discharged psychiatric hospital patients return to the community and work with staff and community for social change. The Center became a model of psychosocial rehabilitation, resulting in new city policies on mental health career ladders, and pioneered the use of case managers in human services. From 1964-1972, she served as the principal investigator on research projects for the National Institute of Mental Health. In 1976, Dr. Christmas headed the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Transition team for then president-elect Jimmy Carter.

Dr. Christmas served from 1972-1980 under three New York City mayors (John Lindsay, Abraham Beame, and Ed Koch) as Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, expanding her influence city-wide. Under her leadership the department developed vital programs for geriatric mental health, adult and youth alcoholism services, and services for children in foster care or the legal system.

Dr. Christmas also was the executive director of The Urban Issues Group, a research institute she co-founded that conducted policy research related to the concerns of New Yorkers of African descent. She is professor emeritus of behavioral science at the City University of New York (CUNY) Medical School and a practicing psychiatrist. Her other academic appointments have included clinical professor of psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and resident professor of mental health policy at the Heller Graduate School of Social Welfare, Brandeis University.

A vocal advocate for coordinated, preventive, and culturally relevant services, Dr. Christmas has been the recipient of numerous awards. In 1976, Dr. Christmas received the American Public Health Association (APHA) Award for Excellence "in recognition of exceptionally meritorious contributions to the improvement of the health of the people." Among her many additional honors, Dr. Christmas has been named Distinguished Visitor/Scholar/Lecturer by such institutions as Vassar College, the University of Oklahoma, Boston University School of Medicine, and the Phelps/Stokes Fund. She received honorary degrees from Boston University, Trinity College, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. She has written numerous articles on mental health policy, urban and minority health, and health issues related to women and children.

During her career she combined medical practice with public and community service. She served three terms as a trustee of Vassar College and was the first African American woman president of the APHA in 1980. In addition to serving on various national advisory boards (such as the President's Commission on Mental Health under President Carter), she served as vice-president of the APA, president of the Public Health Association of New York City, and co-founded the Black Psychiatrists of America. In addition, she was a long-time member of the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF)'s board of directors and served as chair of the program committee.

Dr. Christmas married Walter Christmas, an artist and writer, in 1953. Walter Christmas was one of the founders of the Harlem Writers Guild, and along with his wife, was active in the Civil Rights Movement. He worked in public relations, at first for various non-profit organizations including the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and later for corporations such as the public relations firm, Ruder and Finn, and Coca-Cola, as Director of Public Relations. An advocate for black artists, he helped promote their work by serving on the Board of Cinque Gallery, which was co-founded by Romare Bearden. A lover of travel, he also co-wrote a travel guide on Bermuda with his daughter, Rachel. Walter Christmas passed away on January 26, 2002.

The Christmases had three children, Vincent, Rachel, and Gordon. Vincent followed in his mother's footsteps by working for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services and the Bronx Mental Health Council; he is also a composer. Rachel, a travel writer, has published extensively from an early age; her first story was published in *Kids Magazine* in 1971, when she was 14. Gordon is a photographer who has competed in various ultimate frisbee national championships. Dr. Christmas's father, Mortimer Jackson, was a postal worker and community volunteer.

Scope and Content Note

The June Jackson Christmas papers mostly consist of material related to her career as a mental health professional and advocate. Her personal papers contain such items as curriculum vitae, educational material (diplomas, grades, and residency documents), and correspondence with family and friends. The professional series contains material related to her various positions, including founder of the Harlem Rehabilitation Center at Harlem Hospital, New York City Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, professor, and practicing psychiatrist, among others. Additionally, it is comprised of material related to her participation in various service organizations, such as the APHA, and professional awards and honors. The writing series contains drafts, edited versions, and final versions of Dr. Christmas's published writing, which mostly includes articles, lectures, and academic papers on various mental health issues and practices. Printed matter mostly consists of newspaper clippings on or about Dr. Christmas as a mental health professional; additionally, there are three scrapbooks, comprised mostly of newspaper clippings, which chronicle her career. The last series, Subject files, consists mostly of printed matter related to various individuals and topics of interest to Dr. Christmas.

In addition, the June Jackson Christmas papers contain some materials from her family, including her husband, Walter; her children, Vincent, Rachel, and Gordon; her sister, Jeri Fjeld; and her father, Mortimer Jackson. The majority of this material is comprised of personal papers (school report cards and commencement programs), personal correspondence, limited professional matter, and printed matter. In the case of Walter Christmas, there is more professional information about his career as a publicist.

Arrangement: Arranged into six series: (1) Personal; (2) Professional; (3) Writing; (4) Printed matter; (5) Subject files; and (6) Family.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American artists
African American authors
African American families
African American women -- New York (State) -- New York
African American women physicians
Mental health services
Public health -- New York (State) -- New York
Women psychiatrists

Names

Beame, Abraham D. (Abraham David), 1906-2001
Christmas, Gordon
Christmas, June Jackson
Christmas, Vincent
Christmas, Walter
Derrick, Rachel Christmas
Dinkins, David N.
Jackson, Mortimer
New York (N.Y.). Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services

Container List

Personal 1933-2006

This series contains biographical information on Dr. Christmas in the form of resumes; educational matter such as certificates, diplomas, and grades from elementary school through graduate school; and correspondence with family and friends.

Arranged into three subseries: (1) Biographical; (2) Education; and (3) Correspondence.

b. 1 f. 1 **Biographical ca. 1951-2008**

Includes various iterations of Dr. Christmas's curriculum vitae and biographies.

Education 1933-2004

Arranged chronologically.

b. 1 f. 2 **Christ Church School 1933-1941**

Includes certificates and diploma from grades 5-12.

b. 1 f. 3-4 **Vassar College 1944-1995**

Includes a copy of Christmas's grades from 1944 and reunion matter from 1971-1995. The reunion matter contains programs, booklets, and newsletters.

b. 1 f. 5 **Office of Scientific Research and Development Certificate 1945**

Unclear if Christmas's participation coincided with her time at Vassar or during a summer break from school.

b. 1 f. 6-7 **Boston University School of Medicine 1945-2004**

Includes student reports (1945-1949); a commencement invitation (1949); and alumni matter (50th reunion program and newsletter updates).

b. 1 f. 8 **Residency and fellowship 1951-1954**

From 1951-1954, Dr. Christmas received a fellowship from National Medical Fellowships, which coincided with her residency at Bellevue Hospital.

Mostly includes fellowship application material, correspondence with National Medical Fellowships, and reports on her residency at Bellevue Hospital.

b. 1 f. 9 **William Alanson White Institute 1954-1956**

Dr. Christmas received her psychoanalysis training at the William Alanson White Institute. Includes typed and handwritten papers written for various classes.

Correspondence 1945-2006

Arranged into two sub-groups: (1) Family and (2) Friends and others.

b. 1 f. 10 **Family 1953-1999**

Also includes family reunion programs and itineraries.

b. 1 f. 11 **Friends and others 1945-2006**

Includes condolence cards for her father's passing and correspondence with such notable figures as William Greaves, John and Vivian Hewitt, Audre Lorde, and Gloria Steinem.

Professional 1962-2007

This series, the largest, contains material related to Dr. Christmas's professional career as a psychiatrist and mental health pioneer. The first subseries, Positions held, relates to her various non-academic appointments including Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Alcoholism Services; member of various task forces and committees, mostly under New York City Mayor David Dinkins; and co-founder of the Urban Issues Group, among others. The material in this subseries consists of correspondence, press releases, reports, publications, and printed matter. The second subseries, Academic positions, contains documents related to her various teaching positions at Brandeis University and City University of New York Medical School, among others; these documents include lecture notes, correspondence, and printed matter. The third subseries, Organizational service, refers to Dr. Christmas's service on various boards and advisory committees, mostly for organizations related to the field of mental health, such as the APHA and APA. It also includes her membership on various national task forces. The material in this subseries consists of correspondence, newsletters and other printed matter, conference programs, board meeting material, and certificates. Awards and honors includes, in some cases, the awards themselves; in many cases, it includes award programs and invitations, printed matter (such as newspaper clippings), and correspondence related to honors received by Dr. Christmas. Appearances and engagements, subseries five, refers to public speaking events, including conference participation, lectures, and symposia participation. The material included in this subseries contains conference programs, correspondence, and flyers for appearances by Dr. Christmas at institutions not included in the previous subseries (mostly, health organizations in which Dr. Christmas did not serve on any committee or hold any office). The final subseries, Correspondence, consists of general correspondence, mostly with organizations requesting her participation in an event or conference.

Arranged into six subseries: (1) Positions held; (2) Academic positions; (3) Organizational service; (4) Awards and honors; (5) Appearances and engagements; and (6) Correspondence.

Positions held 1967-2002

Arranged chronologically.

- b. 2 f. 1 **Founder and chief, Harlem Rehabilitation Center, Harlem Hospital 1967-1972**
Includes fact sheets, curriculum guide, and correspondence.
- b. 2 f. 2-3 **Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services 1972-1980**
Includes correspondence; press releases; transcripts of interviews with different TV and radio stations; outlines; reports; position papers; memos; and handwritten notes (including notes for her swearing-in ceremony as Commissioner).
- b. 2 f. 4 **U.S.-Cuba Health Exchange delegate 1974 November**
This group consisted of public health and community medicine professionals from across the United States; they visited Cuba on a three-week tour as guests of the Ministry of Public Health. Dr. Christmas participated while serving as NYC's Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services.
Includes press release and transcript of talks delivered by delegates (including Dr. Christmas).
- b. 2 f. 5 **National Medical Tour participant, U.S.-China People's Friendship Association 1978-1979**
Organized by China People's Friendship Association, tour participants included deans of medical schools and heads of major foundations. Dr. Christmas participated while serving as NYC's Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services.
Includes correspondence, application material, memos, reports, newspaper clippings, and itineraries.

David Dinkins administration

Professional (cont.)
Positions held (cont.)
David Dinkins administration (cont.)

- b. 3 f. 1-2 **Work with youth 1988-1993**
Before becoming the mayor of New York City, Dinkins was the Manhattan Borough President. Dr. Christmas served on the Manhattan Borough President's Commission on Youth under his direction. When Dinkins became mayor, Dr. Christmas served as a member of the Planning Council for Children's Week 1990 and chair of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Child Health, which was part of the Child Health Action Management Plan (CHAMP). Includes correspondence; press releases; handwritten notes; final published report, *Preparing for Tomorrow*, of the Manhattan Borough President's Commission on Youth (September 1989); flyers; symposia programs; memos; remarks by Dr. Christmas about CHAMP; and various publications by CHAMP, such as *Financing Health Care for Children and Youth: Agenda for Change* (October 1992). In addition, because of the chronology of this material, mayoral inauguration material (invitation, ticket, and program), along with other ceremonial events sponsored by the Dinkins administration (such as a welcome program for Nelson Mandela) are included here.
- b. 3 f. 3-4 **Member of the Mayoral Delegation to South Africa 1989-1991**
b. 4 f. 1 A week-long, anti-apartheid delegation.
Includes memos; correspondence; travel advisories; press releases; itineraries; handwritten notes; and newspaper clippings. In addition, there is background information in the form of published reports, briefing papers, and conference proceedings.
- b. 4 f. 2 **Member of other committees 1989-1993**
Includes press releases, newspaper clippings, and correspondence for Dr. Christmas's participation in other committees for the Dinkins administration, including the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Health Search Committee, and Committee on Appointments, among others.
- b. 4 f. 3 **The Presbyterian Hospital in the City of New York 1989-1994**
Dr. Christmas served as the Attending in the Psychiatry Service from 1989-1994. Includes her initial appointment application; reappointment application; and correspondence.
- b. 4 f. 4 **Urban Issues Group (UIG), co-founder and executive director 1993-2002**
Includes tax information; correspondence; a conference program; press releases; symposia flyers and programs; brochures; handwritten notes; presentation notes; and publication order forms.
- Academic positions 1975-1999**
Arranged chronologically.
- b. 4 f. 5 **Phelps-Stokes Fund African/American Professors Exchange Program 1979-1980**
Dr. Christmas was selected as the distinguished visitor by the Fund; she spent three weeks in Zambia and Kenya consulting, teaching, and training health workers. It coincided with her time as the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Includes handwritten notes; correspondence; an itinerary; and Dr. Christmas's final report to the Fund.
- b. 4 f. 6 **School of Biomedical Education, City College, City University of New York (CUNY) 1979-1996**
Dr. Christmas served as the Program Director in Behavioral Sciences and Professor of Medicine before becoming Professor Emeritus in 1985. She also was a presidential candidate for the institution in 1979.
Includes presidential candidacy information (interview appointments and correspondence); general correspondence; syllabi; lecture notes; and flyers and programs for various speaking engagements and symposia.
- Florence Heller School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare, Brandeis University 1975-1987**
Although she was courted for a full-time position, Dr. Christmas served as an adjunct professor.
- b. 4 f. 7 **Correspondence and presentation notes 1975-1987**
- b. 4 f. 8 **Lecture notes and course evaluation 1981-1984**

Professional (cont.)

Academic positions (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 9 William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis, and Psychology 1979-1983

Dr. Christmas was the Supervisor of Psychotherapy in Clinical Services.
Includes newsletters and correspondence.

- b. 4 f. 10 Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons 1982-1999

Dr. Christmas served as Clinical Professor of Psychiatry.
Includes correspondence.

Organizational service 1962-2006

For the most part, unless otherwise noted, the material in this subseries consists of correspondence; conference programs (most of which include Dr. Christmas's participation); certificates; press releases; newsletters and other publications from the institution; and in some cases, writing by Dr. Christmas. Dates reflect inclusive dates of the documents in the folder, not necessarily Dr. Christmas's terms of service.

Arranged chronologically, first by organizations in the mental health field and then by "other organizational service".

- b. 5 f. 1 Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Board of Trustees ca. 1973

Includes a publication from 2002, which lists Dr. Christmas as a past Board member.

- b. 5 f. 2 President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped 1974-1982

- b. 5 f. 3 Director, Transition Planning Group for Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) for President Carter 1977

Also includes Dr. Christmas's ID card and a ticket to President Carter's inauguration.

- b. 5 f. 4 Health Committee, Citizens Committee of Black Professionals for Carter/Mondale ca. 1977-1981

- b. 5 f. 5 American Public Health Association (APHA) 1978-2005

Dr. Christmas was the president of APHA from 1979-1980; she also served on various committees.

- b. 5 f. 6 Women in Crisis, National Advisory Board 1979-1981

- b. 5 f. 7 National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse 1979-1982

- b. 5 f. 8 Physicians for Social Responsibility/NYC Advisory Board 1983

- b. 5 f. 9 Harvard University, various committees 1985

- b. 5 f. 10 National Black Women's Health Project, Membership Campaign Chairperson 1985

- b. 5 f. 11 National Medical Fellowships, various committees 1985-1996

- b. 5 f. 12 American Psychiatric Association (APA) 1985-2003

Dr. Christmas served as vice president and was a member of various committees.

- b. 5 f. 13 Governor's Advisory Committee for Black Affairs 1986-1987

- b. 5 f. 14 Public Health Association of New York City 1986-2006

Dr. Christmas was the president of the organization in 1977; she also served as a host for its fiftieth anniversary celebration.

- b. 5 f. 15 Health Commission of the National Rainbow Coalition, Inc., co-chair 1987-1989

- b. 5 f. 16 National Steering Committee for Minority Health 1988

- b. 5 f. 17 Center for Population Options, Board of Directors 1988-1992

- b. 5 f. 18 Black Psychiatrists of America, co-founder 1990-2006

- b. 5 f. 19 Advisory Committee, Task Force on Homelessness and Severe Mental Illness, Department of Health and Human Services 1991-1992

- b. 5 f. 20 Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) National Advisory Council 1993-1994

Professional (cont.)

Organizational service (cont.)

- b. 5 f. 21 **New York Psychiatric Society, President 1996-1997**
Other organizational service
Vassar College 1984-2006
- b. 6 f. 1 **African American Alumnae/i 1984-2006**
Originally known as the Black Alumnae/i Forum Committee.
Also includes handwritten notes, research, and background information (articles, newspaper clippings, etc.) on the history of black students at Vassar College for an article that she wrote in 1988.
- b. 6 f. 2 **Board of Trustees 1986-1990**
- b. 6 f. 3-4 **Jackie Robinson Foundation, Board of Directors 1986-2005**
Also includes meeting minutes and agendas.
- b. 6 f. 5 **Other committees 1962-1993**
Includes the American Society of African Culture, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and New York Citizens to Elect (and Re-elect) David Dinkins.

Awards and honors 1973-2006

Unless noted, these files contain correspondence, awards programs and invitations, and citations. In some cases, where noted, the awards themselves are included, as are copies of Dr. Christmas's acceptance speeches.

Arranged chronologically.

- b. 6 f. 6 **Louise Waterman Wise Award, American Jewish Congress 1973**
- b. 6 f. 7 **"First Lady of Mental Health" tribute 1973**
- b. 6 f. 8 **Boston University of Medicine honorary degree 1973 November**
Includes a photocopy of the degree.
- b. 6 f. 9 **Association for Children with Retarded Mental Development, Woman of the Year award 1974**
- b. 6 f. 10 **Mental Health Association of New York and Bronx Counties, Award for Human Service 1974**
- b. 7 f. 1 **Certificates (various) 1975-2006**
Includes certificates from the Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Royal Society of Health, among others.
- b. 7 f. 2 **APHA Award for Excellence in Domestic Health 1976**
Includes a handwritten draft and the final copy of Dr. Christmas's acceptance speech.
- b. 7 f. 3 **National Medical Fellowships 30th Anniversary honoree 1976**
- b. 7 f. 4 **Trinity College Honorary Doctor of Science degree 1978**
- b. 7 f. 5 **Honorary reception for Dr. Christmas as the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services 1978**
Includes a photocopy of Dr. Christmas's remarks.
- b. 7 f. 6 **Black Caucus of Health Workers, Outstanding Service in the Health Field award 1979**
Includes a photocopy of Dr. Christmas's introduction.
- b. 7 f. 7 **Luncheon for Dr. Christmas upon her retirement as the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services 1980**
Includes remarks by others.
- b. 7 f. 8 **American Association of University Women, New York City Branch, Woman of Achievement Award 1980**
- b. 7 f. 9 **National Black Alcoholism Council Distinguished Service Award 1980**

Professional (cont.)

Awards and honors (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 10 Susan Smith McKinney Steward Medical Society, Outstanding Women in Medicine honoree 1983
- b. 7 f. 11 Receptions 1985-1989
Includes receptions held in Dr. Christmas's honor by City College and the National Medical Association.
- b. 7 f. 12 Vassar College, President's Distinguished Visitor 1988
- b. 7 f. 13 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Honorary Doctor of Science degree 1988
- b. 7 f. 14 Outstanding Service Award, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services 1989
Includes certificate.
- b. 7 f. 15 National Medical Association, Distinguished Senior Scholar of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences 1989
- b. 7 f. 16 Boston University Women's Council, Alumnae of Achievement honoree 1989
- b. 7 f. 17 Tribute to Outstanding African-American Scientists honoree 1991
- b. 7 f. 18 Black Agency Executives' Founders Award honoree 1991
- b. 7 f. 19 Older Women's League, Public Life Award 1991
- b. 7 f. 20 Manhattan Central Medical Society's Physician of the Year award 1991
- b. 7 f. 21 Gouverneur Hospital, Emily Dunning Barringer Award 1993
- b. 7 f. 22 Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, CUNY Medical School, 20th Anniversary honoree 1994
- b. 7 f. 23 North Star Fund, Frederick Douglass Awardee 1994
Includes Dr. Christmas's introduction and her remarks.
- b. 7 f. 24 American Association of Psychiatric Administrators, Distinguished Psychiatric Administrator Award 1995
- b. 7 f. 25 June Jackson Christmas Prize for Academic Excellence in Africana Studies, Vassar College 1995
Includes announcement of award named in Dr. Christmas's honor.
- b. 7 f. 26 Public Service Award, World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation, U.S. Chapter 1995
- b. 7 f. 27 Friends of Harlem Hospital Gala honoree 1995
- b. 7 f. 28 Friends of Una Clarke, "Women Celebrating Women" awardee 1996
- b. 7 f. 29 Black Women in the Health Professions honoree 1996
- b. 7 f. 30 Zenith Award for Health Care 1999
- b. 7 f. 31 National Medical Fellowships, Lifetime Achievement Award 1999
- b. 7 f. 32 Public Health Association of New York City, Haven Emerson Award 2000
- b. 7 f. 33 Comptroller of the City of New York, Women's History Month celebration awardee 2001
- b. 8 f. 1 Award for Distinguished Achievement, Alumnae and Alumni of Vassar College 2002-2003
Includes a copy of Dr. Christmas's talk.
- b. 8 f. 2 Black Psychiatrists of America, Andrea Delgado, MD, Memorial Lecturer Award and Lifetime Achievement Award 2006

Appearances and engagements 1973-2007

Arranged chronologically.

Professional (cont.)

Appearances and engagements (cont.)

- b. 8 f. 3 **1973-1979**
Includes Dr. Christmas's notes for a presentation. Organizations included: Boston University School of Medicine and the North Carolina Public Health Association, among others.
- b. 8 f. 4 **1980-1983**
Organizations included: Caribbean Federation for Mental Health and the National Alliance of Black School Educators, among others.
- b. 8 f. 5 **1984-1986**
Organizations included: Jane Addams Conference on Security in the Nuclear Age and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, among others.
- b. 8 f. 6 **1987-1989**
Organizations included: Fifth National Policy Institute and One Hundred Black Men, Inc., among others.
- b. 9 f. 1 **1990-1994**
Organizations included: National Association of Health Services Executives and the National Black Women's Health Project, among others.
- b. 9 f. 2 **1994-1996**
Organizations included: Hospital Audiences, Inc. (HAI) and the Black Caucus of Health Workers, among others.
- b. 9 f. 3 **1997-2007**
Organizations included: State Communities Aid Association and the New York Academy of Medicine, among others.

Correspondence 1973-2007

Arranged chronologically.

- b. 9 f. 4 **1973-1987**
- b. 9 f. 5 **1988-2007**
- b. 9 f. 6 **undated**

Writing 1961-2006

This series contains drafts and final published copies of Dr. Christmas's various writing, most of which is related to the field of mental health. The first subseries consists of articles written for various academic and medical journals and organizational publications; it also includes chapters and prefaces written for books. The second subseries includes copies of Dr. Christmas's numerous speeches, addresses, testimonies, and lectures, many of which were delivered to the organizations found in the Organizational service subseries of the Professional series.

Arranged into two subseries: (1) Articles and books and (2) Speeches, lectures, and addresses.

Articles and books 1961-2000

Arranged chronologically.

- b. 10 f. 1 *"Psychological Implications of Long-Term Foster Care", Child Welfare, vol. XL, #8 1961 October*
- b. 10 f. 2 *"Group Therapy Programs with the Socially Deprived in Community Psychiatry", written with Elizabeth B. Davis, The International Journal of Group Psychotherapy, vol. XV, #4 1965 October*
Contains photocopied article.
- b. 10 f. 3 *"Group Methods in Training and Practice: Nonprofessional Mental Health Personnel in a Deprived Community", American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, vol. 36, #3 1966 April*
Includes photocopied article.
- b. 10 f. 4 *"Sociopsychiatric Rehabilitation in a Black Urban Ghetto: Conflicts, Issues and Directions", American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, #39 1969 July*
Includes various typed drafts, one with handwritten edits and two with varied titles.

Writing (cont.)

Articles and books (cont.)

- b. 10 f. 5 *"New Careers and New Mental Health Services: Fantasy or Future?", written with Hilda Wallace and Jose Edwards, American Journal of Psychiatry, vol. 126, #10 1970 April*
Includes photocopied article.
- b. 10 f. 6 *"Philosophy and Practice of Sociopsychiatric Rehabilitation in Economically Deprived Communities", Progress in Community Mental Health, vol. II, edited by Harvey H. Barten and Leopold Bellak 1972*
Includes reprints, one of which has handwritten notes.
- b. 10 f. 7 *"Psychological Stresses of Urban Living: New Directions for Mental Health Services in the Inner City", Journal of the National Medical Association, vol. 65, #6 1973 November*
Includes reprint.
- b. 10 f. 8 *"Self-Concept and Attitudes", ch. VIII of Comparative Studies of Blacks and Whites in the United States 1973*
Includes reprint.
- b. 10 f. 9 *"Psychoanalysis and Community Mental Health", Journal of American Academy of Psychoanalysis, vol. 2, #2 1974*
Includes reprint.
- b. 10 f. 10 *"How Our Health Care System Fails Minorities", Civil Rights Digest 1977 Fall*
Includes typed draft and photocopied article.
- b. 10 f. 11 *"Alcoholism Services for Minorities: Training Issues and Concerns", Alcohol Health and Research World 1978 Spring*
Includes photocopied article.
- b. 10 f. 12 *"Deinstitutionalization or Rehabilitation: The Need for an Integrated Mental Health System", The Empire State Report 1978 July-September*
Includes typed draft and photocopied article.
- b. 10 f. 13 *President's column, The Nation's Health 1978 September-1980 October*
Newspaper of the APHA.
Includes some typed drafts (a few with handwritten edits) and additional articles written by Dr. Christmas apart from this column.
- b. 10 f. 14 *"The Sense of Community", The Itasca Seminar 1978*
Published by the Minneapolis Foundation.
- b. 10 f. 15 *"Progress and Problems Along the Road to a Single Service System", Psychiatric Annals, vol. 9, #5 1979 May*
Includes typed draft and reprint.
- b. 10 f. 16 *"The Healthy Woman" chapter, Everywoman's Health: The Complete Guide to Body and Mind, edited by D.S. Thompson 1980-1990*
Includes typed draft, correspondence with the publisher, and galley proof for later edition from 1989.
- b. 10 f. 17 *"The Challenge of Change", presidential address, American Journal of Public Health, vol. 71, #3 1981 March*
Includes typed draft and reprint.
- b. 10 f. 18 *"The Emotional Toll of the Arms Race" excerpts from speech delivered at Riverside Church ca. 1981 November*
Photocopy of article, which was a paid advertisement.
- b. 10 f. 19 *Tribute to Colonel Harold Riegelman, The Measure of a Successful Life: An Interview with Colonel Harold Riegelman by Sheila B. Blume 1982*
- b. 10 f. 20 *"Is There a Black Identity?", written with Shirley Phelps and Asa Hilliard 1983 July*
Galley draft of transcript from National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) Summer Academy session.

Writing (cont.)

Articles and books (cont.)

- b. 10 f. 21 *"Black Women and Health Care in the 80s", Spelman Messenger, vol. 100, #1* 1984 Spring
- b. 10 f. 22 *Preface for Rehabilitation in the Ghetto, edited by Albert D. Anderson* 1987
Includes typed drafts.
- b. 11 f. 1 *"A Historical Overview: The Black Experience at Vassar", Vassar Quarterly*
1988 Spring-Fall
Includes letters to the editors from the fall issue.
- b. 11 f. 2 *"Getting Help", written with Rachel J. Christmas, Essence, vol. 20, #2* 1988
October-1989 June
Includes correspondence with the editor.
- b. 11 f. 3 *"Human Needs and Human Services: A Research Agenda", Blacks in the Year 2000* ca. 1993-1994
Includes a photocopy of an excerpt from the galleys.
- b. 19 f. 1 *"Black Women and Health Care in the 80s (and 90s)", Vital Signs, vol. X, #3* 1994 July-September
- b. 11 f. 4 *"Community Psychiatry and Work in the Public Sector, 1962-1980", ch. 6 in Black Psychiatrists and American Psychiatry, edited by Jeanne Spurlock*
1994-1995
Book published in 1999.
Includes correspondence with editor and various typed drafts, many with handwritten edits.
- Urban Issues Group 1994-2000
- b. 11 f. 5 *Urbanscope* 1994 Spring-2000 Winter
Newsletter of the Urban Issues Group; Dr. Christmas contributed to each issue included here.
- b. 11 f. 6-7 *Reports* 1995-1999
Dr. Christmas contributed to each of these published reports.
Includes a couple of typed drafts and final copies of publications such as *Facing Triple Jeopardy: Health Policy and the Health of Black New Yorkers* and *Education Vouchers...Can Public Education Meet the Challenge?*, among others.
- b. 11 f. 8 *"The Health of African Americans: Progress toward Healthy People 2000"*
ca. 1996
Includes typed draft of abstract and excerpts; unclear if it was ever published or for what publication it was written.

Speeches, lectures, and addresses

Most of the material consists of typescripts, many of which are photocopies; locations of the speech, talk, or lecture are included with the title.

Arranged chronologically.

- b. 12 f. 1 *"Reflections on Group Methods of Mental Health Service in a Low-Income Community", Psychiatric Outpatient Centers of America Annual Meeting*
1967 March
Includes first page only.
- b. 12 f. 2 *"Obligations to High Priority Target Groups: Philosophical Implications", Regional Conference of National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)* 1968
April
- b. 12 f. 3 *"Training of Indigenous Mental Health Workers: Trying to Make It Real...but for What?", American Psychiatric Association 6th Biennial Divisional Meeting of New York State District Branches* 1969
- b. 12 f. 4 *"A Critical Look at New Careers", NIMH Silver Anniversary Meeting* 1971
June

Writing (cont.)

Speeches, lectures, and addresses (cont.)

- b. 12 f. 5 "Do Black Children Need More Love: Are Their Emotional Needs Met?"
1972 November
Includes typed drafts; unclear for what event this speech was given.
- b. 12 f. 6 "Psychoanalysis and Community Mental Health", 18th Annual Meeting of
the American Academy of Psychoanalysis 1973 May
- b. 12 f. 7 "The Expanded Realm of Community Mental Health: Implications for
Professional Identity", Atlantic States Conference 1973 October
- b. 12 f. 8 "Urban Living, Stress and Change: Challenges for Mental Health
Services", Ohio Psychiatric Association Meeting 1973 October
- b. 12 f. 9 "Socio-Cultural Factors in the Treatment of Alcoholism", Interstate
Conference on Alcoholism 1973 December
- b. 12 f. 10 "Priorities, Planning and Progress", New York State Association of Mental
Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services Boards annual
conference 1974 May
- b. 12 f. 11 "Socio-Psychological Orientation" drafts and fragments 1974 December
One draft indicates that this speech was possibly used for Columbia University's School of
Public Health and one other institution.
- b. 12 f. 12 "Towards a Single System of Care: An Analysis of the Role and Function
of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene", Assembly Ways
and Means Subcommittee on Mental Hygiene and the Assembly
Committee on Mental Health 1975 October
- b. 12 f. 13 Testimony on National Health Insurance, House of Representatives Ways
and Means Committee 1975 November
- b. 12 f. 14 "Toward an Integrated System of Mental Hygiene Services", New York
State Senate Select Committee on Mental and Physical Handicap 1975
November
- b. 12 f. 15 "Volunteerism in a Voluntary Agency", Catholic Charities Gallagher
Memorial Luncheon 1976 April
- b. 12 f. 16 "The Future of Mental Hygiene Services in New York City: Public Policy
and Public Concern", Public Health Association of New York City annual
conference 1976 May
Includes an outline and other typed notes.
- b. 12 f. 17 "Rights, Privileges and Liberties with Responsibilities", Annual Convention
of Jack and Jill of America, Inc 1976 July
Includes handwritten notes on index cards.
- b. 12 f. 18 "Mental Health for Black Americans: Needs, Rights and Responsibilities",
Black Psychiatrists of America conference 1976 October
Includes a draft and outline.
- b. 12 f. 19 "Mental Health Care of Minorities: Afro-Americans", World Congress of
Social Psychiatry 1976
Includes outline only.
- b. 12 f. 20 "Prospects for an Equitable Quality Health Care System", Mid-Atlantic
Region Professional Standards Review Organizations meeting 1977 February
- b. 12 f. 21 "The Delivery of Alcoholism Services: Meeting Whose Needs?", Group
Health Foundation meeting 1977 February
- b. 12 f. 22 "Future Directions in Mental Health Services", Symposium on the Psycho-
Social Perspectives of the Greek-American Community 1977 March
- b. 12 f. 23 "Quality Assurance: Meeting the Needs of the Consumer", Fred T. Foard
Memorial Lecture, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 1977 March
Includes handwritten outline only.

Writing (cont.)

Speeches, lectures, and addresses (cont.)

- b. 12 f. 24 "Cultural and Social Factors in the Delivery of Alcoholism Services to Minorities: Training Issues and Concerns", Annual Conference of the National Council on Alcoholism 1977 May
- b. 12 f. 25 "The Current Health Care Delivery System: What's Wrong with It? What's Right with It?", Second International Health Care Executive Forum 1977 April-May
Includes draft and outline.
- b. 12 f. 26 "Private Initiatives and the Revitalization of Communities", Council on Foundations Annual Conference 1977 May
Also includes summary.
- b. 12 f. 27 "Sisterhood of Women" 1977 June
Includes handwritten notes on index cards and outline; unclear for which institution or event this talk was given.
- b. 12 f. 28 "New Directions in the Training of Mental Health Practitioners", Nassau County Medical Center 1977 June
Includes typed transcript draft of this lecture, which was presented at Ground Rounds.
- b. 13 f. 1 "Why Separate Programs Won't Work", Committee for National Health Insurance Conference 1977 June
- b. 13 f. 2 "Alcohol and Drug Abuse as Cripples", National Urban League Conference 1977 June
Includes outline only.
- b. 13 f. 3 "Unresolved Governance Issues as Barriers to Care", Technical Conference on Barriers to Mental Health Care 1977 July
Includes handwritten outline.
- b. 13 f. 4 "Implications of the Urban Crisis for Mental Health and Human Services", Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services 1977 August
Draft; unclear if it is for the city or state agency.
- b. 13 f. 5 "New Trends in Mental Health Services under the Carter Administration", Association of Mental Health Administrators annual meeting 1977 September
Includes outline and notes.
- b. 13 f. 6 "The Sense of Community", Lake Itasca Seminar 1977 October
Includes detailed outline.
- b. 13 f. 7 "Remarks on Community Support Systems", President's Commission on Mental Health 1977 October
- b. 13 f. 8 "The Many Faces of Psychiatry: Innovation, Initiative or Inertia", New York Psychiatric Society 1978 January
Incomplete copy.
- b. 13 f. 9 Speech outline for Mt. Sinai Auxiliary Board 1978 March
- b. 13 f. 10 "An Integrated Mental Health System: Rights, Rehabilitation and Responsibilities", Annual Meeting of the Mental Health Association of New York and Bronx Counties 1978 May
- b. 13 f. 11 "Trying to Make It Real: Issues and Concerns in the Provision of Services for Minorities", National Conference on Minority Group Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Issues 1978 May
- b. 13 f. 12 "Rehabilitation of Alcoholics and the Chronically Mentally Ill", Seventh World Congress of Social Psychiatry 1978 October
- b. 13 f. 13 "Barriers to the Implementation of an Integrated Single Service System", Central Islip Psychiatric Center 1978 November
Includes handwritten notes on index cards.

Writing (cont.)

Speeches, lectures, and addresses (cont.)

- b. 13 f. 14 "Coping, Mental Health and Management of Career and Family", Women's Advisers of the Health and Hospitals Corporation 2nd Annual Conference
ca. 1978
Includes outline only.
- b. 13 f. 15 "Community Mental Health: Current Concepts and Challenges", St. Elizabeths Hospital 1979 May
Includes edited draft.
- b. 13 f. 16 "Affirmative Action in Community Mental Health: From the Viewpoint of a Commissioner", American Psychiatric Association annual meeting 1979 May
- b. 13 f. 17 "Neighborhood Support Systems of the Future" 1979 May-November
Includes outlines, some handwritten, for three different talks on the subject (each talk had a different title), one of which was delivered at MHA (possibly, Managed Health Care Associates Inc.).
- b. 13 f. 18 "Forecast for the Eighties: Sunny or Cloudy for Mental Health", North Carolina Public Health Association 1979 September
Includes outline only.
- b. 13 f. 19 "Alcoholism: The Family Illness", Psychiatric Institute of America 1979 October
Only includes outlines, notes, and statistics.
- b. 13 f. 20 Presentation outline for "The Caring Community: Mental Health in the 1980s", joint meeting of the Psychological Association of Zambia and the Zambia Mental Health Association 1980 February
- b. 13 f. 21 "Physician Activist", American Medical Student Association 1980 March
Outline only.
- b. 13 f. 22 Outline for talk about health and medical careers, Spelman College 1980 March
- b. 13 f. 23 Outline for presentation for American University's Program of Health Administration 1980 April
- b. 13 f. 24 Outline for remarks delivered at Women in Crisis Award Ceremony 1980 June
- b. 13 f. 25 Notes for "Women, Health and Society: An Overview of Women's Health", World Conference of United Nations Decade for Women 1980 July
- b. 13 f. 26 "An Overview of Health and Health Care: Beyond 1980", Blue Ridge Institute 1980 July
Includes outline and draft.
- b. 14 f. 1 "Changing Practitioners' Attitudes toward Prevention", New England Conference on Prevention 1980 September
- b. 14 f. 2 "Sexism and Racism in Health Policy", Genes and Gender Conference IV 1981 January
- b. 14 f. 3 "Human Needs and Human Services: Triple Jeopardy for Blacks", 7th Annual Spring Symposium, Afro-American Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania 1981 April
- b. 14 f. 4 "Creative Approaches for Community Mental Health in the 1980s", Region III National Council of Community Mental Health Centers annual meeting 1981 October
Includes outlines and drafts only.
- b. 14 f. 5 "The Emotional Toll of the Arms Race", Riverside Church 1981 November
Includes notes and outlines.

Writing (cont.)

Speeches, lectures, and addresses (cont.)

- b. 14 f. 6 "You, Me and the Doctor: Personal or Social Responsibility for Health", Public Lecture of Distinguished Scholar/Leadership Program, University of Oklahoma 1982 April
Includes notes.
- b. 14 f. 7 "Mental health, Mental Illness and Our Changing Times", Forum Address, Distinguished Scholar/Leadership Program, University of Oklahoma 1982 April
Includes a draft.
- b. 14 f. 8 Notes for panels, possibly at American University and University of California, Davis 1982 October
- b. 14 f. 9 Notes on music and medicine for speech at Harlem Hospital Center 1982 October
- b. 14 f. 10 "The State of Black America: The Imperative for Action" 1983 March-1984 October
Presented as Mercy-Douglass Lecture, Eastern Medical Society of Pennsylvania in 1983 (with a different title), and as keynote address of the Annual Luncheon of the Women's Service Club, Inc. in 1984.
- b. 14 f. 11 Outline for roundtable discussion, "The Social, Psychological, Political and Economic Implications of Non-Reading", American Orthopsychiatric Association Annual Meeting 1983 April
- b. 14 f. 12 "Black Women and Health Care in the 80s", 1st National Conference on Black Women's Health Issues 1983 June
Includes notes and drafts.
- b. 14 f. 13 "Women, Nuclear Arms and Peace" panel discussion, Douglass College, Rutgers University 1983 December
Includes draft.
- b. 14 f. 14 "Engaging Women in Peace and Security", Jane Addams Conference on Security in the Nuclear Age 1984 March
- b. 14 f. 15 Outline of responses to Mary Berry and Bernard Harleston, Weekend Institute for Childhood Education, City College 1984 March-April
- b. 14 f. 16 "Jeopardy, Justice, and the New Imperative", commencement address for Douglass College, Rutgers University 1984 May
Includes draft fragments.
- b. 14 f. 17 Women's Service Club address 1984 October
Draft.
- b. 14 f. 18 Testimony at public hearing on CUNY Medical School 1985 March
- b. 14 f. 19 "Black America in Crisis: Powerlessness and Survival", Fordham University, Lincoln Center University Forum 1985 April
Drafts.
- b. 14 f. 20 Speech to Joint Curriculum Committee, CUNY Medical School 1985 October
Draft.
- b. 14 f. 21 "Women in Health Policy: Challenges for the Future", Regional Conference on Women in Medicine 1986 April
Includes notes and drafts; earlier draft has a different title.
- b. 15 f. 1-2 "A Historic Overview: The Black Experience at Vassar", Black Alumnae/i Forum II, Vassar College 1987 April
Includes correspondence, multiple drafts, and a brochure for the forum.
- b. 15 f. 3 "Medical Practice, Public Policy and Personal Health", 5th Annual Alan Seelig Memorial Lecture, CUNY Medical School 1987 November
Includes notes and drafts.

Writing (cont.)

Speeches, lectures, and addresses (cont.)

- b. 15 f. 4 "Health Issues in the Black Community", 5th National Policy Institute 1988
January
Abstract only.
- b. 15 f. 5 "Pride, Prejudice and the Heritage of Homelessness", President's
Distinguished Visitor lecture, Vassar College 1988 April
Includes drafts and notes.
- b. 15 f. 6 "Social Policy and the Health of African Americans", National Medical
Association annual conference 1989 July
- b. 15 f. 7 "Psychiatry and Public Policy: From Expendability to Equity", APA
Distinguished Lecturer 1990 May
- b. 15 f. 8 "Policy Issues for Homeless Families and Children", APA annual meeting
1991 May
Notes and outline only.
- b. 15 f. 9 "Municipal Efforts", Academy of Medicine 1991 May
Includes draft and transcript of off-mike conversation.
- b. 15 f. 10 Clinical grand rounds with Adriane Birt 1993 February
Includes notes on Birt's presentation and the corresponding discussion, which was led by Dr.
Christmas.
- b. 15 f. 11 Testimony on the delivery of services to ethnic and racial minorities, New
York City Subcommittee on Mental Health 1994 September
- b. 15 f. 12 "Can Psychiatry Serve Tomorrow's Black Families? Challenges for a
Profession in Transition", Solomon Carter Fuller Invited Lecture, APA
Annual Meeting 1995 May
- b. 15 f. 13 "Managed Care, Quality Care and the Health of Our Communities",
Oneonta Community Hospital lecture 1995 September
- b. 16 f. 1 "Socio-Cultural Aspects of Late-Life Depression" 1996 January-December
Paper presented, in slightly different versions, at Conference of the Hebrew Home for the
Aged and the "Recognizing and Treating Depression in Special Populations" conference,
which was sponsored by State University of New York (SUNY) Department of Psychiatry and
SUNY Health Science Center.
Includes drafts, notes, and research material.
- b. 16 f. 2 "Moving from Awareness to Action", joint-sponsored conference by Office
of Justice and Peace, Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, and the Episcopal
Diocese of Western North Carolina 1997 March
- b. 16 f. 3 "Opportunities and Challenges Presented by Welfare Reform for
Adolescent Reproductive Health Care", Annie E. Casey Foundation 1997
May
- b. 16 f. 5 "Health in the Time of Revolution: Individual and Social Challenges",
Distinguished Achievement Award presentation, Vassar College 2003
February
Includes notes.
- b. 16 f. 6 "Growing Up against the Odds: Challenges in Providing Mental Health
Services to Black Children", St. Luke's Hospital Center 2003 September
Includes drafts.
- b. 16 f. 7 "To Hilda Richards on the Occasion of Her Recognition as a Living
Treasure" 2006 August
- b. 16 f. 8 "Reflections on Mental Health Services and the Challenge of Change",
Transcultural Conference of the Black Psychiatrists of America 2006
November
Includes abstract.

Writing (cont.)

- b. 16 f. 9 Article, speech, and lecture fragments, drafts, notes, and outlines ca. 1964-1991

Printed matter 1941-2006

This series mostly contains printed matter about Dr. Christmas, the majority of which is related to her career as a mental health professional. Most of the material consists of newspaper clippings, press releases, articles and interviews on or about Dr. Christmas, and newsletters. There are also three scrapbooks, which mostly contain the same matter; in fact, many of the clippings are duplicates of items in the folders. In addition, the scrapbooks include award programs and invitations for ceremonies honoring Dr. Christmas, most of which are duplicates as well. Finally, this series is comprised of research material, or publications by other individuals or organizations. This material was most likely used by Dr. Christmas as research for her writing and lecturing; also, it includes publications from organizations to which she might have belonged but did not participate in any official capacity.

Arranged chronologically, followed by the scrapbooks and research material, which are also arranged chronologically.

- b. 17 f. 1 1941-1968
b. 19 f. 2 Includes a souvenir program from *The Tempest* (1945), signed and inscribed to Dr. Jackson from Canada Lee.
- b. 17 f. 2 1970-1972
b. 19 f. 3
- b. 17 f. 3 1973
b. 19 f. 3
- b. 17 f. 4 1974-1975
b. 19 f. 3-4
- b. 17 f. 5 1976-1977
b. 19 f. 4
- 1977-1978
- b. 17 f. 6 "June Christmas's Mission: A Single System of Care", by Sheila Rush 1977-1978
Includes drafts of manuscripts about Dr. Christmas's idea of a "single service system" for mental health. Unclear if the manuscript was ever published.
- b. 17 f. 7 General
b. 19 f. 4
- 1979
- b. 17 f. 8 Manuscripts about Dr. Christmas for a book by Essie E. Lee 1979
Includes two drafts and correspondence; unclear for which book this manuscript was intended.
- b. 17 f. 9 General
b. 19 f. 4
- b. 17 f. 10 1980
b. 19 f. 5
- b. 18 f. 1 1981-1986
b. 19 f. 5
- b. 18 f. 2 1987-1996
b. 19 f. 5
- b. 18 f. 3 1997-2005
b. 19 f. 5
- Scrapbooks 1967-1977
- b. 20 f. 1 1967-1973
b. 20 f. 2 1967-1975
b. 20 f. 3 1974-1977

Printed matter (cont.)

b. 18 f. 4-5 **Research material 1952-2006**

Includes a reprint of the special portfolio, "Negroes in Medicine", from *The Modern Hospital* (August 1952); an article on young alcoholics from *Smash* (vol. 1, #6); and a copy of *Mental Health: Culture, Race, and Ethnicity, Executive Summary: A Supplement to Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General*, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2001), among many others.

Subject files ca. 1965-2007

This series, the smallest, is comprised of printed matter on various individuals and topics. Memorial service programs comprise much of the material on individuals, so it is likely that many of these people were friends or colleagues of Dr. Christmas. As for the topics, which include apartheid, economic issues, and income equality, they seem to be topics of interest to Dr. Christmas and her family. This material mainly includes articles, newspaper clippings, and academic papers.

Arranged into two subseries alphabetically: (1) Individuals and (2) Topics.

b. 21 f. 1 **Individuals 1989-2007**

Includes memorial programs for Alvin Ailey, Kenneth Bancroft Clark, and Louise Bowen Watson, among others. Also includes other printed matter on such figures as John and Vivian Hewitt, Jacob Lawrence, and Gordon Parks.

Arranged alphabetically by last name.

b. 21 f. 2 **Topics ca. 1965-1987**

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

Family 1925-2005

This series contains personal and professional matter on Dr. Christmas's three children; her husband, Walter; her sister, Jeri Fjeld; her father, Mortimer Jackson; and a few extended family members. In most cases, there are personal documents (birth certificate copies; early drawings; school grades; commencement invitations; commencement booklets); correspondence, most of which is personal and to or from other family members; personal and professional printed matter, most of which includes newspaper clippings; and professional papers (correspondence, press releases, published writing, etc. related to each individual's career). Each subseries is thus arranged into these subgroups (education; correspondence; printed matter; and professional), with a few exceptions. The subseries on Walter Christmas is the largest because he worked in many capacities, as a public relations manager, writer, and artist.

Arranged into seven subseries alphabetically by last name: (1) Christmas, Gordon; (2) Christmas, Rachel; (3) Christmas, Vincent; (4) Christmas, Walter; (5) Fjeld, Jeri; (6) Jackson, Mortimer; and (7) Other family.

Christmas, Gordon 1963-1991

Youngest child of June and Walter Christmas.

b. 22 f. 1 **Education 1963-1983**

b. 22 f. 2 **Correspondence 1964-1983**

Includes early drawings.

b. 22 f. 3 **Printed matter 1981-1990**

All of the printed matter is related to Gordon's participation in ultimate frisbee.

b. 22 f. 4 **Professional 1991**

Includes a copy of a photograph by Christmas of Morgan Freeman introducing the film, *Neglect Not the Children*.

Christmas, Rachel 1961-1996

Second child of June and Walter Christmas.

b. 22 f. 5 **Education 1961-1976**

Family (cont.)

Christmas, Rachel (cont.)

- b. 22 f. 6 **Correspondence 1960-1979**
Includes early drawings.
- b. 22 f. 7 **Professional 1983-1996**
Includes an early curriculum vita, and correspondence and printed matter related to Christmas's career as a travel writer.
Writing 1971-1993
- b. 22 f. 8 **Published 1971-1993**
Includes originals and photocopies of various articles on travel written by Christmas; also includes a copy of the article, "Getting Help", cowritten with her mother and published in *Essence* (June 1989).
- b. 22 f. 9 **Unpublished 1988**
Includes a typescript of a short story, "Remote Control".

Christmas, Vincent

Eldest child of June and Walter Christmas.

- b. 22 f. 10 **Education 1959-1977**
Includes a copy of *Pageant Magazine* (October 1959) which contains an article on Christmas at the Walden School titled "Vincent and Gina in Grownupland".
- b. 22 f. 11 **Correspondence 1960-1989**
Includes early drawings and the eulogy written for his grandfather (1989).
- b. 22 f. 12 **Professional 1976-1999**
Includes correspondence and printed matter, mostly related to his mental health work.

Christmas, Walter 1961-2002

Husband of June Jackson Christmas.

- b. 22 f. 13 **Personal 1968-2002**
Includes correspondence with family, a drawing, and his memorial service program.
Professional 1961-1976
- b. 23 f. 1 ***Branch, William. A Wreath for Udomo, revised typescript* 1961**
Christmas worked on a number of theatrical productions in the 1930s-1950s, so he most likely worked on this one as well.
- b. 23 f. 2 **Ruder and Finn 1968**
Includes memos and reports from Ruder and Finn, a public relations firm for which Christmas worked, on various projects. It is unclear if Christmas wrote all of these documents.
- b. 23 f. 3-4 **Coca-Cola 1970-1976**
Christmas was the Director of Public Relations.
Includes memos, press releases (one of which was written by Christmas), and general printed matter about the company. In addition, there is a scrapbook which mostly contains copies of *Impact*, the company newsletter, which was edited by Christmas.
- b. 23 f. 5 **NAACP 1975-1976**
Christmas worked as the Director of Public Relations.
Includes a brochure, but it is unclear if Christmas participated in its production.
- b. 19 f. 6 **Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF) 1971**
Includes a poster for an art auction that benefitted the SCEF. Christmas was possibly involved in the poster's design or worked with the organization in a public relations capacity.
- b. 23 f. 6 **Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Inc undated**
Includes an ad for the organization; Christmas was probably involved in its design.
- b. 23 f. 7 **Printed matter 1967-1994**
Includes personal and professional printed matter, such as a galley for the cover of *The Fun Guide to the Sights and Delights of Bermuda/Bahamas 94*, written with his daughter.

Family (cont.)

b. 23 f. 8 **Fjeld, Jeri 1942-1983**

Sister of June Jackson Christmas, nee Geraldine Jackson.

Includes personal papers, such as poems written to her father and correspondence with her sister.

Jackson, Mortimer 1925-1989

Father of June Jackson Christmas and Jeri Fjeld.

b. 23 f. 9 **Personal 1964-1989**

Includes a copy of his birth certificate and gun registration; writing (possibly diary entries); and his memorial service program, among others.

Correspondence 1948-1987

b. 23 f. 10 **Personal 1948-1987**

b. 24 f. 1 **Professional 1973-1987**

Mostly includes correspondence regarding his volunteer work with various organization.

b. 24 f. 2 **Postal service 1925-1980**

Includes correspondence, insurance information, and certificates, among others.

b. 24 f. 3 **Printed matter 1955-1985**

Includes a few clippings on Jackson; the rest are about other individuals or organizations, most likely of interest to Jackson.

b. 24 f. 4 **Other family 1980-2005**

Includes printed matter (mostly clippings and a booklet) on extended family members including Walter Christmas's sister-in-law, Lilien Christmas.