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Guide to the  
**Afrekete records**  
1993-1998  
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## Summary

**Creator:** McKinley, Catherine E.

**Title:** Afrekete records

**Date:** 1993-1998

**Size:** .8 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Donated by Catherine E. McKinley, 2001

**Abstract:** The Afrekete records consists of publishing-related documents such as correspondence, submissions, editorial notes, and marketing files.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## Creator History

*Afrekete* was conceived by Catherine McKinley, a writer and L. Joyce Delaney, a screenwriter and independent videomaker. The two met as undergraduates at Sarah Lawrence College. This anthology, published in the mid-1990s, was to fill a perceived gap within African American and lesbian and gay writing. In other words, to give a voice to Black Lesbian writers. The final book contained twenty essays in verse and prose on a variety of subjects and themes.

## Scope and Content Note

The *Afrekete* records is a small collection comprised primarily of publishing-related documents. These

consist of press and publicity files, correspondence with editors and authors, permissions, and marketing files. There is also a rough draft of the book with markup as well as edited submissions from accepted authors.

Published copies of the book are available at the Schomburg Center and the Schwarzman Building.

**Arrangement:** Collection is arranged alphabetically by type of document.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American lesbians -- Social conditions.

Homosexuality in literature.

Lesbians -- Literary collections.

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 *Afrekete* 1990s
- b. 1 f. 2 Correspondence 1993-1998
- b. 1 f. 3 Delaney 1993-1998
- b. 1 f. 4 Doubleday 1993-1998
- b. 1 f. 5-6 Final Draft 1995
- b. 1 f. 7 Jacket Art 1990s
- b. 1 f. 8 Legal Documents 1993
- b. 2 f. 1 Marketing 1993-1996
- b. 2 f. 2 Permissions 1995
- b. 2 f. 3 Press 1995-1998
- b. 2 f. 4 Status Sheets 1993-1994
- b. 2 f. 5 Solicitations 1993-1994
- b. 2 f. 6-7 Submissions--General 1993-1994
- b. 2 f. 8-9 Submissions--Edited 1994