Summary

Creator: Meier, August, 1923-2003

Title: August Meier papers

Date: 1930-1998

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Abstract: Since the early 1960's August Meier has been a major force in the study of African-American history in his examination of late nineteenth and twentieth century America by his application of rigorous social and intellectual analysis. Meier was actively involved in the civil rights movement and studied its origins and development. He taught at three historic black colleges followed by twenty years at Kent State University. As editor of two major series on blacks in America, he influenced scholars and students alike.

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Related Materials:
Additional manuscript material relating to August Meier's years at Oberlin College are housed at the Oberlin College Archives. Material pertaining to research conducted by Meier, Rudwick and John Bracey from the 1980s relating to the NAACP, labor, A. Philip Randolph, and affirmative action is stored at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. The collection is currently not available for research.

Creator History
Since the early 1960's August Meier has been a major force in the study of African-American history in his examination of late nineteenth and twentieth century America by his application of rigorous social and intellectual analysis. Meier was actively involved in the civil rights movement and studied its origins and development. He taught at three historic black colleges followed by twenty years at Kent State University. As editor of two major series on blacks in America, he influenced scholars and students alike. Born in 1923 in Newark, New Jersey, Meier was reared in upwardly mobile, middle class surroundings. He openly acknowledges his parents' influence on his intellectual development--his East European Jewish mother was a teacher and vice principal of a public school, his father was a chemist. His parents had met in the Socialist Party--his mother, of German extraction, came from a family of radical intellectuals. By the mid-1930's his parents were liberal in their thinking and made him aware of the plight of the poor and the oppressed. Another significant factor was Meier's experience as a camper and counselor at Pioneer Youth Camp near Kingston, New York where he spent his summers between 1934 and 1939. Pioneer Youth of America had been founded in 1924 by a group of reformers including progressive educators, anarchists, Communists, socialists, union leaders and liberals. A racially integrated camp, the children decided democratically what their activities would be. Pioneer Youth served as a catalyst for Meier's interest in social issues, his growing commitment to racial equality, his persistent anti-Stalisism, and the shaping of his activity in the black student protest movement of the 1960's. Between 1940-1945 Meier attended Oberlin College, which had a reputation for being "liberal." One year during this time was spent working at a War Department agency in Newark, one-third of the employees were the black. Experiences at this agency gave impetus to Meier's decision to teach at a black college and he began studying race relations and black history. Moreover, his last two years at Oberlin were engaged in activist concerns and in anti-discrimination practices. Meier was an assistant professor of history at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, 1945-1949, utilizing the last year of his experience there pursuing his Master's degree at Columbia University. His thesis was a study of black American nationalism prior to Marcus Garvey. Between 1953 and 1956 he held the same title at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee where he also served as President Charles S. Johnson's research assistant. Meier was awarded the Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1957 with his tome, "Negro Racial Thought in the Age of Booker T. Washington, ca. 1880-1915" serving as his dissertation. In 1963 his revised published dissertation Negro Thought in America, 1880-1915 placed Meier on the cutting edge of intellectual historians who used sociological and anthropological approaches in his examination of black history. From 1957 to 1964 Meier taught at Morgan State College in Baltimore, first as assistant professor of history, then as associate professor. Unlike Fisk and Tougaloo where there were approximately equal numbers of black and white faculty, at Morgan 90% were black. Morgan State students had been active in civil rights work, and in 1960 Meier was also involved in the students' attempt to integrate a restaurant at Northwood shopping center by demonstrating their protest at being excluded. The students formed an organization called the Civic Interest Group and asked Meier to become and adult adviser. Later, as a result of participating in a restaurant sit-in, Meier was arrested. With the cooperation of the Congress of Racial Equality and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the students won the right to integrate these public services through the passage of laws. Meier developed a long-standing interest in the origins of non-violent direct action, researching early twentieth century manifestations of this form of protest. As a liberal and integrationist teaching history at black institutions, Meier became involved in student activism, and in the early 1960's also became acquainted with officers of CORE, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the NAACP. He got to know such leaders as Bayard Rustin, Norman Hill, Stokeley Carmichael, Floyd
McKissick, and Herbert Hill. Meier taught history at Chicago's Roosevelt University from 1964 to 1967, a time when the era of integration had passed and black power had begun. The interest in black experience during this time period by both black and white researchers broadened the audience for Meier's publications. From 1967 until his retirement in 1993, Meier taught history at the only largely white university with which he was affiliated, Kent State University in Ohio. In 1969 he was appointed University Professor, the highest rank to which Kent State faculty members can be named. His long collaboration with his colleague, Elliott Rudwick, professor of sociology at Kent State, resulted in seven books and numerous articles. Their joint effort lasted until Rudwick's death in 1985. Meier's activity in civil rights dates back to his college days at Oberlin in the 1940's when he joined in the campaign against discrimination of the white barbershops and witnessed the protest against the Jim Crow blood bank. Meier joined the local branch of the Newark, New Jersey NAACP in 1948, and served as secretary between 1950-1952, then again in 1957. Meier was a consultant for the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, also known as the Kerner Commission, 1968. Since the 1950's Meier has been active in several national scholarly organizations including the Southern Historical Association, the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians. From about 1959-1961 he participated in a campaign to prevail upon the SHA to end its practice of holding conventions at hotels that barred blacks, and in 1980 he served on its Program Committee, then became its president in 1992. For the AHA Meier was on the Program Committee in 1972, and he chaired the Organization of American Historians's Program Committee in 1990. In 1998 the AHA honored Meier with its Award for Scholarly Distinction, which is bestowed upon senior historians. In presenting this honor, the AHA declared that "since the pioneering work of Carter G. Woodson and the establishment of the *Journal of Negro History* in 1915, no historian has influenced the study of African American history more broadly than August Meier." In the 1970's Meier received a number of research grants, including a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, and one from the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences. He was also a recipient of a research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities; in addition in the 1980's he twice presented a summer seminar with NEH funds entitled "Black Protest Movement in Twentieth-Century America." Meier has been a prolific writer analyzing black protest thought, civil rights and related issues. He has either authored or edited fourteen books between 1963 and 1986, published close to a hundred articles, and written book reviews which have appeared in the major history journals. He has lectured at colleges and universities across the country about timely race related issues and aspects of his research. Perhaps Meier's most far-reaching impact on the intellectual community has been achieved through his role as editor of books and other publications for four series in black studies. He served as general editor of the *Negro in American Life Series* for Atheneum, 1966-1974. He has also been general editor of the University of Illinois Press Black in the New World Series, from 1972 to 1998. Meier along with Elliott Rudwick co-edited the Bobbs-Merrill Reprint Series in Black Studies, 1966-1974, in addition to serving as a co-editor (also with Rudwick) for the University Publications of America, Black Studies Research Sources: Microfilms of Materials in Major Archival Manuscript Collections, 1983-1998. In his capacity as editor of Atheneum and the University of Illinois Press, Meier's demanding criticism and generous aid to recent students publishing their first scholarly work as well as to experienced writers can be noted in the excellent quality of the series. His former student, John H. Bracey, became his co-editor for UPA and Bobbs-Merrill, and in 1991 became his co-editor for the University of Illinois Press series. Meier was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Rutgers University in 1994. He is now retired and living in New Jersey--he makes it a point to regularly attend and participate in historical association meetings.

**Scope and Content Note**
The August Meier Papers document the formative years and career of this scholar, writer, professor, and editor of late nineteenth and twentieth century black America. The collection consists primarily of personal papers, notes and drafts for his Ph.D. dissertation, records from his teaching career including files for his Kent State University graduate students, correspondence with colleagues and publishers of
his own books and articles, and correspondence and manuscripts for books submitted for possible inclusion in two series related to blacks in the United States of which Meier was an editor. Additionally, the collection encompasses his published articles, conference papers, speeches and lectures; as well as his role in professional organizations, the grants and fellowships he received, and his consultancies. The papers are strong in civil rights research materials including numerous interviews Meier and his colleague Elliott Rudwick conducted with participants, printed material and notes related to Baltimore and various geographical areas Meier was interested, copies of records of the legal and educational offices of the NAACP Meier and Elliott Rudwick gathered for research purposes, and some records of the Newark, New Jersey branch of the NAACP which Meier helped create during his tenure as secretary in the 1950's. Many national and Southern civil rights organizations such as SNCC as well as pertinent subject files are represented by printed material and Meier's notes. Research files for publications authored by Meier include notes, printed material and some manuscripts, spanning the period of Meier's first publication in 1947 to one of his latest in 1988. He had made a selection of his writings to include in his papers prior to the donation of the collection of the Schomburg Center. The collection concludes with his research files for unpublished material and a file on Elliott Rudwick.

Key Terms

Subjects
African American college teachers
African American historians
African Americans -- Civil rights
African Americans -- Civil rights -- Southern States
African Americans -- Education
African Americans -- History -- 1877-1964
African Americans -- History -- 1964-
African Americans -- Maryland
African Americans -- Mississippi
African Americans -- Study and teaching
African Americans -- Suffrage
Historians -- United States

Names
Meier, August, 1923-2003
King, Preston T., 1936-
Rudwick, Elliott M.
Rustin, Bayard, 1910-1987
Atheneum (New York, N.Y.)
Congress of Racial Equality
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Newark Branch
Pioneer Youth Camp (Kingston, N.Y.)
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (U.S.)
University of Illinois (System). Press
University Publications of America (Firm)
Container List

Personal Papers

Biographical Material

The Biographical Material subseries, 1930-1998 (.4 lin. ft.) includes Meier's curriculum vitae, news clippings about Meier's professional activities, a biographical essay, Meier's first major writing attempt which consists of his memoirs of family vacations (1930's), a log describing his trip to visit a black classmate at his home in Mississippi (1944), information about his mother, Clara Meier, and photographs.

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Pioneer Youth Camp

Pioneer Youth Camp subseries, 1936-1951 (2 lin. ft.). Meier's childhood summers spent at Pioneer Youth Camp are represented by newsletters and play scripts written by campers including Meier, minutes of meetings, a history of the camp written by Meier entitled "A Short History of Pioneer Youth Camp"(1938) and his long manuscript entitled "My Experiences with Pioneer Youth Camp of America (1939) illustrated with photographs. In addition, there are letters from Meier to his family, printed material regarding a 1939 visit to the camp by Eleanor Roosevelt and reports prepared by Meier and other staff members when Meier became a counselor in the early 1940's. Of interest is a 1940's report written by Meier on two other interracial camps in New York State.

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b. 3 (Offsite) f. 6  Camp Newspaper - Manuscript Drafts, Correspondence 1942
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b. 3 (Offsite) f. 8  Meier's Report on Two Other Interracial Camps 1946
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b. 3 f. 19  Pages 295-375
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b. 4 (Offsite)  Personal Correspondence

Personal Correspondence subseries, 1938-1958; 2003 (1.4 lin. ft.) consists of correspondence between Meier and his parents and brother as well as with his friends. His long, detailed letters written while he was a student at Oberlin College in Ohio discuss Meier's relationship with other students, his professors, readings, examinations, papers he wrote, extracurricular activities, and in general, the development of his thinking processes while attending a liberal arts college. Correspondence from the late 1940's when Meier was attending Columbia University in pursuit of his Master's degree describe his courses and current events including his opinions about black related issues. Meier continued his course work at Columbia for his doctoral degree; correspondence during this time discuss his research for his dissertation. Letters from Meier's years at Fisk University describe his responsibilities and complaints as a research assistant to Charles S. Johnson, his experiences applying for a job, and his belief that his resume may have caused people to believe he was of African-American ancestry.

b. 4 (Offsite)  Family

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b. 6 (Offsite) Education

The subseries Education, 1936-1957, n.d. (5 lin. ft.) encompasses Meier's report cards from grade and high schools and graduation related material. His files for Oberlin College include reports and printed matter regarding a student effort to desegregate barber shops on campus. Meier was secretary of the committee that spearheaded this action. Meier's studies for his Master's degree at Columbia is documented by two black history papers he wrote on the black church and on Booker T. Washington, in addition to a copy of his thesis, "The Emergence of Negro Nationalism: A Study of Ideologies - From the American Revolution to the First World War" (1948). Most significantly in this subseries are several drafts, including the final version, of Meier's dissertation, "Negro Racial Thought in the Age of Booker T. Washington, ca. 1880-1915." There are approximately ten versions of the dissertation; the final and most complete version has been filed first, followed by the other versions. Most of the drafts are not intact and only a few are dated, which made it difficult to assemble completed drafts. Adding to the difficulty in organizing the drafts is the fact that versions of book and dissertation chapters were frequently mixed together during the process of preparing the book Meier wrote based on his dissertation, Negro Racial Thought in the Age of Booker T. Washington, ca. 1880-1915. Thus, it was not always clear which chapter versions were written for the book and which for the dissertation. A sampling of Meier's research notes based on his reading has been retained (one out of eight boxes). Correspondence between Meier and Paul Partington concerning W.E.B. DuBois is also to be found in this series.

b. 6 (Offsite) f. 1 Report Cards 1936-1944
   Barringer High School
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   1939-1948
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   Papers Written by Meier 1947
b. 6 (Offsite) f. 9 1948-1950
   Master's Thesis
b. 6 (Offsite) f. 10 "The Emergence of Negro Nationalism: A Study of Ideologies - From the American Revolution to the First World War," Final Version 1948
b. 6 (Offsite) f. 11 Edited Version
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The ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Newark Branch series, 1948-1958 (.6 lin. ft.) reflects Meier's role as secretary from 1951-1952 and then again in 1957. The Newark Branch records consist of the constitution and by-laws, directory of members, a resolution on Jim Crow in the armed forces, minutes of meetings, and other resolutions. There is correspondence soliciting support for the integration program of the Newark Housing Authority in addition to civil rights legislation considered by Congress in 1957 (unpassed), newsletters of the (Newark) Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, and material regarding the Fair Employment Practice Commission sought by the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization (1950).

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Teaching Career
The series TEACHING CAREER, 1932-1995 (3.2 lin. ft.) spans Meier's long career as a history professor at six colleges. Tougaloo College is represented by minutes Meier took of College Council meetings, an article he wrote after his departure about his evaluation of Tougaloo fulfilling its role as an educational institution for African Americans, printed material and photographs. For Fisk University there is correspondence with Preston King, Meier's undergraduate student discussing their common interests in black intellectual thought, Meier's participation in civil rights activities, as well as King's dispute with the United States military and his self exile to London. Meier's position as Charles S. Johnson's research assistant is documented by notes prepared for Johnson's speeches and articles, and correspondence pertaining to Negro History Week celebrations. There is also material documenting a course on African-American history. Meier's annual reports provide information on his teaching career at Morgan State College. Kent State University served as Meier's "home port" for twenty-five years and is where he trained a significant number of graduate students. These files reveal Meier's relationship with his graduate students and includes assessments by committees regarding the acceptance of the applicant as a graduate student. Some correspondence between students and Meier, members of the dissertation committee, and administrators regarding students' status and progress, especially at the dissertation writing level is available. A few files include essay exams, reading lists, administrative material, job references, lists of dissertation committee members and their assessment of the student, and papers (some published). Correspondence indicates an ongoing relationship with some of his students after they obtained their Ph.D.'s and secured professional positions. Students represented in the collection include Elsa Barkley Brown, Leroy Davis, William Hine, Reginald Kearney, Paul Lammermeier, Christopher Reed, and Tyrone Tillery. Lastly, these files include letters of gratitude written for Meier's 1993 retirement. Additional files for Kent State University includes material Meier distributed for his honors section on the history of civilization, such as chapter notes, study and review questions, exam questions, and lecture notes. For a colloquium he taught called "Black Protest Movement in the Twentieth Century" there are assignments, quizzes, bibliographies, and outlines for class discussions. Papers by Harold Baron, Robert Curvin, George Wiley and others from a conference on civil rights that Meier organized are included. Meier's efforts in building the Kent State University library's African-American collection between 1969-1986 through the purchase of microfilm is also documented.

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Atheneum, Negro in American Life Series
The Atheneum, Negro in American Life Series, 1967-1976 (.8 lin. ft.) subseries documents Atheneum's efforts to reprint books in the field of black studies in paperback format (1966-1971), and original studies on historical and contemporary topics in African-American life after 1968. Correspondence concerns Meier's discussions with Atheneum editor, Robert Zenowich, regarding paperback rights for the reprints, the writing of new introductions, and prospects for inclusion in the series. For the Books Published section of this subseries, Meier's editorial comments to the author and discussions at various stages of the writing and editing of the book are included. For the Proposals Rejected portion of the subseries, Meier's explanations for the rejection and ways to improve the manuscript, or his encouragement of additional work, which Atheneum did not receive, are included.

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Proposals Rejected
The subseries University of Illinois Press, *Blacks in the New World*, 1967-1998 (8 lin. ft.) is the most extensive in this series, documenting Meier's role as editor of approximately sixty-five books published by this press, averaging two books a year. The subseries has been divided into two units -- Books Published and Manuscripts Not Published. The latter includes files for proposals that were rejected at the outset as being outside the scope of the series or for other reasons. In some instances, a contract was signed but after substantial revisions were made to the manuscript with numerous editorial suggestions by Meier, either the writer or Illinois Press decided against completing the manuscript under Meier's direction. Occasionally a different press actually published these works. Because Atheneum discontinued its *Negro in American Life* series in 1971 and the University of Illinois Press had inaugurated a black series publication in 1972, Meier approached Richard L. Wentworth, Editor and Associate Director of the University of Illinois Press, with the idea of the latter press establishing a series focusing on black history with Meier as editor. Announcements indicated that this was a continuation of the series Meier had edited for Atheneum. In all cases, if Meier had begun the editorial process for a book in the Atheneum series, he then completed the work for the University of Illinois Press. Examples of books published during this transitional period are Walter B. Weare, *Black Business in the New South: A Social History of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company*, 1973, and David Katzman, *Before the Ghetto: Black Detroit in the Nineteenth Century*, 1973, and Carl R. Osthaus, *Freedman, Philanthropy, and Fraud: A History of the Freedman's Savings Bank*, 1976. In 1991 John H. Bracey joined Meier as co-editor of the series, and after twenty-five years of service to this press, Meier retired in 1998. The University of Illinois Press subseries includes correspondence between Meier, Wentworth and Bracey, concerning manuscript solicitations, policy issues, and the Elliot Rudwick Award. Both the Books Published and Manuscripts Not Published units of the subseries contain correspondence among the authors, Meier, and Wentworth, and sometimes other scholars who served as readers, discussing the submission of manuscripts for publication, Meier's suggestions to authors to improve the manuscripts, and Meier's recommendations whether or not to publish. Occasionally, Meier advised publication but if authors could not revise the manuscript according to Meier's standards, he later advised against publication. Files may also contain the table of contents or proposal for the book, as well as a few of the author's reprints. While the total number of books published as represented in this series is over sixty titles, there are files for hundreds of proposals rejected or contracts signed which did not result in published books.
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1998 (1 lin. ft.) deals with the selection of archival collections for inclusion in the
micropublication series from archival and manuscript repositories. Meier and Elliott Rudwick
served as co-editors - John H. Bracey later replaced Rudwick - and correspondence indicates
that the co-editors frequently conferred with UPA president John Moscato. Examples of the
microfilmed collections are the records of the National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People and the Congress of Racial Equality; civil rights files from the Kennedy and
Johnson administrations, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. FBI Files. Correspondence discusses
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The series PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, 1945-1998 (5.2 lin. ft.) covers Meier's career excluding his teaching and editorship positions. The series is divided into six subseries: Consultancies; Writings - Published Articles; Conference Papers, Speeches and Lectures; Professional Affiliations; Grants and Scholarships; National Endowment for the Humanities.

Consultancies
The subseries Consultancies, 1968-1993 (.2 lin. ft.) documents Meier's work in a multiplicity of capacities in federal and private settings. Included are a draft of a chapter he and Rudwick wrote for the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, advice on a grant proposal for educational television projects on the NAACP, and an exhibition of an upper class turn-of-the-century family in Atlanta, Georgia

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The subseries Writings - Published Articles, 1945-1973 (.6 lin. ft.) covers articles Meier, for the most part, wrote alone, or with Rudwick and Bracey, beginning with a story he wrote for the Oberlin College literary magazine. Book reviews he wrote are included in this subseries.

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The Conference Papers, Speeches and Lectures, subseries, 1945-1995 (1.4 lin. ft.) includes addresses and papers Meier, occasionally with Rudwick, presented at professional meetings, universities and other research institutions and before community groups. The topics span the entire gamut of his research interests and include Booker T. Washington, Meier's 1962 debate with Malcolm X, the history of the African-American protest movement including non-violent direct action, civil rights, NAACP, CORE, and research themes based upon his and Meier's book, Black Detroit and the Rise of the UAW. Of significance are Meier's comments referring to a paper read by Louis R. Harlan entitled, "The Problem of Interpreting Booker T. Washington, A Biographical Perspective." The speeches have been arranged chronologically.

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b. 54 (Offsite) Grants and Fellowships

Over the decades, Meier received a number of Grants and Scholarships, 1951-1990 (.4 lin. ft.) for research projects including his dissertation and the study of the NAACP and organized labor. Among the numerous prestigious organizations which presented him with research grants, the collection documents Meier's relationship with the American Council of Learned Societies, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Rockefeller Foundation. Files include proposals for research, correspondece and progress reports.

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b. 55 (Offsite) National Endowment for the Humanities

The subseries National Endowment for the Humanities, 1972-1991 (1.2 lin. ft.) documents Meier's relationship with this funding agency as an evaluator of grant applications (1972-1991). Both the proposal and Meier's review are included in the collection. In addition, Meier taught two seminars for college teachers entitled "Black Protest Movement in Twentieth Century America" (1981 and 1985) which are documented through the grant applications, files of participants including their applications, research papers that resulted from this program, manuscripts Meier reviewed for the participants, and evaluation reports prepared by Meier and participants.

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- Goings, Kenneth W. n.d.
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- Hatfield, Eugene A. n.d.
- Juhnke, William E. n.d.
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- O'Dell, Samuel R. 1985-1988
- Oguah, Benjamin E. 1985
- Shaw, Francis 1985
- Stern, Mark 1985
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- Thompson, Edward 1985

"Black Protest Movement in Twentieth Century America" - Class Discussions 1985

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Civil Rights Movement Research Files

Of particular interest is the CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT RESEARCH FILES, 1940-1995, (bulk 1942-1979) (14 lin. ft.) which includes an Interviews subseries, 1961-1985, (1961-1971 bulk) (.8 lin. ft.), consisting of hundreds of interviews Meier and his colleague, Elliott Rudwick, conducted with individuals regarding their roles in the civil rights movement. The bulk of the interviews were conducted for Meier and Rudwick's book *CORE: A Study in the Civil Rights Movement, 1942-1968*. Included are interviews conducted with CORE leaders at both the national and local chapters. Other organizations represented in the interviews are the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Southern Regional Council, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, the National Action Council, and the Council of Federated Organizations. Among the numerous interviewees are: Julian Bond, John H. Bracey, Gordon Carey, Ronald Corvin, Gloster Current, Robert Curvin, St. Clair Drake, Leslie Dunbar, James and Lula Farmer, Charles Hamilton, Aaron Henry, Herbert Hill, Norman Hill, Carl Holman, Genevive Hughes, Roy and Doris Innis, Sam and Fredericka Kushner, Charles McDew, Floyd McKissick, Charles Oldham, Carl Rachlin, Marvin Rich, James R. Robinson, Ralph Rosenfeld, Phyllis Ryan, Mark Solomon, Herbert Wright, Andrew Young and Whitney Young. A complete list is available as an appendix to this finding aid. Interviews were conducted either by telephone or in person and were not taped. They were open ended and varied in length from a single page to approximately 30 pages. The interviews are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically for individuals who were interviewed on more than one occasion.

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The Bayard Rustin subseries, 1942-1979 (1 lin. ft.) reflects Meier's long-standing interest in Rustin as a civil rights leader, and includes Meier's interviews concerning Rustin's role in CORE and non-violent protest, Jonathan Gottlieb's manuscript on Rustin and A. Philip Randolph, and notes relating to Rustin's participation in the 1943 and 1963 March on Washington movements. Rustin's role with the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), a non-violent antiwar group is detailed through minutes, reports, correspondence and Meier's notes. FOR's support of the 1943 March on Washington is discussed. Of particular interest is a report Rustin prepared entitled "22 Days on a Chain Gang" concerning the sentence he served in North Carolina for sitting in a non-Jim Crow section of a bus, the Fellowship of Reconciliation precursor of the 1961-1962 Freedom Rides. The subseries also includes articles Rustin authored and abundant newsclippings. The activities of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, of which Rustin served as executive director, are documented by news releases written by Rustin, and printed material.

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The subseries States, 1943-1998, (bulk 1956-1966) (5 lin. ft.) contains materials gathered and
created by Meier and Rudwick documenting the civil rights struggles in a number of cities and
states. Included are notes, interviews, correspondence, newspaper and other printed
material, including published research reports. The states for which the greatest amount of
material is represented are Alabama, Georgia, Illinois (particularly Chicago), Kentucky
(Louisville), Maryland (especially Baltimore), Mississippi, New Jersey (Newark), North and
South Carolina, Tennessee (Memphis and Nashville) and Virginia (Danville and Lynchburg). An
extensive file relating to Chicago includes notes and printed material about the Coordinating
Council of Community Organizations (CCCO), and research reports prepared by the Chicago
Urban League. Significant material represents Mississippi including files about the Mississippi
Freedom Democratic Party, the Delta Ministry based in Edwards, notes Meier took on a July
1964 trip to that state and photographs taken in 1947 of Farish Street, in Jackson, Mississippi,
the principal black business thoroughfare. Of interest are Meier’s correspondence, notes and
related material pertaining to the Civic Interest Group’s support in Cambridge, Maryland, and
the Interracial Council of Newark and the Essex County Intergroup Council (both of New
Jersey). Meier’s involvement in the civil rights movement in Baltimore during his teaching
career at Morgan State College in that city is revealed in the files about Baltimore, 1959-1998,
(1959-1963 bulk). The protesting students at Morgan named Meier adult advisor of the Civic
Interest Group (CIG), and files of this organization detail Meier’s arrest for demonstrating
against a segregated restaurant and include minutes of meetings, notes by Meier written as
events unfolded, interviews he conducted, correspondence outlining his participation in the
Northwood Theatre demonstration, printed material, and a manuscript written by John Fanton
concerning CIG activities in communities on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay (1962).
Meier’s participation in the Northwood Theatre demonstration, which led to the desegregation
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**Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee**

The subseries Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, 1960-1969. (1960-1965 bulk) (1 lin. ft.) consists of interviews Meier conducted with several members including John H. Bracey, Jr. and Charles Hamilton about their roles with the organization, and notes about SNCC annual conferences which Meier attended. There are also notes concerning SNCC activities in Alabama, Orangeburg, South Carolina and in Mississippi including the freedom schools; press releases, printed material such as newsletters, the SNCC monthly publication "The Student Voice," (1960-1965) and newsclippings.

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The General Civil Rights Movement Printed Material subseries, 1940-1982, (1960-1965 bulk) (3 lin. ft.) served as a resource file on a variety of civil rights organizations and subjects. Included are items on education, student activism and sit-ins, COFO, the National Urban League, the Northern Student Movement Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Students for a Democratic Society, and voter registration.

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Research Files for Publications
The RESEARCH FILES FOR PUBLICATION series (23.8 lin. ft.) encompass notes, drafts, reference material, printed material, correspondence and data for only thirteen of Meier's numerous books and articles. Meier and Rudwick retained sample research files in order to provide insight into the ways they did their research and writing, therefore only certain files were kept. For example, most of the data gathered about streetcar boycotts were discarded. Similar material for Meier's other publications was not retained. This large series has been arranged chronologically by publication date of Meier's work.
"A Study of the Racial Ancestry of the Mississippi College Negro"

"A Study of the Racial Ancestry of the Mississippi College Negro," 1947-1949 (1.2 lin. ft.) is Meier's first published article, appearing in 1949. The research for this study, which employed sociological methods, was conducted while Meier was teaching at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi. The bulk of the material consists of questionnaires Meier distributed to students and provides information as to the college the student attended, whether the individual was a student or faculty member, age, county and state of birth, residence at time of completing questionnaire and genealogical background. The collection also includes the manuscript, research correspondence and a letter to Melville Herskovits thanking him for his assistance in getting the article published.

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"History of the Negro Upper Class in Atlanta, Georgia, 1890-1958," with David L. Lewis

The article "History of the Negro Upper Class in Atlanta, Georgia, 1890-1958" (.8 lin. ft.) written with David Levering Lewis and published in 1959 consists of various annotated drafts of the manuscript, readers' comments, research notes, newsclippings and other printed material used for research.

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Congress of Racial Equality: A Study in the Civil Rights Movement, 1942-1968

The subseries Congress of Racial Equality: A Study in the Civil Rights Movement, 1942-1968, 1942-1992, 1942-1968 (bulk) (3 lin. ft.), co-authored with Elliott Rudwick, was published in 1973. The material documents issues of voter registration, desegregation of lunch counters, restaurants, theaters and interstate travel, and consists of notes Meier took based on CORE’s records, photocopies of correspondence and memoranda, as well as newscipings of CORE activities. There are copies of national and local newsletters, flyers, press releases, memoranda from national director James Farmer and files of one of CORE's offshoots -- the Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality. Meier also saved printed matter from other organizations to serve as reference material for this time period. These organizations include SNCC, NAACP, COFO, the National Conference on Religion and Race, the Northern Student Movement, and the Southern Conference Educational Fund. This portion of the subseries is arranged chronologically. Most of the civil rights issues with which CORE became involved as represented by this collection took place in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina and Mississippi. The material for the latter state is particularly extensive and includes information regarding CORE's involvement in Clarksdale and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Researchers interested in the civil rights movement in this state are advised to also consult the Civil Rights Movement Research Files - States. The "Rachlin File" includes legal documents for court cases in which Carl Rachlin, national CORE's legal counsel, or other lawyers were involved. Examples of the types of court cases included are CORE's protests against segregated interstate bus travel, segregated lunch counters and a recreation center, as well as voting rights in Mississippi. Meier has indicated that most of the original notes upon which this book was based, taken by Rudwick from local white newspapers, were unfortunately destroyed prior to being donated to the Schomburg Center. Drafts of manuscripts form part of this subseries. The CORE White House Files consist of photocopies of correspondence between CORE and the White House, 1963-1968, housed in the Lyndon B. Johnson Library, which documents the administration's stance towards civil rights.
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Along the Color Line: Explorations in the Black Experience - Research Material

The subseries Along the Color Line: Explorations in the Black Experience consists of material Meier and co-author Rudwick gathered for their research for two chapters for this book: "Origins of Nonviolent Direct Action" and the "Don't Buy Where You Can't Work Campaign." Drafts of manuscripts form part of this series. The files for "The Origins of Nonviolent Direct Action," 1967-1975 (1.4 lin. ft.) consists of notes, photocopies of newsclippings, research correspondence, and research papers written by others. There are also some interviews with local and national activists involved in the various boycotts organized in American cities as a means of ending segregation in employment and schools, gathered by Meier and Rudwick in the course of their research. The material deals primarily with streetcar and bus boycotts, as well as school boycotts across the country during the first half of this century. The "Don't Buy Where You Can't Work Campaign" was a form of nonviolent protest to force stores to hire African Americans with the threat of boycotting. The material for this research, 1970's (.6 lin. ft.) contains notes and articles referring to this form of protest during the 1930's and 1960's in various parts of the country including Baltimore, Indianapolis and North Carolina. Meier and Rudwick did not retain all of their research materials and notes for streetcar boycotts research due to insufficient storage space. The roles of the NAACP and CORE in these boycotts are supported with articles, notes and interviews.

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Files for the subseries Black Detroit and the Rise of the UAW, 1976-1981 (4.6. lin. ft.) contain research information used by Meier and Rudwick in their 1970 book concerning fair labor practices within the UAW that resulted in major gains for African Americans, both inside and outside the automotive manufacturing plants. For their research efforts for this book, Meier and Rudwick were acknowledged with the Philip Taft Labor History Award for 1979. The bulk of the reference material consists of photocopies of files from the late 1930's-1940's gleaned from other archival repositories, notes, a dissertation and other papers. Many files discuss the roles of the Fair Employment Practice Committee and its Office of Production Management and War Manpower Commission. Other organizations represented are the Metropolitan Detroit Fair Employment Practice Council, the War Policy Division of the United Auto Workers-Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Ford Motor Company, and the UAW. During 1976-1978 Meier and Rudwick conducted a number of interviews with individuals involved in the integration of the UAW in the 1940's, such as Clarence Johnson, Louis Martin, Oscar Noble, Horace Sheffield and Roy Wilkins. There are research files for several automobile plant strikes (including hate strikes), particularly those at Ford Motor Company, Chrysler Corporation, and Packard Motor Car Company. The influence of the Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan is also discussed, as is the lack of employment of African-American women. This subseries includes numerous reference articles about African Americans in the automobile industry by such researchers as Lloyd Bailer, Ralph Bunche, Glen E. Carlson, and Paul Herbert Norgren. Background material is provided in copies of Michigan newspapers and Meier's notes for the period 1919-1943. Finally, the collection concludes with Meier and Rudwick's research correspondence, correspondence with the publisher, book reviews and the Taft Award both authors received.

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"Communist Unions and the Black Community: The Case of the Transport Workers Union, 1934-1944"

Meier and Rudwick also co-authored the article, "Communist Unions and the Black Community: The Case of the Transport Workers Union, 1934-1944" (1982), 1979-1981 (1 lin. ft.) which primarily discusses the Transit Workers Union and its operations in New York City and Philadelphia. This subseries is notable in part because it demonstrates the thoroughness of Meier and Rudwick's research program, and consists of several later drafts, and research material including photocopies of minutes and reports of TWU conventions, newscippings, reference articles, notes, and copies of office files housed at other archival repositories.

Michael Quill's involvement in New York City, and the Philadelphia Transport Union strike of 1944 are documented with reference material and notes. Correspondence regarding publication of the article and a report complete this subseries.

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Black History and the Historical Profession, 1915-1980 - Research Material

This subseries contains a substantial amount of material prepared by Meier and Rudwick for their 1986 book Black History and the Historical Profession, 1967-1998, (10 lin. ft.), a study dealing with the shaping of scholarly writing on African-American history. Among other issues, Meier and Rudwick were interested in the backgrounds of people who entered the field, the perspectives they brought to the field, how these have changed during the time period covered in the book (ca. 1915-1980), and how they are related to the changing social and academic milieu. The authors also delved into the role philanthropy played in the development of African-African history as a distinct historical speciality. Finally, they studied the ways in which black history and black historians have been treated by the learned historical societies (the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians and the Southern Historical Association), and how this in turn related to the development and shaping of the field. The categories used to organize the research material are: individuals, organizations, subjects and preparation of the book. There are files for each historian included in the book as well as a number who are not. Meier and Rudwick held telephone or in-person interviews with approximately 175 historians, both black and white, who conducted research in black history. An asterisk by the name denotes that there are notes and/or a summary of the interview with that individual and that the file is closed until 2025. The interviewees spoke about how and why they became involved in the study of black history, their family and personal backgrounds, their involvement, if any, in student activism, and their professional relationship with other academicians in the field. A relatively high percentage of these historians are Jewish -- these interviews discuss the ways in which their Jewish background influenced them professionally. Other material in these folders includes photocopies of selected journal articles (or occasionally original reprints), portions of books authored by these scholars, curriculum vita, correspondence, book reviews or other articles written about the scholar and other biographical material. The section on Organizations contains photocopies of material found in archival repositories, notes, and newscuttings which illuminate research in black studies. Among the organizations included are the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the General Education Board, and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. The Subjects portions of this subseries consist of secondary source materials and contains categories such as historians and African Americans, slavery, reconstruction, historiography, black Ph.D.'s and early black history courses. The final section, Preparation of Book, consists of manuscript drafts, reviews of the manuscript including comments by John Bracey, research correspondence, correspondence with the publisher, and a paper Meier and Rudwick delivered based on the research for this book.

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