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Guide to the

**Pan-African Skills Project collection**

1970-1981

Sc MG 640

## Summary

**Creator:** Davis, Irving, 1937-1981

**Title:** Pan-African Skills Project collection

**Date:** 1970-1981

**Size:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of Conteh Davis, 1998.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** The Pan-African Skills Project collection consists of a memorial program for Irving Davis, proposals and policies of PASP, and correspondence relating to the Project. There are also flyers documenting PASP's projects and fund-raisers.

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## Creator History

Irving Davis (1937-1981), an activist during the 1960s and 1970s, conceived and founded the Pan-African Skills Project (PASP), based on Pan-African/Black Nationalist philosophies. The main aim of PASP was to send skilled African Americans to work in newly independent African nations to assist with their development programs. Started as a project of the Africa Commission of the National Committee of Black Churchmen, within a few years of its inception, it was mutually agreed that PASP should be an independent organization.

PASP projects included the sponsorship of the Economic Development and African-Afro-American Relations conference, in 1971, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The conference provided a platform for

Afro-American and African churchmen to discuss Black/African theology, education, economic development, and transcontinental relations. The proceedings of the conference can be found in the book *Black Faith and Black Solidarity*.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African Americans -- Relations with Africans  
Pan-Africanism  
Pan-Africanism -- Congresses  
Self-determination, National

### **Names**

Davis, Irving, 1937-1981

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