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Guide to the

Marilyn Clement papers

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Summary

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Creator History

Marilyn Clement was an activist and a professional organizer in the social justice movement. She worked as a researcher for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Atlanta (1966-1968), and she was an organizer and later the associate director for the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizations in New York City. In 1976, she went to work for the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) as the executive director. While at CCR, the creation of programs was a priority and Clement was instrumental in the creation of the Instituto para Derechos Civiles in Puerto Rico, the Mississippi Voting Rights Project, the Movement Support Network, and the National Anti-Klan Network (now the Center for Democratic Renewal), and the Ella Baker Legal Intern Program.

Scope and Content Note

The Marilyn Clement papers, 1967-2005, consists primarily of printed material, which document her activities as an activist with the organizations where she was either employed or worked as a volunteer. Writings by Clement are filed throughout the collection. Included among the printed materials are an interview given by Clement and essays about the first women's delegation of U.S. civilians that traveled in Vietnam after the war (Clement was a member of the delegation), 1977-1978, and campaign items from Jesse Jackson's bid for the United States presidency in 1988. Also represented is the "National Conference in Support of the African National Congress and other Democratic Forces for a New South Africa," held at the Riverside Church in New York City, and her work as a fundraising consultant for Americans for Aristide. Of note are the items relating to the Health Care Now campaign (as "Healthcare-We Gotta Have It") launched in 1992, and revived in 2004. Other materials are from Clement's involvement in various campaigns during her tenure at the United Methodist Women's Division.

Arrangement: Arranged first chronologically, and then by organization.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American Methodists
African American political activists
African American women
African American women civil rights workers
African American women in church work
African American women political activists
African Americans -- Civil rights
Authors, Black
Church work with African Americans
Church work with migrant labor
Civil rights workers
Community organization

Names

Clement, Marilyn, 1935-2009
Center for Constitutional Rights (New York, N.Y.)
Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (U.S.)

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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- b. 6 f. 7 "From Consumerism to Caring: 25 Ways to Create a New Kind of Economy"
undated
- b. 6 f. 8 "Grenada: The Peaceful Revolution" undated
- b. 6 f. 9 "The Spirit Blows Where It Wills" undated
- b. 6 f. 10 *Toussaint L'Ouverture: The Fight for Haiti's Freedom (photocopy)*

Journals and programs

Center for Constitutional Rights

- b. 7 "Before I'll Be a Slave: A Guide to Community-Based Organizing"
- b. 7 "'We Who Believe in Freedom': The Center for Constitutional Rights Looks at the Constitution"
- b. 7 Fund for Permanence
- b. 7 Greenham Women Against Cruise Missiles
- b. 7 Havens of Refuge
- b. 7 Radical re-entry coming through customs
- Press clips 1986-1987
- b. 7 Church and Society: Fund for Legal Aid Racism, Justice and the Church's Responsibility 1984 September-October
- b. 7 Docket reports 1984-1999
- b. 7 Movement Support Network
- b. 7 National Conference in Support of the African National Congress and Other Democratic Forces for a New South Africa, New York City 1992 November 13-15
- b. 7 The New York Marxist School Second Annual Arthur J. Felberbaun Award Honoring Manning Marable and Bobbye Ortiz 1989 December 3
- b. 7 Sun City by Artists United Against Apartheid: The Struggle for Freedom in South Africa

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- b. 7 "In the Supreme Court of the United States" 1979 October
- b. 7 Tribute to Maya Angelou, Atlanta, Georgia 1994 March 11
- b. 7 "Violence, the Ku Klux Klan and the Struggle for Equality" 1981 October 6
- b. 7 "We Are the Ones We Are Waiting For: Women of Color Organizing for Transformation" 1989