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Summary

Title: Barbara (Jones) Omolade Collection


Extent: 1 box

Creator: Barbara (Jones) Omolade

Language: English

Abstract: The Barbara (Jones) Omolade Collection documents civil rights activism on the Queens College campus during the 1960s, including the Freedom Week Events of 1964. This collection also contains material on the Mississippi Freedom Project of 1964 and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Source: Donated by Barbara (Jones) Omolade in 2011.

Access: Collection is open for research. Staff may restrict access at its discretion on the basis of physical condition.

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James Forman Library Collection, Queens College, NY

George Albertz Papers, Queens College, NY

Robert Masters Collection, Queens College, NY
Controlled Access Terms

Organizations:  
- Civil Rights Coordinating Council (local term)
- Council of Federated Organizations (U.S.)
- Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating, Committee (U.S.)

Places:  
- New York (State)
- Mississippi
- Queens College (New York, N.Y.)

Subjects:  
- Civil rights movement
- Civil rights movement--Mississippi--History--20th Century
- Freedom Week 1964, Queens College (local term)
- Mississippi Freedom Project
Biographical Note

Barbara (Jones) Omolade, then Barbara Jones, was born on October 29, 1942 to Hugh Jones and Mamie Taylor Jones in Brooklyn, NY. She received her B.A. in 1964 from Queens College, City University of New York, and later went on to receive her PhD in Sociology from The City University of New York (1997). Omolade studied at Queens College from 1960-1964. During the spring semester of 1964, she served as chairman of the Civil Rights Coordinating Council. While working with this council, Omolade helped to organize Freedom Week (April 20th-24th) on campus. This event was sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.). Freedom Week consisted of lectures and rallies that informed faculty, students, and the Queens community about the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project and developments in the Civil Rights Movement. Objectives of Freedom Week included recruiting volunteers and raising money to send students to volunteer in Mississippi.

Omolade conducted scholarly research on African American women’s history and in 1977 she taught one of the first social science courses on African American women at the College of New Rochelle, Co-Op City Evening Program. In 1981, she moved to the City College of New York Center for Worker Education and quickly joined the faculty. By 1983, Omolade helped found Friends of Women’s Studies at CUNY, an instrumental group for establishing the CUNY faculty development seminar on balancing curriculum for gender, race, ethnicity and class.

Omolade’s book *The Rising Song of African American Women* was published in 1994. In 2004, she became Dean of Multicultural Affairs at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she stayed until retirement. In 2010, *Hands on the Freedom Plow* was published, which offers personal accounts by women in SNCC. Omolade contributed “Building a New World”, a letter written to her parents describing her decision to join the Civil Rights Movement and move to Atlanta to work in the SNCC office.
Scope & Content Note

The Barbara (Jones) Omolade collection (1963–1995) documents the experience of Barbara (Jones) Omolade in the Civil Rights Movement, with emphasis on civil rights activism on the Queens College campus. The bulk of the collection focuses on Queens College’s Freedom Week and the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project. The collection holds memos, flyers, forms, reports, and correspondences. Highlights include student activist sign-in sheets with the signature of Andrew Goodman and a speech delivered by SNCC executive secretary James Forman in Mississippi. The Barbara (Jones) Omolade collection also contains documents relating to the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and the Mississippi Summer Project Curriculum Conference.

Arrangement Note

Folders are arranged alphabetically based on content.

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