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1965-2011 (bulk 1965)

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## Summary

**Title:** Dean Savage Papers, 1965-2011 (bulk 1965)

**Dates:** 1965-2011

**Extent:** 1 box

**Creator:** Dean Savage

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The Dean Savage Papers documents civil rights initiatives by northern volunteers of the Summer Community Organization and Political Education (SCOPE) Project during the summer of 1965. Consisting primarily of color photographs taken in Orangeburg County, South Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia, also included are newspaper articles, pamphlets, and photocopied transcripts of speeches given at the project’s orientation.

**Source:** Donated by Dean Savage 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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**Related Collections:** [KZSU Project South Interviews (SC0066)](https://example.com), Stanford University, California

[Moshe Shur Papers](https://example.com), Queens College, NY

[Lynn Goldsmith Papers](https://example.com), a digital exhibit via Brandeis University, Massachusetts
The book *The SCOPE of Freedom: The Leadership of Hosea Williams with Dr. King's Summer '65 Student Volunteers* by Willy Siegel Leventhal is available through the Queens College Library, call number E185.615 .L48 2005

**Controlled Access Terms**

**Organizations:**
- Council of Federated Organizations (U.S.) (COFO)
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (NAACP)
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference. (SCLC)
- Summer Community Organization and Political Education. (SCOPE)

**People:**
- King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968.
- Savage, Dean
- Shur, Moshe
- Young, Andrew, 1932-

**Places:**
- Atlanta (Ga.)
- New York (City.)
- South Carolina – Orangeburg County.

**Subjects:**
- Civil rights movement – United States.
Historical/Biographical Note

The Summer Community Organization and Political Education (SCOPE) Project of 1965 was developed as a response to a call from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for northern students to participate in the civil rights activities in the south. Directed by Hosea Williams, the Project expanded on the efforts of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project sponsored by the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO). After orientation in Atlanta, Georgia, 500 predominantly white volunteers from northern and western universities travelled to communities all over the southern states, many staying in the homes of local African-American families. Often at risk of violence or arrest, SCOPE volunteers collaborated with locals to run voter registration drives, hold information sessions, and assist with other community organization efforts.

Dean Savage was born and raised in Washington State. He attended Stanford University, obtaining his bachelor’s degree in History in 1963. He was a graduate student at Columbia University when Jim Shenton, lauded history professor at Columbia, recruited students to join the SCOPE Project. Savage went to Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he spent the summer working to increase voter registration among African-Americans. Savage participated in many civil rights initiatives, starting with a demonstration outside a Woolworth’s in Palo Alto, California, in support of the original 1960 Woolworth’s sit-in at Greensboro, South Carolina. He was politically active throughout the 1960s, and continues to advocate for equality through his scholarly work today.

Savage obtained his masters’ degree in History and his PhD in Sociology, both at Columbia, completing his studies in 1975. Savage is currently a Professor of Sociology at Queens College, CUNY, where he has taught since 1971. He has served as the Department Chair and currently teaches the seminar “Inequality in Higher Education.”
Scope & Content Note

The Dean Savage Papers document Savage’s experience volunteering with the Summer Community Organization and Political Education (SCOPE) Project during the summer of 1965, specifically in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia. The collection contains 16 color photographs taken in Orangeburg and Atlanta during that summer. Images include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at SCOPE orientation in Atlanta on June 15, 1965; volunteer arrests on August 2, 1965 after organizing a sit-in protesting a cut in voter registration hours; the subsequent court hearing; a Klu Klux Klan (KKK) rally held in the area; the house in Orangeburg where many of the volunteers stayed; and other meetings and celebrations. The collection also contains a pamphlet from the KKK rally, newspaper articles on arrests, transcripts from the SCOPE orientation in Atlanta, and supplemental materials provided by Dean Savage for context.

Arrangement Note

Series I: Printed Items

Series II: Photographs

Series III: Transcripts

Series IV: Supplemental Materials
Series Description & Container List

Series I: Printed Items

This series consists of a pamphlet reprinted from an 1965 issue of *Commentary*, containing the essay *From Protest to Politics- the Future of the Civil Rights Movement* by Bayard Rustin; a brochure distributed by the Klu Klux Klan entitled *The Principles of the United Klans of America, Inc.*; and two news articles, one of which depicts the arrest and trial of SCOPE volunteers on August 2, 1965. Also included in this series is a facsimile of a volunteer assignment list with marginalia.

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Series II: Photographs

This series contains 16 color photographs dating from the summer of 1965. The photographs depict Martin Luther King, Jr. at the orientation in Atlanta (June 15, 1965); volunteer arrests after organizing a sit-in; the subsequent court hearing; a Klu Klux Klan (KKK) rally held in the area; and the house in Orangeburg where many of the volunteers stayed. Folder 2 contains a list of photograph descriptions as conveyed by Dean Savage and Moshe Shur, another SCOPE Project volunteer and current professor of Jewish Studies and former Rabbi at Queens College Hillel.

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Series III: Transcripts

This series consists of photocopied speech transcripts from SCOPE orientation in Atlanta, June 18, 1965. Section 0096 has notations and is signed by Willy Siegel Leventhal, fellow SCOPE volunteer and author of *The SCOPE of Freedom* (Challenge Press, 2005). Section 0099 of the transcript is missing the first page. Speakers include: Bayard Rustin, John Morsell, Harry Boyte, Dorothy Cotton, Jack Greenburg, Chuck
Morgan, and Andrew Young.

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**Series IV: Supplemental Materials**

This series contains correspondence, news, journal and website articles, mostly printed from online sources and provided by Savage as a contextual reference for researchers. The material is related to civil rights, sociology, and/or individuals connected with the SCOPE project. Notable items include a 2005 printout documenting an e-mail exchange between SCOPE volunteers and others coinciding with the 40th anniversary of the SCOPE project (Peter Geffen, Willy Siegel Leventhal, Moshe Shur, and others are in the e-mail list), and a promotional flyer from the 2005 release of *The SCOPE of Freedom* by Willy Siegel Leventhal.

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