The papers of James and Grace Lee Boggs were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1987 by James and Grace Lee Boggs and were opened for research in January of 1993. Additional material was received in November of 1993 and January of 1994 and opened for research as Part 2 in August of 1994. Additional material was received in 2008 and opened for research as Part 3 in October 2008.

James and Grace Lee Boggs were revolutionary socialists who played a leading role in organizing radical organizations in Detroit and nationally as well as theorizing and updating the political philosophy of Marxism-Leninism. James Boggs was also a career auto worker employed at the Chrysler Corporation from 1940 to 1968. Mr. Boggs authored a number of books, including \textit{The American Revolution: Pages From a Negro Worker’s Notebook}, \textit{Racism and the Class Struggle: Further Pages From a Black Worker’s Notebook}, \textit{Revolution and Evolution in the Twentieth Century} and \textit{Conversations in Maine}. He died on July 22, 1993.

Grace Lee Boggs, who received a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College in 1940, co-authored \textit{Revolution and Evolution in the Twentieth Century} and \textit{Conversations in Maine} with her husband. Dr. Boggs was also employed by the city of Detroit as a teacher for many years. The Boggses also contributed to the founding of the National Organization for an American Revolution (NOAR) from 1979-1981 and were primary theorists and organizers for NOAR from 1979-1987. During the 1970's and 1980's the Boggses spent much of their time lecturing to university audiences, community organizations and revolutionary and radical groups nationwide.

The papers of James and Grace Lee Boggs, much of it relating to their publications and speaking engagements, reflect their involvement with radical political ideas and groups as well as their community activism in Detroit's neighborhoods.
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- Ossie Davis
- Ruby Dee
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- Kathleen Gough
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Important Subjects:
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