

## **Enid Eckstein Collection**

**Papers, 1969-1981**

**.75 linear feet**

**1 1/2 manuscript boxes**

Accession #1194

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The papers of Enid Eckstein were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in September of 1984 and were opened for research in March of 1999. Enid Eckstein was a member of the Detroit District of the International Socialists and worked as an inspector at Chrysler's Lynch Road Assembly plant. Represented by UAW Local 51, she served as a chief steward and on the local's Community Services, Women's and Resolutions Committees. In 1973 she helped form the United Coalition, one of many militant, rank-and-file groups that sprang up in Detroit auto plants in the 1970s, on whose slate she ran unsuccessfully for Trustee in 1975 and for Treasurer in 1978. In the early eighties she sat on the Steering Committee of the Michigan Citizens Party that tried to elect Barry Commoner U.S. President. A feminist, she was also active in the Coalition of Labor Union Women, NOW and the Region 1B Women's Council.

The Enid Eckstein Collection consists primarily of draft reports, flyers, newsletters, election campaign material, pamphlets and other publications documenting the International Socialists' perspective on political work in the auto plants, UAW rank-and-file militancy and the activities of the Michigan Citizens Party.

### **Important subjects in the collection:**

Afro-American automobile industry workers--Michigan  
Chrysler Corporation  
Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement  
International Socialists--Michigan  
Michigan Citizens Party  
New Left--Michigan  
Trade-unions--Elections--Michigan  
Trade-unions--Political activity--Michigan  
UAW  
UAW Local 51 (Hamtramck, Mich.)  
United Coalition  
United National Caucus  
Working class--Political activity--Michigan

**Box 1**

1. Detroit workers and economy, radical publications re, 1969-71
2. International Socialists and autoworkers; discussion papers, flyers, 1970s
3. International Socialists and labor work; discussion papers, publications, 1970s
4. International Socialists-Detroit District; corres., etc., 1970s
5. Michigan Citizens Party, 1980-81
6. "Network: Voice of UAW Militants," 1975-76
7. Steelworker dissident groups; publications, 1970s
- 8-9. UAW dissident groups (various locals); publications, 1970s
10. UAW Local 3 (Dodge Main) dissident groups; flyers, newsletters, research paper, 1969-1970s
11. UAW Local 235 (Chevy Gear & Axle) dissident groups; publications, 1970s

**Box 2**

1. UAW Skilled Trades dissident groups; publications, 1970s
- 2-3. United Coalition (UAW Local 51 dissident group—Mound Road Engine/Lynch Road Assembly plants); flyers, newsletters, election materials, 1975-1981
4. United National Caucus (UAW dissident group); flyers, leaflets, newspaper, 1970s
5. Women Workers; International Socialists publications, 1970s