

Ken Barger Papers
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1980-2009, bulk 1982-2009

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Accession Number: LP002400

Creator: Ken Barger

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Access: Collection is open for research.

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Related Material: Farm Labor Organizing Committee Records

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.

Abstract

Ken Barger (1941-), who was raised in east Tennessee, became active in social change after his experiences serving in the Vietnam War. He was a professor of Anthropology for thirty years at Indiana University Indianapolis, focusing professionally on social change. Through these professional interests, he got involved with the farm labor movement and the immigrant rights movement. Barger has been an active member of the FLOC movement since 1979. He participated in many activities, such as building boycotts, farm labor education, immigrant rights, and public education about migrant worker justice. He was the vice president of the Farm Labor Research Project and the community organizer for FLOC. As of 2011, he serves on the board of directors for the Campaign for Migrant Worker Justice as secretary.

The Ken Barger Papers are predominantly FLOC materials. Included are packets from the FLOC Constitutional Conventions and collective bargaining agreements between workers and companies like Vlasic Foods, Heinz U.S.A. and Campbell Soup. Several campaigns are covered with an abundance of material relating to the Campbell Soup Campaign and Mt. Olive Campaign. There are also copies of FLOC publications and *Nuestra Lucha*.

Important Subjects:

Agriculture.
Boycotts.
Community organization.
Agricultural laborers.
Hispanics in the United States.
Immigration.
Labor Unions.
Migrant workers.
Minorities -- Civil rights.
Collective bargaining—Agriculture.

Important Names:

Barger, W. K. (Walter Kenneth), 1941-
Campbell Soup Company
Valasquez, Baldemar

Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

Box 1

- 1 Collective Bargaining Agreements, 1986-1999
- 2 FLOC 5th Constitutional Convention, 1991
- 3 FLOC 6th Constitutional Convention, 1994
- 4 FLOC 7th Constitutional Convention, 1997
- 5 FLOC 8th Constitutional Convention, 2000
- 6 FLOC 9th Constitutional Convention, 2003
- 7 FLOC 11th Constitutional Convention-guest, 2009
- 8 FLOC 11th Constitutional Convention-delegate, 2009
- 9 Campbell Soup Campaign
- 10 Campbell Soup Campaign
- 11 Campbell Soup Campaign
- 12 Mt. Olive Campaign
- 13 Mt. Olive Campaign
- 14 Reynolds Tobacco Campaign, 2007-2009
- 15 Worker Education, 2003-2007
- 16 Immigrant Rights, 2001-2006
- 17 Santiago Assassination, 2008-2009
- 18 Ohio Minimum Wage, 2007