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Guide to the AFT Higher Education Department: Graduate Student Organizing Files LR002916

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Title:	AFT Higher Education Department: Graduate Student Organizing Files
ID:	LR002916
Date [bulk]:	1970-2002
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet (1 SB)
Physical Location:	3S-H-2(7)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	The AFT Higher Education department was started in the late 1960s to focus organizing faculty and staff on campuses across the country. The department grew to also assist in collective bargaining negotiations, and research around the issues of its members in higher education. This collection focuses on the organizing drives dealing with graduate students. The collection is made up of mainly correspondence, newspaper clippings, journal articles, flyers and contracts.

Citation Style

"AFT Higher Education Department: Graduate Student Organizing Files, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

The American Federation of Teachers was founded in April 1916 and organized its' first local of higher education faculty in 1918 at Howard University. For the next forty years the AFT organized a handful of locals in higher education and elected two national presidents from locals that were higher education. It was not until the 1960s that the AFT started organizing more higher education locals. In 1967 the AFT officially created the department to organizing employees in colleges and universities. The Aft now represents higher education faculty (full and part time), professional staff and graduate employees in public, private as well as two-year and four-years higher education. The AFT higher education

department assists affiliates in issues that deal with tenure, academic freedom, shared governance, technology, contingent labor and teacher education. These files consist of organizing efforts by the AFT to organize graduate students.

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Scope and Content

The collection is made up of one series that is in no particular order. The files Teaching Assistance is a variety of records related to organizing teaching assistances. The rest of the collection contains specific goals either organized by the AFT of other unions.

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Arrangement

Folders are listed. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire box.

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Pulled from various sources as well as accumulated

Processing History

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Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

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AFT Organizing Department, AFT Secretary-Treasurer Department AFT Office of the President:
Albert Shanker Graduate Employees Union at Michigan State University

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Controlled Access Headings

- Graduate Employee Unions
- Labor unions -- Organizing

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Teaching Assistants, 1970-1983	Box 1	folder 1
Teaching Assistance, 1994-1995	Box 1	folder 2
Teaching Assistance, 1994-2000	Box 1	folder 3
Teaching Assistance, 1993-1994	Box 1	folder 4

Kansas KAPE Chapter, the Graduate Teaching Assistants Coalition	Box 1	folder 5
Canada CAUT/ACPU, 1979-1985, 1994-1995	Box 1	folder 6
GFTEO Penn State, 1976	Box 1	folder 7
TUGSA Temple University, 2001-2002	Box 1	folder 8
GEO University of Michigan, 2000	Box 1	folder 9
GALOL University of Maryland, 2000	Box 1	folder 10
GEOC Wayne State University	Box 1	folder 11
University of Minnesota Graduate Employees, 1999	Box 1	folder 12
University of Minnesota Twin Cities Teaching Assistants, 1996	Box 1	folder 13
Grad Assistants at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1976	Box 1	folder 14
Columbia University, 2000	Box 1	folder 15
GSEU/CWA State University of New York, 1996	Box 1	folder 16
SUNY Buffalo, 1972	Box 1	folder 17
Alliance of Graduate Employee Locals, 1992-1999	Box 1	folder 18
Association of Graduate Students Employees, UAW - UC Berkeley, 1993-1999	Box 1	folder 19
Association of Student Employees, ASE UAW California	Box 1	folder 20
Graduate Employees and Student Organization, Yale, 1995	Box 1	folder 21
Graduate Assistants United Florida	Box 1	folder 22
Campaign to Organize Graduate Students University of Iowa, 1995	Box 1	folder 23
Graduate Employees Organization University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 1994-2000	Box 1	folder 24
GEO University of Illinois - Chicago, 2001	Box 1	folder 25