

Alex Baskin Papers
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1965-1994, bulk 1969-1984

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Accession Number: UP000091

Creator: Dr. Alex Baskin

Acquisition: Material acquired from Alex Baskin during the mid 1990s.

Language: Majority of material is English with some flyers in Spanish, French and Arabic.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Notes: Citation style: “Alex Baskin Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University”

Related Material: Detroit Coalition to End War Now! Records, Organization of Solidarity with Central America Records, Detroit Feminist Women’s Health Records, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit 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

Dr. Alex Baskin is a professor at State University of New York at Stony Brook; among his main research interests is social history of the late 20th century, especially with regard to the 1960s and 1980s. Dr. Baskin also attended Wayne State University during the 1960s where he studied various left-wing social movements. Among his published works include *The Woman Rebel* and *The Masses*.

The materials in this collection reflect a wide variety of subjects that Dr. Baskin researched and mostly pertain to various social movements of the late 20th century. Included are posters and flyers related to Marxism, the anti-war movement, the women's movement, Jewish issues, the labor movement, foreign policy under the Reagan Administration, and much more. The collection also contains various essays, some written by Dr. Baskin, as well as newspaper clippings and newsletters related to his interests.

Important Subjects:

Vietnam War, 1961-1975—Protest Movements
Women's rights—United States—1950-2000
Anti-nuclear movement
Anti-racism—United States
Labor movement—United States
Presidential Elections—United States--1980-1990
Marxism
United States Foreign Policy
United Farm Workers
United Auto Workers
Sacco and Vanzetti Trial, Dedham, Mass., 1921
AFL-CIO
Eastern Farm Workers Association
Industrial Workers of the World
Pacifica Foundation
War on drugs

Important Names:

Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968
Debs, Eugene V. (Eugene Victor), 1855-1926
Baraka, Amiri, 1934-
Silkwood, Karen, 1946-1974
Newton, Huey P.
Jackson, Jesse, 1941-
Reagan, Ronald
Carter, Jimmy, 1924-
Davis, Angela, 1944-

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. Sacco and Vanzetti Materials
- 2-3. Brochures and Programs; Labor and Rallies
- 4-7. Journals, Newspapers, Clippings, Newsletters; Activism, Rallies, Red Balloon Newsletter
8. Pamphlets and Brochures; History and Publications
- 9-10. Anti-War Movement; Flyers and Posters
- 11-14. Flyers and Posters; Left-Wing Causes, War on Drugs, Student Movement, Concerts, Films
15. Correspondence
16. Booklets and Pamphlets; Radicalism
- 17-23. Socialism and Marxism; Pamphlets, Flyers, Newsletters, Posters
- 24-26. Anti-Racism; Flyers and Posters
- 27-29. Anti-Nuclear Movement; Posters and Flyers
- 30-32. Labor Movement, Unions; Flyers, Posters, Newsletters, AFL-CIO, EFA, Boycotts
- 33-34. Women's Movement; Posters and Flyers

Box 2

- 1-6. Women's Movement; Posters and Flyers
- 7-10. Flyers and Posters; Left-Wing causes
- 11-12. Pacifica Foundation Materials
- 13-16. Jewish Issues and Concerns; Posters, Flyers, Newsletters, Soviet Union, Yiddish
- 17-20. Correspondences; "The Masses", Academics, Research
21. Essays
22. Programs and Brochures; Rallies, Archives
23. Draft Dodging Amnesty; Posters and Flyers
- 24-25. Newsletters, Pamphlets, Programs, Journals, Books; Education, History
26. Left-Wing Posters; War on Drugs, Voter Registration, Housing Crisis
27. Pamphlets and Programs; Labor History
28. Newsletters and Reports; Red Balloon Newsletter
- 29-30. Essays by Baskin
31. Women's Movement; Abortion, Anti-Pornography
32. UFW and UAW Materials
- 33-35. Foreign Affairs and Issues; Ireland, Iran, El Salvador, Poland, Nicaragua, South Africa
36. Presidential Elections
37. Flyers and Posters; Rallies
38. Booklets and Pamphlets; Historical Anniversaries

Box 3

- 1-6. Newspaper Clippings; Red Balloon Newsletter, Socialism, Jesse Jackson, Anti-Government, Radicalism

- 7-8. Foreign Issues; El Salvador, Ireland, Cambodia, Nicaragua
- 9-10. Brochures, Pamphlets and Programs; Song Book, Radicalism
- 11. ACLU Essay

Box 4

- 1. Photographs; Eugene Debs, Sacco & Vanzetti
- 2. Photographs; Alex Baskin and others