



Guide to the Kathy Groehn Cosseboom El-Messidi Papers UP000686

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	El-Messidi, Kathy Groehn, Dr.
Title:	Kathy Groehn Cosseboom El-Messidi Papers
ID:	UP000686
Date [inclusive]:	1960-1979
Physical Description:	2.25 Linear Feet (2 SB, 1 folder, 2 audio recordings). Photographic prints, 1 audio cassette, and 1 audio reel.
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Materials entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>Kathy Groehn was born in 1946 and grew up in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1963, then from the University of Michigan (B.A. 1967) and Southern Oregon College (M.A.). During the 1960s she was a reporter for the Grosse Pointe News and used her experiences as a basis for research on her book, <i>Grosse Pointe, Michigan: Race Against Race</i>, by Kathy Cosseboom (Michigan State University Press, 1972). The book deals with racial and social attitudes in the Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe as revealed in education, school-community relations, housing discrimination, and religious institutions. It won the American Pen Women's first prize for information books in 1974. As Kathy El-Messidi, she earned a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Oklahoma. Her Ph.D. dissertation was published as <i>The Bargain: The Story behind the 30-Year Honeymoon of GM and the UAW</i>, by Kathy Groehn El-Messidi (Nellen Publishing Co. 1980). This book deals with the history and politics behind the 1948 collective bargaining agreement between General Motors and the UAW. As the daughter of Thomas Groehn, former news relations director for GM, El-Messidi had special access to materials and individuals at GM for this study. In the 1990s, Dr. El-Messidi was associate director of the Center for Research on Parallel Computation at Rice University in Texas and more recently has worked as an education consultant and market intelligence specialist in Texas. This collection contains the files and research materials for both of Kathy Groehn Cosseboom El-Messidi's books.</p>

Citation Style

"Kathy Groehn Cosseboom El-Messidi Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

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Scope and Content

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Important Subjects: General Motors Grosse Pointe, Michigan Race relations 1960s Walter Reuther UAW C. E. Wilson

Series Description: Series I: *Grosse Pointe, Michigan: Race Against Race*

Series II: *The Bargain: The Story behind the 30-Year Honeymoon of GM and the UAW*

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Arrangement of the Records

Arranged in 2 series - Series 1 (Box 1), and Series 2 (Boxes 1-2). Folders in each series are listed by their location within each box and are derived from El-Messidi's original description. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series. AV materials arranged by format and items listed separately from series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

Audiovisual description added to inventory and finding aid updated by Deborah Rice. 2017-12-06

Acquisition

The Kathy Groehn Cosseboom El-Messidi papers were deposited at the Reuther Library in 1974 and 1980.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Aimee Ergas on July 12, 2010.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library Rules for Use of Archival Materials. Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature - personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

Transfers

Audio recordings and photographs were transferred to the Reuther Audiovisual Department. See inventory for details.

One copy of El-Messidi's book, "Grosse Pointe, Michigan: Race Against Race," was transferred to the Reuther Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Race relations
- Michigan
- General Motors Corporation
- International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America
- Reuther, Walter, 1907-1970

Collection Inventory

Series 1

Title/Description	Instances
Articles on various topics	

	Box 1	Folder 1
Blakely, Miss Faye, interview	Box 1	Folder 2
Clipping	Box 1	Folder 3-4
Contract and Reviews	Box 1	Folder 5
Correspondence	Box 1	Folder 6
Hate Letters	Box 1	Folder 7
Interviews, various	Box 1	Folder 8-11
Manuscript draft	Box 1	Folder 12
Miscellaneous	Box 1	Folder 13
Page proofs with editing	Box 1	Folder 14-15
Plan for Grosse Pointe	Box 1	Folder 16
Significant Bulletins	Box 1	Folder 17

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Series 2

Title/Description	Instances	
Communist columns	Box 1	Folder 18
Correspondence, Labor and GM, 1940s	Box 1	Folder 19
Dissertation, organization	Box 1	Folder 20
Dissertation, second chapter	Box 1	Folder 21
General Motors	Box 1	Folder 22
GM Bibliography material	Box 1	Folder 23-24
GM PR bulletins	Box 1	Folder 25
GM-UAW agreements	Box 1	Folder 26
Interviewees, names and addresses	Box 1	Folder 27
Magazine articles	Box 2	Folder 28-30
Miscellaneous	Box 2	Folder 31
Nat Ganley Collection	Box 2	Folder 32
Newspaper articles	Box 2	Folder 1-4
Non-government studies	Box 2	Folder 5
Organization, Morgan letter	Box 2	Folder 6
Page proofs	Box 2	Folder 7

Pamphlets	Box 2	Folder 8
Record of index cards	Box 2	Folder 9
Scholarly studies	Box 2	Folder 10
Speeches and articles by C.E. Wilson and others	Box 2	Folder 1-12
Thomas Groehn labor columns	Box 2	Folder 13
UAW proceedings	Box 3	Folder 14-15
UAW publications	Box 4	Folder 16
U.S. government publications	Box 5	Folder 17-18

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AV

Title/Description	Instances
Audio cassette; WWJ-Radio interview, Detroit, 9-12-79	Item 1
Audio reel; Glenn Brown, Grosse Pointe Study Interview	Item 2
Photographs (5)	Item 3

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