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# Guide to the Corinne Lathrop Gilb Papers WSP000708

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Walter P. Reuther Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Gilb, Corinne Lathrop
<b>Title:</b>	Corinne Lathrop Gilb Papers
<b>ID:</b>	WSP000708
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1970-1994
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Linear Feet 3 SB
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Corinne Lathrop Gilb Papers document Corinne Lathrop Gilb's career from 1970 to 1994. During this time, she served as both a Wayne State University history professor and Co-Director of the Liberal Arts and Urban Studies program. Correspondence and reports related to her work at WSU are housed in Series 1, Wayne State University and Detroit Committee Papers. Her appointment as the City of Detroit's Planning Director was from 1979 to 1985. Working under Mayor Coleman Young, Gilb created a Master Plan for the city in 1985. This plan and others are included in Series 2, Planning Reports.

### Citation Style

"Corinne Lathrop Gilb Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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## History

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Corinne Lathrop Gilb was born on February 19, 1925 in Alberta, Canada. She was educated at University of Washington (Bachelor of Arts), Radcliffe-Harvard (Doctor of Philosophy in History of American Civilization), and University of California-Berkeley (Master of Arts). Gilb was also enrolled as a special student for three years at Boalt Hall School of Law. Gilb's career in academia spanned 37 years. Her early years were spent at Mills College, San Francisco State College, and the University of California-

Berkeley. While at UC Berkeley, she conducted oral histories for the Institute of Industrial Relations and became the first Director of the Regional Cultural History Project, the forerunner to the university's Regional Oral History Office. In 1968, Gilb accepted a faculty position at Wayne State University (WSU). She served as both a history professor and Co-Director of the Liberal Arts and Urban Studies program. The latter appointment was from 1976 until 1985. Additionally, Gilb served under Detroit Mayor Coleman Young as Planning Director for the city from 1979 to 1985. While there, she produced a Master Plan for Detroit's future. She retired from WSU as Professor Emeritus in 1994. In her retirement, Gilb moved to Atherton, California. She then founded Atherton Press and self-published the book, *Toward Holistic History: The Odyssey of an Interdisciplinary Historian*. Gilb died on January 20, 2003.

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## Scope and Content

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This collection primarily documents Gilb's positions as both Co-Director of the Liberal Arts and Urban Studies program at WSU and as Planning Director for the City of Detroit. The collection is arranged in two series.

Series 1, Wayne State University and Detroit Committee Papers, is one box. Arranged by subject, folders in Box 1 contain correspondence, proposals, reports, and publications. Gilb's participation from 1978 to 1979 on two WSU search committees, one to hire a Vice Provost and the other to confer the David Safran Award, are evidenced here. Additionally, notes and reports from 1985 to 1986 record the planning of two Detroit prisons, which would later be known as the Mound Correctional Facility and the Ryan Correctional Facility. Most publications in Box 1 are related to WSU's urban mission in 1976 and 1977.

Series 2, Planning Reports, is two boxes. Arranged chronologically, folders in Boxes 2 and 3 contain planning reports for Detroit, from 1980 to 1985. Among the reports is Gilb's three-volume Master Plan for the city.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in two series. Series 1 consists of one box of Wayne State University and Detroit Committee Papers. Folders in Box 1 are arranged by subject. Series 2 consists of two boxes of Planning Reports. Folders in Box 2 and Box 3 are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Acquisition

The Walter P. Reuther Library received the Corinne Lathrop Gilb Papers upon her retirement from Wayne State University in May of 1994.

### Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Karen Turk on January 29, 2020.

### 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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### Related Materials

Mel Ravitz Papers, Carl Almlad Papers, United Community Services Research Department: Studies and Reports

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Detroit (Mich.) -- Politics and government
- City planning
- Urban renewal
- Community development
- Universities and colleges --Faculty
- Women Education

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## Collection Inventory

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### Wayne State University and Detroit Committee Papers

Title/Description	Instances	
Appendix to a proposal for a college of urban environment; Reports and correspondence, after 1970	Box 1	Folder 1, 2
Student reports, after 1970	Box 1	Folder 3
Faculty meetings and memoranda, 1973, 1980	Box 1	Folder 4
Wayne State University self-study publication, 1976	Box 1	Folder 5
Report on WSU's urban mission and urban research, circa 1977	Box 1	Folder 6, 7
Establishment of the Safran leadership conference, 1974	Box 1	Folder 8
Safran awards; Proposals and correspondence, 1978	Box 1	Folder 9
Safran awards; Correspondence, 1978-1979	Box 1	Folder 10
Safran awards; Correspondence, 1979	Box 1	Folder 11

Vice provost search committee; Memoranda and nominations, 1979	Box 1	Folder 12
Salary survey of graduating students, 1984-1985	Box 1	Folder 13
Collective bargaining agreements; AAUP, 1990-1992, 1992-1994	Box 1	Folder 14
Detroit water and sewerage department data, 1976	Box 1	Folder 15
Detroit Institute of Arts annual report, 1977-1978	Box 1	Folder 16
Detroit municipal manual, 1978	Box 1	Folder 17
Detroit Plus tourism publication, 1978	Box 1	Folder 18
City government seminar materials, 1979 February 03	Box 1	Folder 19
Detroit prison project; Correspondence and reports, circa 1986	Box 1	Folder 20
Technical proposal to conduct an environmental impact statement, 1985	Box 1	Folder 21
Environmental impact statement for two regional correctional facilities, 1986	Box 1	Folder 22
Detroit prison project proposal; Two stenographic notebooks, undated	Box 1	Folder 23
Design guide for secure adult correctional facilities publication, 1983	Box 1	Folder 24, 25

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## Planning Reports

Title/Description	Instances	
Planning report; Woodward area, 1980 December	Box 2	Folder 1
Planning report; Detroit riverfront book I, 1981 June	Box 2	Folder 2
Planning report; Detroit riverfront book II, 1981 June	Box 2	Folder 3
Planning report; Detroit riverfront book III, 1981 June	Box 2	Folder 4
Planning report; Detroit riverfront book IV, 1981 June	Box 2	Folder 5
Planning report; East central area, 1982 February	Box 2	Folder 6, 7
Planning report; North sector, 1982 August	Box 2	Folder 8
Planning report; Introduction and synopsis revised, 1983 March	Box 2	Folder 9
Planning report; North sector revised, 1983 March	Box 2	Folder 10
Planning report; Northeast sector revised, 1983 March	Box 2	Folder 11
Planning report; Southwest sector revised, 1983 March	Box 2	Folder 12, 13
Planning report; West sector, 1983 April	Box 2	Folder 14

Planning report; Detroit riverfront book IV revised, 1983 May	Box 2	Folder 15
Planning report; Annual overall economic development, 1983 June 30	Box 2	Folder 16
Planning report; Detroit riverfront book I revised, 1983 August	Box 2	Folder 17
Planning report; Woodward area revised, 1983 September	Box 2	Folder 18
Planning report; East sector, 1984	Box 2	Folder 19, 20
Planning report; East central sector revised, 1984 January	Box 3	Folder 1, 2
Planning report; Detroit economy, 1984 December	Box 3	Folder 3
Planning report; Master plan sector development proposals capital agenda, 1984 December	Box 3	Folder 4
Planning report; Near nothwest sector, 1984 December	Box 3	Folder 5
Planning report; Public protection, 1984 December	Box 3	Folder 6
Planning report; Rezoning concepts, 1984 December	Box 3	Folder 7
Planning report; Detroit master plan of policies volume 1, 1985	Box 3	Folder 8
Planning report; Detroit master plan of policies volume 2, 1985	Box 3	Folder 9
Planning report; Detroit master plan of policies volume 3, 1985	Box 3	Folder 10, 11
Planning report; Education libraries recreation and culture, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 12
Planning report; Natural environment and energy, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 13
Planning report; Neighborhoods and housing, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 14
Planning report; People of Detroit, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 15
Planning report; Retailing and local services, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 16
Planning report; Transportation of people and parking, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 17
Planning report; Urban design and historic preservation, 1985 January	Box 3	Folder 18
Planning report; Federal state regional relations, 1985 February	Box 3	Folder 19
Planning report; Central business district sector, 1985 March	Box 3	Folder 20, 21

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