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Summary Information

Repository	Chicago History Museum
Title	Kale Williams Papers
Date [inclusive]	1950-2008
Extent	6.26 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Kale Williams (1925-) is a devout Quaker, pacifist, human rights activist, U.S. Navy and World War II veteran, and University of Chicago alumni. After his service in WWII, Williams began a career with the American Friends Service Committee and in 1968 led an international team of Quakers to both Nigeria and Biafra during the countries' civil war to provide food and medical services. In 1966, Williams worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr. through his involvement in the Chicago Freedom Movement. In 1972, Williams became the executive director of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities. In 1994, he was invited to Loyola University Chicago as Visiting Professor of Applied Ethics, and was appointed Senior Scholar in Loyola's Center for Urban Research and Learning two years later. The Kale Williams collection spans from 1950 to 2008 and is arranged into five series, "American Friends Service Committee," "Chicago Public Housing," "Chicago Freedom Movement," "Personal Papers," and "Subject Files."</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Kale Williams was born in 1925 in Cedar Vale, Kansas. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. His experiences in war had a direct impact on his embracement of pacifism. In 1951, he began working with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a Quaker service organization based in Chicago. In 1958, he became the head of the Midwest office of the AFSC. The AFSC was heavily involved in the Chicago Freedom Movement, also referred to as the Chicago Open Housing Movement, and Williams – a member of the Freedom Movement’s Agenda Committee – worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr. during that time. From 1968 to 1970, Williams led an international Quaker team providing food and medical services to both Nigeria and Biafra during their civil war. In 1972, he became the executive director of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities (LCMOC), the fair housing organization that was a direct outgrowth of the Chicago Freedom Movement. The LCMOC worked with investigators and lawyers on housing discrimination issues in Chicago. In 1994, Williams was invited to Loyola University Chicago as Visiting Professor of Applied Ethics. In 1996, he was appointed Senior Scholar in Loyola’s Center for Urban Research and Learning and held that position until 2011.

Scope and Contents note

The Kale Williams collection spans from 1954 to 2006 and is arranged into five series, “American Friends Service Committee,” “Chicago Public Housing,” “Chicago Freedom Movement,” “Personal Papers,” and “Subject Files.” Documents include reports on housing inequality and Chicago public housing, correspondence, briefings, writings, and newspaper clippings. Researchers seeking information on the Civil Rights Movement and fair housing issues in Chicago should find this collection useful.

The collection is arranged in the original order in which it was accessioned. Materials are arranged by topic within each series.

Administrative Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities Records, Chicago History Museum

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Articles.
- Correspondence.
- Programs.
- Reports.
- Speeches.

Geographic Name(s)

- Chicago (Ill.) Race relations – 20th century.
- Chicago (Ill.) Social Conditions – 20th century.
- South Side (Chicago, Ill.)

Personal Name(s)

- King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968
- Raby, Albert
- Williams, Kale

Subject(s)

- African Americans – 20th century.
- American Friends Service Committee.
- Public housing--Illinois--Chicago
- Public housing--Illinois--Chicago.
- Society of Friends--Illinois--Chicago.

Please cite this collection as

Kale Williams Papers (Chicago History Museum), plus a detailed description, date, and box/folder number of a specific item.

Cited Sources

Middlebury, "Chicago Freedom Movement," 2010, <http://cfm40.middlebury.edu/node/17>. Accessed on February 25, 2013. Kale Williams Papers (Chicago History Museum), biographical sketch, undated, box 15/folder 189.

Series I. American Friends Service Committee

Collection Inventory

Series I. American Friends Service Committee circa 1950-1993

Scope and Contents note

Present in this series are materials from the 1966 Chicago Freedom Movement of which the Chicago branch of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) were involved. The materials include reports, statements, and briefings given by Kale Williams to the AFSC regarding equal housing and civil rights of African Americans. Materials also include the AFSC's Institutional Service Units, which aided students pursuing careers in the social sciences, as well as the aid work organized by Williams in South Africa.

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Series II. Chicago Public Housing 1966-2008, bulk 1994-1999 (Bulk, 1994-1999)**Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of material related to Kale Williams's involvement and interest in Chicago public housing and is arranged into three subseries, "Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities," "Dialogue Group," and "Housing Mobility Conference."

Subseries 1. Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities circa 1966-2008**Scope and Contents note**

Subseries 1. Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities

Williams was director of the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities (LCMOC) from 1972 to 1992. He remained active with the organization after his retirement. The LCMOC fought for fair housing in Chicago, most notably as a part of the Supreme Court case *Hills v. Gautreaux*, which found the Chicago Housing Authority and Department of Housing and Urban Development guilty of racial discrimination with regards to Chicago's public housing. Documents include reports and studies about housing inequality conducted by the LCMOC, writings about Chicago housing, newspaper clippings about the LCMOC, and correspondence.

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Subseries 2. Dialogue Group 1994-2003, bulk 1997-1999 (Bulk, 1997-1999)**Scope and Contents note**

The Dialogue Group worked to provide support for residents who had to be relocated during the Chicago Housing Authority's "Plan for Transformation," which included the demolition of a number of public housing buildings. It was comprised of the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), CHAC Inc. (Housing Choice Voucher Program), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Chicago Department of Housing, Business and Professional People for Public Interest, Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities, Family Dynamics, Housing Choice Partners, Latinos United, and the Metropolitan Planning Council. Materials include reports, consulting agreements, programs, and informational packets.

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Subseries 3. Housing Mobility Conference 1987-1998, bulk 1993-1994 (Bulk, 1993-1994)

Scope and Contents note

In 1994, Williams helped conduct the first national Housing Mobility Conference. He wrote a conference paper with George E. Peterson titled, “Housing Mobility: What Has It Accomplished and What Is Its Promise?” which analyzed case studies of various housing mobility programs throughout the United States. Included are handwritten and typed notes by Williams, drafts of the paper, correspondence, and publications concerned with public housing.

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Series III. Chicago Freedom Movement 1966-2006

Scope and Contents note

Series IV. Personal Papers

This series contains materials from the 1966 Chicago Freedom Movement in Chicago led by Martin Luther King Jr. and Al Raby to end racial segregation in “a Northern city.” Williams was a member of the Chicago Freedom Movement Agenda Committee and the series includes programs and statements that expose the unfair housing market, the poor conditions of lower income housing, and other social and economic issues in Chicago. Also included in this series are materials pertaining to the Fulfilling the Dream 40th Anniversary Commemoration Conference of the Chicago Freedom Movement. The conference was a three-day event held at the Harold Washington Cultural Center in Bronzeville, a south side neighborhood of Chicago. The conference featured speeches and lectures by original members of the movement and an awards session to honor young activists.

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Series IV. Personal Papers 1959-2004**Scope and Contents note**

Series V. Subject Files

This series contains materials of a personal nature to Williams such as biographical sketches and newspaper clippings about Kale Williams. It includes contracted work from Roosevelt University's Public Administration Program and the Ford Foundation; speeches and addresses, primarily on social issues, given by Williams from 1968-2004; fact sheets, court transcripts and exhibits from two class action suits, the Alliance to End Repression v. James Rochford and the American Civil Liberties Union v. the City of Chicago, wherein the Chicago Police Department was accused of spying on hundreds of thousands of private citizens and organizations, of which Williams was a plaintiff.

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