



Duggin, Thelma P.: Files, 1981-1983

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Record Type

Textual

Biography

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Born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1949, Thelma P. Duggin received a bachelor's degree in education from Edgewood College in 1971. From 1971-1973 she worked with the Catholic school system in Mobile, Alabama, as a teacher at Holy Family Elementary School. She also served as a member of the mayor's Community Relations Commission in Columbus, Georgia, and served on the board of governors for the Georgia Health System Agency. During 1973-1977 Ms. Duggin served as a senior merchandise manager for the J.C. Penney Company in Columbus, Georgia. From 1978-1981 she worked as a field coordinator for Wright/McNeill & Associates in Columbus, Georgia, where she was a consultant to the Republican National Committee and helped design strategy and campaign plans, and formed community coalitions for republican candidates across the country. During the 1980 presidential general election she was a volunteer in the national black voters program as a liaison for the Republican National Committee.

Thelma Duggin joined the Office of Public Liaison in February 1981 as a deputy special assistant where she was responsible for liaison between the White House and black, vocational student, and volunteer organizations. Her general responsibilities included keeping in contact and setting up briefings for these groups, as well as finding organizations that would be supportive of the President's programs. In June 1982 Ms. Duggin became a special assistant to the President for Public Liaison and Director of the 50 States Project, where she worked on correcting state laws that discriminated against women, research the legal processes of states, while also focusing on child support and daycare practices. However, she continued to spend a large amount of time working with the black community. Within the Office of Public Liaison staff file collections, most of the material pertaining to the 50 States Project is currently located in the Eliza Paschall and Trudi Morrison collections.

Duggin was one of six Public Liaison Special Assistants who left when Faith Whittlesey succeeded Elizabeth Dole as Director of the Public Liaison office. Dole left to become Secretary of Transportation, and in March 1983 Ms. Duggin worked as Coordinator of Minority Affairs in the Department of Transportation. Trudi Morrison succeeded Duggin as head of the 50 States Project. Duggin left the Department of Transportation in early 1985 and became the Director of Government Relations for the Comprehensive Benefits Corporation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Duggin is

a former fellow at the Harvard University Institute of Politics.

Scope and Content Note

Duggin's files consist of four series: SERIES I: African-Americans; SERIES II: Youth; SERIES III: Chronological files; and SERIES IV: Appointment Books and Telephone Logs.

Series List

SERIES I: AFRICAN-AMERICANS

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SERIES II: YOUTH

Alphabetically arranged files that include informational packets, conference programs, and requests for meetings.

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Box 1

Status	Title
CLOSED	Reverend Abernathy
CLOSED	Affirmative Action I
CLOSED	Affirmative Action II (1)-(6)
CLOSED	African Methodist Episcopal Church
CLOSED	Alaska Black Caucus
CLOSED	American Savings and Loan League
CLOSED	Assault on Illiteracy Program
CLOSED	Association of Black Airline Employees (The)
CLOSED	Black Appointments
CLOSED	Black Clergy Luncheon (1)(2)
CLOSED	Black College Event 09/22/1982
CLOSED	Black College Initiatives (1)(2)

Box 2

Status	Title
CLOSED	Black College Initiatives (3)-(6)
CLOSED	Black College Initiatives: President's Black College Initiative for Fiscal Year 1979 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Black Colleges - I (1)-(8)Black Colleges - I: Black College Luncheon

Box 3

Status	Title
CLOSED	Black Colleges – II (1)-(10)
CLOSED	Black Colleges - II: Black College Day
CLOSED	Black Colleges - General Information (1)-(6)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Black History Month 1983

Box 4

Status	Title
CLOSED	Black Issues (1)(2)
CLOSED	Black Issues #2
CLOSED	Black Issues / General Correspondence (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Black Issues – Miscellaneous (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Black Media, Inc. (1)(2)
CLOSED	Black Organizations (1)-(3)
CLOSED	[Black-Owned Businesses] (1)(2)

Box 5

Status	Title
CLOSED	Black Policy Agenda (1)(2)
CLOSED	Black Press (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Black Republicans (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Black Supporters/Mailing Lists (1)(2)
CLOSED	Blacks in Government
CLOSED	Blacks in Government: 1981 Convention and Background on 1980 Convention
CLOSED	[Birmingham Urban League, Inc.]
CLOSED	Tony Brown (1)(2)
CLOSED	Business Policy Review Council
CLOSED	Citizens Commission on Civil Rights
CLOSED	Civil Rights Act [1981-1982] (1)(2)

Box 6

Status	Title
CLOSED	Civil Rights Act [1981-1982] (3)Clippings / Blacks (1)-(7)
CLOSED	Congressional Black Caucus

Status	Title
CLOSED	Council of 100
CLOSED	Devon Cunningham - Request to Paint Portrait
CLOSED	County of Cuyahoga, OH
CLOSED	Delta Sigma Theta
CLOSED	Enterprise Zones I
CLOSED	[Enterprise Zones] II (1)-(3)

Box 7

Status	Title
CLOSED	[Enterprise Zones] II (4)-(6) Equal Employment (1)(2)
CLOSED	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Enforcement (1)(2)
CLOSED	Equitable Life Insurance
CLOSED	Mayor Charles Evers
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Executive Order 12320 (1)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Executive Order 12320 (2)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Executive Order 12320 (3)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Executive Order 12320 (4)
OPEN / DIGITIZED	Executive Order 12320 (5)
CLOSED	Hampton Institute
CLOSED	[Historically Black Colleges Mailing Lists]
CLOSED	Housing
CLOSED	Howard University (1)(2)
CLOSED	Joint Center for Political Studies

Box 8

Status	Title
CLOSED	Ku Klux Klan
CLOSED	Martin Luther King's Birthday 01/15/1982
CLOSED	Labor Contracts
CLOSED	Leadership Education and Development Program
CLOSED	Livingstone College
CLOSED	Meharry Medical College (1)-(4)
CLOSED	Minority Small Business (1)-(7)

Status	Title
CLOSED	Minority Business (Initiatives) (1)(2)

Box 9

Status	Title
CLOSED	Minority Business (Initiatives) (3)
CLOSED	Miles College
CLOSED	National Advisory Committee on Black Higher Education and Black Colleges and Universities (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Alliance of Business (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People I (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People II
CLOSED	[National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Convention in Denver, 06/29/1981-07/03/1981] (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Association of Black County Officials
CLOSED	National Association of Black Manufacturers
CLOSED	National Association of Black Publishers
CLOSED	National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
CLOSED	National Association of Minority CPA Firms
CLOSED	National Association of Minority Contractors
CLOSED	National Association of Negro and Professional Women
CLOSED	National Association of Real Estate Brokers
CLOSED	National Bankers Association

Box 10

Status	Title
CLOSED	National Black Republican Council
CLOSED	National Black Republican Council/General (1)-(3)
CLOSED	National Black Republican Council Briefing 01/28/1982
CLOSED	National Business League
CLOSED	National Colored Women's Clubs

Status	Title
CLOSED	National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (1)-(4)
CLOSED	National Medical Association (1)(2)
CLOSED	[National Minority Purchasing Council News] (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Minority Suppliers
CLOSED	National Patriotism Week (1)

Box 11

Status	Title
CLOSED	National Patriotism Week (2)
CLOSED	National Urban Coalition
CLOSED	National Urban League (1)-(4)
CLOSED	[National Urban League Convention in Washington, DC, 07/19/1981-07/22/1981]
CLOSED	(1)(2)New Coalition
CLOSED	Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. #2 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	[Opportunity Fair for Minority and Women Owned Businesses] (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Opportunity Funding Commission] (1)-(3)Floyd Patterson
CLOSED	Prairie View A & M University
CLOSED	SERTOMA [Service to Mankind] Award Ceremony
CLOSED	Sickle Cell Anemia (1)(2)

Box 12

Status	Title
CLOSED	Small Business Administration 8 (a) [Aid for Disadvantaged Small Business] (1)-(5)
CLOSED	Sonicraft Inc.
CLOSED	Texas Southern UniversityTitle III / Black Colleges (1)(2)
CLOSED	Tuskegee Institute (1)(2)
CLOSED	United Negro College Fund
CLOSED	Vice President's Reception for Black Colleges (1)-(3)

Box 13

Status	Title
CLOSED	Virginia Union University
CLOSED	Voting Rights Act
CLOSED	Reverend Hosea Williams (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Reverend Hosea Williams] Afro-American / Japanese International Economic Institute, Inc. (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Reverend] Hosea Williams/Japanese Venture (1)(2)
CLOSED	[Reverend Hosea Williams: Metro Atlanta In-Town Farmer's Cooperative Inc.] (1)(2)
CLOSED	Women in Municipal Government - 03/07/1983

SERIES II: YOUTH

Alphabetically arranged files that include informational packets, conference programs, and requests for meetings.

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Status	Title
CLOSED	American Industrial Arts Students Association (1)(2)
CLOSED	Big Brothers / Big Sisters of America Meeting with President 02/19/1982 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Boy Scouts of America Meeting with President 02/04/1982 (1)(2)
CLOSED	Boy Scouts of America / General Information (1)-(3)

Box 14

Status	Title
CLOSED	[Boy Scouts] POTUS Phone Call - Eagle Scout 09/14/1982
CLOSED	Campfire, Inc. (1)(2)
CLOSED	Charles Edison Fund
CLOSED	Convention II (1)(2)
CLOSED	Distributive Education Clubs of America
CLOSED	Future Farmers of America Future Farmers of America 07/27/1982 (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Future Farmers of America 12/16/1982 (1)(2) Future Homemakers of America

Status	Title
CLOSED	Girl Scouts (1)(2)
CLOSED	Health Occupations Students of America (1)(2)
CLOSED	Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation
CLOSED	Miscellaneous Correspondence [Thelma Duggin] (1)

Box 15

Status	Title
CLOSED	Miscellaneous Correspondence [Thelma Duggin] (2)
CLOSED	National Association of Secondary School Principals (1)(2)
CLOSED	National Youth Movement - Reverend Sharpton
CLOSED	Office Education Association (1)(2)
CLOSED	Presidential Classrooms Student Aid (1)(2)
CLOSED	Student National Medical Association, Inc.
CLOSED	U.S. Senate Youth Program (1)(2)
CLOSED	Vocational Students Organizations (1)(2)
CLOSED	Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (1)(2)
CLOSED	Young American Medals for Bravery (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Young Americans for Freedom, Inc.

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Young Americans for Freedom 1981 Convention
CLOSED	Youth
CLOSED	Youth Employment Programs (1)(2)
CLOSED	Youth Issues/General Correspondence
CLOSED	Youth Issues/Miscellaneous (1)-(3)

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CLOSED Thelma Duggin Chron File #1 [February 1981–September 1981] (1)-(6)

CLOSED Thelma Duggin Chron File #2 [September 1981–August 1982] (1)-(3)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Thelma Duggin Chron File #2 [September 1981–August 1982] (4)-(14)
CLOSED	Thelma Duggin Chron File #3 [September 1982–October 1982] (1)-(7)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Thelma Duggin Chron File #3 [September 1982–October 1982] (8)Thelma Duggin Chron File #4 [October 1982–December 1982] (1)-(8)
CLOSED	Thelma Duggin Chron File #5 [December 1982- February 1983] (1)-(5)

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Appointment Book, 1982
CLOSED	Appointment Book, 1983
CLOSED	Telephone Log, 10/05/1981-01/11/1982
CLOSED	Telephone Log, 01/12/1982-01/27/1982
CLOSED	Telephone Log, 02/01/1982-04/22/1982
CLOSED	Telephone Log, 04/22/1982-May 1982

Box 19

Status	Title
CLOSED	Telephone Log, 05/11/1982-06/09/1982
CLOSED	Telephone Log, 06/09/1982-September 1982
CLOSED	Telephone Log, September 1982-12/20/1982