

New Orleans Social Justice and Activism

1980s-1990s

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Title

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1973-2002, bulk 1985-1991

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Name of Creator

Staff, Richard McCarthy, Gary Modenbach

Administrative/Biographical History

Richard McCarthy is a former editor and publisher at the Twomey Center for Peace through Justice. As co-founder and former executive director of the ECONomics Institute, he was instrumental in the creation and stewardship of the Crescent City Farmer's Market and Market Umbrella.org, both of which embrace the principles of social justice and sustainable economic development. As of 2013, McCarthy is the executive director of Slow Food USA.

Gary Modenbach (1951-2000), aka the "Chalmette Miracle" was a New Orleans activist, organizer and writer devoted to fighting racism and social inequality. A member of Worker's Against Capitalism, he contributed to that organization's publication Bayou Worker, and other local and national social democratic and progressive journals.

Scope and Content

The collection consists primarily of materials related to social justice issues in and around New Orleans and Latin America from the mid 1980s to early 1991. The collection includes pamphlets and newsletters of various coalitions in opposition to David Duke's 1990 gubernatorial campaign, contemporary news clippings, and reference materials on Duke and white supremacy. The collection also contains organizing materials in opposition to The Gulf War and local journals relative to labor parties, unions, and social justice, including Central American News, Bayou Worker, Second Line, Crescent City Green Quarterly, and Brad Ott's Avant!, Dialogue, and Café Progresso. The papers of The Gary Modenbach Social Aid and Pleasure Club are also included.

System of Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series, Social Justice Literature, Richard McCarthy Papers and Gary Modenbach Social Aid and Pleasure Club. The three series represent three separate donations that, due to their overlapping nature, were folded together into this collection. Organized into three series, in alphabetical order. The arrangement scheme for the collection was imposed during processing in the absence of a usable original order.

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Language and Scripts of the Material

Collection is in English.

Processing Information

Finding aid written by Christine P. Horn, 2013

Series Description

Series I

Social Justice Literature, 1983-2002

Series I includes a wide array of New Orleans' political action journals, newsletters, flyers and mailers concerning anti-racism, worker's rights, environmental health, the Green Party, Central American solidarity, nuclear disarmament, and anti-David Duke coalitions.

Series II

Richard McCarthy Papers, 1989-1999

Series II includes materials relative to coalitional organizing, activism and research in opposition to Louisiana State Representative David Duke, and one folder containing clippings and organizational flyers in opposition to The Gulf War.

Series III

Gary Modenbach Social Aid and Pleasure Club, 1973-1999

Series III includes journals for which Modenbach was a contributor, including Louisiana Worker, Dialogue, and Second Line. The publication Bayou Worker contains information relative to 1990's-2000 Avondale Shipyard labor organizing. This collection also contains the papers of The Gary Modenbach Social Aid and Pleasure Club, a group established by Modenbach's peers in memoriam. There is one folder of photographs and scanned images of Modenbach.

Container List

Series I

Social Justice Literature

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Angola Three, pamphlet and flyer
	2	Alliance for Affordable Energy/Citizen's for Change, Energy Refund flyers
	3	Bayou Worker, 1998-1999
	4	Café Progresso, 1998-1999, Dialogue 1986
	5	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 1984-1985
	6	Center of the Americas Newsletters
	7	Central American News, 1983-1984
	8	Central American News, 1985
	9	Central American News, 1986-1987
	10	Cispes (New Orleans chapter), 1984-1985
	11	Committee for Peace with Justice in Central America, 1985-1986
	12	Committees of Correspondence, 1984-1985
	13	Guatemalan Refugee Support Project
	14	Labor and Environment, flyers, ephemerae, misc.
	15	Louisiana Mobilization to Stop David Duke
	16	New Orleans Anti-Apartheid Coalition, 1985-1986
	17	People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, 1983-1985
	18	Rahim, Malik, campaign materials
	19	Rainbow Coalition, New Orleans,
	20	Second Line, 1986-1990
	21	Southern Organizing Committee/Southern Fight Back, 1983-1985
	22	Southern Organizing Committee/Southern Fight Back, 1986-1992
	23	Miscellaneous, 1985-1986, undated flyers and pamphlets
2	1	Crescent City Green Quarterly, 2002
	2	"Stop David Duke" newsclipping, 1990
	3	Second Line, 1984
	4	Campaign buttons of Rahim, Nader, Green Party

Series II
Richard McCarthy Papers

Box	Folder	Description
3	1	Avant! New Orleans Journal of Progressive Thought, 1990
	2	Anti-Duke bumper stickers
	3	Dialogue, 1991
	4	Duke Fundraising letters
	5	Gulf War
	6	Industrial Workers of the World
	7	Louisiana Coalition Political Action Committee
	8	Louisiana Mobilization to Stop David Duke
	9	Louisiana Socialist Alliance
	10	National Association for the Advancement of White People
	11	Political Responses to Duke
	12	Resources on Duke, KKK, Poverty and Crime
	13	Truth About Duke/The New Orleans Anti-Nazi League
	14	Worker's Rights
	15	Miscellaneous, circa 1998
4	1	Second Congressional District Race newsclippings, 1990
	2	Duke newsclippings, 1988-1999
	3	Election results, newsclippings, 1991
	4	White Supremacy newsclippings, 1989, 1995

Series III
Gary Modenbach Social Aid and Pleasure Club

Box	Folder	Description
5	1	Bayou Worker, 1998-1999
	2	Dialogue, 1982-1983
	3	FBI file page, photocopy
	4	Modenbach photographs and scanned images, 1997-1998, undated
	5	Modenbach Social Aid and Pleasure Club papers and correspondence (Memorial Service), 2000
6	1	Louisiana Worker, 1973-1974
	2	Second Line, 1984