

Guide to Sherry Suttles Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Suttles, Sherry A.
Title	Sherry Suttles Papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1963-1975
Date [inclusive]	1963-2008
Extent	1.88 Linear feet ; 4 full size document boxes, 1 half size document box
Physical Location	This collection is stored offsite and advance notice is required for access. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or archives@barnard.edu .
Language	English
Abstract	This collection consists of the personal papers of Barnard College alumna Sherry Suttles.

Preferred Citation

Sherry Suttles Papers, 1963-2008; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

Biography

Sherry Suttles was born and raised in Detroit Michigan. Suttles joined Barnard College in 1966 as one of a few black women on Barnard's campus. At Barnard she pursued a degree in Government. Suttles' time at Barnard was divided between her courses, student organizations and being a socially active community member. She showed interest in the Community Schools program which worked towards the development of schools in Harlem, as well as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. In 1968 Sherry went on a trip to the Ivory Coast in Africa with the Africa Crossroads program. She also spent time with the Student Afro-American Society and within her last year at Barnard she was a member of the newly formed Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters (B.O.S.S.).

After graduation in 1969, Suttles went on to participate in New York's Urban Fellowship Program. Suttles completed a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Michigan and held several positions within city government across the United States including becoming the first female African American city manager of Oberlin, Ohio.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

The Sherry Suttles Papers consist of personal letters, letters of correspondence with Barnard College and other organizations, resumes, fliers, newspaper clippings, class notes, senior thesis, brochures, pamphlets, exams, syllabi, transcripts, scholarship forms, student identification cards, a book and a DVD. The bulk of the records are from the years Suttles spent at Barnard College. After moving to New York to attend Barnard College, Sherry maintained a close relationship with her mother, Ann Suttles.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into four series. The series arrangement is as follows:

Series 1, General Correspondence

The General Correspondence series includes letters Sherry Suttles sent to her mother, Ann Suttles, as well as letters Ann Suttles sent to Sherry Suttles. Additionally the correspondence series includes letters received by her father and her sister Billye. Further correspondence consists of letters and post cards from friends. In addition, letters received during her 1968 trip to Africa are found in this series. Additional

correspondence consists of letters received from the Barnard College administration. Finally, the series contains copies of Suttles biographical materials that she had sent to a class reunion committee.

Series 2, Barnard Activities and Social Activism

The Barnard Activities and Social Activism materials are arranged in alphabetical order. The series highlights Suttles' involvement with student organizations and her social activism during her time at Barnard College. Suttles was involved with multiple student organizations including: Students Afro-American Society, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, the Africa Crossroads program in which Suttles traveled to the Ivory Coast and the Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters (B.O.S.S.). Further, materials include Suttles' post-graduation fellowship with the Urban Fellowship Program, a New York program designed to give college students the opportunity to work in research and administrative positions with top government officials for one year. Finally, this series includes Suttles' course materials as a student at Barnard.

Series 3, Publication and Writings

The third series consists of Publications and Writings. The materials include manuscripts authored by Suttles. Additionally, this series also contains a book co-authored by Suttles. Further materials contained in this series include: fliers, pamphlets, and brochures.

Series 4, Photographs

The Photographs series contains photos of Suttles, friends and fellow students at Barnard. Additionally, there are negatives sent from her father; a photograph from the Urban Fellowship Program, and images from a Barnard Reunion in New York.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No additions are expected.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Barnard College Archives and Special Collections by Sherry A. Suttles in 2008.

Processing History

This collection was processed by Marcia Bassett and Kiran Tahir, 2011. The finding aid was written by Kiran Tahir in May 2011. The finding aid was updated by Dinah Handel, July 2015.

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Encoding: Machine readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002.

Finding aid written in English.

Related Materials

Related Collections

Related materials providing further information about the Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters may be found in the following collection: BC 37.2 Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters (B.O.S.S.),

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- African American women
- Barnard College
- Barnard College--Alumni and alumnae

- College students, Black
- Student Movements
- Women's colleges--New York (State)--New York
- Women, Black

Genreal Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series 1 Genreal Correspondence 1965-1969		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence with Mother, 1965-1969	1	1
Correspondence with Father, 1965-1969	1	2
Correspondence with Sister, 1965-1969	1	3
Correspondence with Sister's Boyfriend, 1967-1968	1	4
Correspondence with Friend: Adrienne, 1965-1967	1	5
Correspondence with Friend: Piki, 1966-1975	1	6
Correspondence with Friend: DD, 1966	1	7
Correspondence with Friend: Evelyn, 1966-1968	1	8
Correspondence with Friend: Lawrence, 1967-1980	1	9
Correspondence with Friend: Oliver, 1967-1969	1	10
Correspondence with Friend: Ginny, 1966-1980	1	11

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Correspondence with Friend: Zonya, 1965-1969	1	12
Correspondence with Friends: Miscellaneous, undated	1	13
Correspondence with Friends: Cards and Postcards, undated	1	14
Barnard Reunion Materials, 1995	1	15
Biographical – Reunion, 1969-1993	2	1
Correspondence from Barnard Administration, 1967-1993	2	2
Series 2 Barnard Activities and Social Activism		
	Box	Folder
Barnard Courses: Class Notes, undated	2	3
Barnard Courses: Exams, 1966-1967	2	4
Barnard Courses: Scholarships, Tuition and Student I.D., 1965-1969	2	5
Barnard Courses: Senior Essay, 1969	2	6
Barnard Courses: Syllabi and Reading Lists, 1963-1969	2	7
Barnard Courses: Transcripts, 1965-1968	2	8

Publications and Writings

Africa Crossroads: Correspondences, 1968	3	1
Africa Crossroads: Pamphlets and Clippings, 1968-1969	3	2
Barnard Organization of Soul Sisters, 1967-1969	3	3
Community Schools, 1966-1967	3	4
Conferences, 1966	3	5
Strike of 1968, 1968; 1993	3	6
Student Afro-American Society, 1965-1966	3	7
Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, 1963-1967	3	8
Urban Fellowship Program: Correspondences, 1969-1979	3	9
Urban Fellowship Program, 1969-1979	3	10
Series 3 Publications and Writings		
	Box	Folder
General Publications, circa 1960's; 1993	4	1
Un-Published Materials by Suttles, 1969-1979	4	2

Photographs

Publication by Suttles, 1986	4	3
Barnard Alumnae Magazine Class Notes, 1977-1995	4	4
Programs and Fliers, 1966-2008	4	5
Columbia Fliers and Brochures, undated	4	6
Student Publications at Barnard and Columbia, 1968-1970	4	7
Columbia Spectator Clippings, 1965-1969	4	8
Barnard Bulletin and Spectator Clippings, 1967-1969	4	9
Series 4 Photographs		
	Box	Folder
Images 1-13, Photos at Barnard, circa 1960's - 1969	5	1
Images 14-28, Photos at Barnard, circa 1969	5	2
Negatives from Father, 1965-1969	3	3
Urban Fellowship Program, 1970	5	4
Barnard Reunion, New York, 1995	5	5