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Minority Group Studies Center. Collection, 1970-1990.

MSU Archives Collection 212

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ABSTRACT:

This collection contains materials relating to the Mankato State College and Mankato State University Minority Group Studies Center. The collection includes materials from associated student organizations, handbooks from cultural houses, conferences, syllabi, and related instructional materials. Included in the collection are documents from Mankato community organizations.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Mankato State College Minority Group Studies Center began in 1970 with Michael Fagin as its first director. The Center was created as a result of a 1969 Black Task Force report which called for a more inclusive campus that included more African American faculty and students. Professor George Ayers recruited Fagin to lead the Minority Group Studies Center.¹ The Center served four main functions on campus: a service facility for minority groups; assist in developing and enriching courses; provide community education; a resource facility in minority studies.

The Minority Group Studies Center began offering courses in 1972 under the purview of the School of Arts and Sciences and developed a minor program in Afro-American Studies in 1973. By 1975, they offered a Bachelor's degree in Minority and Ethnic Studies and minors in Afro-American Studies and Native American Studies. They were one of the founding Departments of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in 1978. In 1988 they added a third minor degree in Minority and Ethnic Studies.

In 1991 the Center was divided into the Department of Race and Ethnic Studies, Ethnic Service Center, and the Cultural Diversity Program.² In 2003 the Cultural Diversity Program became the Office of Institutional Diversity. In 2020 it became the division of [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#).

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection consists of materials from student organizations, the Black Cultural House, Native American Cultural House, Mankato community organizations and the Mah-Kato Wacipi. Minority Group Studies Center staff created syllabi for classes and workshops on African American culture and music. The collection also contains brochures describing classes that support minors related to Native American and African American studies.

¹ 2004-02-06 <https://arch.lib.mnsu.edu/islandora/object/MSUrepository%3A163060>

² The Reporter, June 27, 1990, page 1.

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

Jayne Larsen donated this collection in April 2017. Additional materials came from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences collection.

PROCESSED BY:

Adam Smith and Jamison Vierstraete processed this collection in October 2023.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

It has been determined that there are similar manuscript collections about the Minority Group Studies Center available:

Mankato Mdewakanton Association Collection, 1972-2005. SMHC Collection 0284, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

University General Records. Collection, 1868-Ongoing. MSU Archives Collection 12, University Archives, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Specifically, the 1969 Black Task Force Report.

President's Office. Collection, 1867-Ongoing. MSU Archives Collection 13, University Archives, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS: (Required)

Minorities – Education (Higher)

Multiculturalism – United States

Multicultural education – United States

Minority college students

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| 1800's Historic Festival, Flyer, 1989 | 1 | 1 |
| Annual Dinner, 1971-1973 | 1 | 2 |
| Association for Unlearning Racism, 1988-1989 | 1 | 3 |
| Brochure, 1980-1982 | 1 | 4 |
| Buttons, 1976, 1988 | 1 | 5 |
| Correspondence, 1977 | 1 | 6 |
| Correspondence, 1978-1981 | 1 | 7 |
| Handbooks, Black Cultural House, circa 1970-1975 | 1 | 8 |
| Handbook, Native American Cultural House, 1973 | 1 | 9 |
| Homecoming Correspondence, 1987-1989 | 1 | 10 |
| "Local Library Resources for a Multi-Ethnic Curriculum", 1977 | 1 | 11 |
| Mah-Kato Wacipi, 1983-1989 | 1 | 12 |
| Mankato Area Chamber of Commerce, Human Relations Committee, unknown | 1 | 13 |
| Minority Group Studies Center, booklet, 1971-1972 | 1 | 14 |
| "Minority Involvement at Mankato State College, 1970-1972," booklet, 1972 | 1 | 15 |
| "Midwestern/Southwestern States Leadership Conference on Multi-Cultural/Multi-ethnic Studies," conference booklet, 1974 | 1 | 16 |
| Native American Student Association, 1976, 1986 | 1 | 17 |
| News Articles, 1973-1990 | 1 | 18 |
| Newsletters, 1973-1981 | 2 | 2 |
| Newsletters, 1982-1990 | 2 | 3 |
| Pan-African Conference, 1985 | 1 | 19 |
| Program Objectives and Progress Reports, 1976-1979 | 1 | 20 |
| Reports, 1971-1975 | 1 | 21 |
| Staff Meeting, Minutes, 1974 | 1 | 22 |
| Syllabi and Class Materials, 1970-1980 | 2 | 1 |
| Tenth Anniversary Book, 1980 | 1 | 23 |