



Introducing the New Director of the Walter P. Reuther Library *Dr. Beth Myers*

This September the Reuther Library welcomed its new director, Beth Myers, PhD. Myers comes to the Reuther from Loyola University Chicago, where she served as the director of the Women and Leadership Archives for five years.



Myers received both her master’s degree and doctorate in history from Loyola University Chicago, in which she focused on 20th century American history, public history, and women’s history and gender studies. Having already held a “sampler plate” of positions at various Chicago area archives, Myers received two competing job offers following the completion of her program: a traditional academic position, and the opportunity to lead the Women and Leadership Archives at her alma mater. She has no doubt she made the correct career decision. With a “fleet of incredible assistants, students, and volunteers,” Myers worked to gain physical and intellectual control over the WLA collections, conducted extensive outreach to raise the archives’ profile, and enjoyed the privilege of establishing relationships with donors.

Myers’ research interests include women’s archives, the relevancy of archives in the digital age, and exploring issues of power, access and ethics in archives and archival collections. In addition to participating in the 2010 Archives Leadership Institute, Myers is an active member of the Society of American Archivists, the Midwest Archives Conference, and the Chicago Area Archivists.

When asked why she wanted to come to the Reuther, Myers responded, “Why wouldn’t I? It’s the dream job. It’s so well known and respected, such a venerable institution.” In the near term, Myers will be looking inward at the Reuther to better understand its staff, systems, and ongoing projects and relationships. In addition to working with the Reuther’s existing donors and partners, she hopes to further its community

outreach activities, raising the profile of the Reuther both on campus and off. She also is looking forward to engaging with the Reuther staff in inclusive and open strategic planning. “We know what the Reuther is and what it’s done,” Myers notes. The strategic planning process will allow the staff to explore “what we can be and where we want to be in the future.”

During her short time at the Reuther, Myers has enjoyed getting to know the staff, learning the layout and quirks of the building, and embracing Detroit. “I like Detroit,” Myers muses. “It is urban, but it’s a different kind of urban. It has all the benefits of an urban city without the density.” An avid gardener, Myers is happy to have more space to spread out with her husband, Ryan, and young daughter, Quinn. ■

Reuther Microfilms Rare Publications *Emancipator and American Pressman*

American Pressman. International Printing Pressmen and Assistants’ Union of North America (IPPAU). 1890-1968.

The *American Pressman* is the official journal of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants’ Union of North America (IPPAU). IPPAU was organized in 1889 when disgruntled pressmen left the International Typographical



Union (ITU) to form a new pressmen’s union, and was at one point the largest printing trades union in the world. In 1973, IPPAU merged with the International Stereotypers’, Electrotypers’,

and Platemakers’ Union of North America (ISE&PU) to form the International Printing and Graphic Communications Union (IPGCU). The IPGCU ultimately became part of the Graphic Communications Conference (GCC) under the International

Collections Now Open for Research

Mildred Jeffrey Papers, Part 2

1920s-2004 (bulk 1970s-2003) [52 linear feet]
<https://www.reuther.wayne.edu/node/2667>

Mildred Jeffrey worked as an organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, as a consultant to the War Labor Board, as Director of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Women's Bureau, and as Director for UAW Community Relations and Consumer Affairs Departments. Ms. Jeffrey was also active in the Democratic Party and was a founding member and chair of the National Organization of Women's (NOW) political arm, the National Women's Political Caucus. Part 2 of the

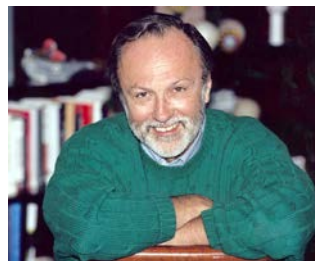


Mildred Jeffrey Papers primarily addresses the last 30 years of her life, from the 1970s until 2004. During those years, Jeffrey became an activist in the many social and political movements of the time, including women's rights, civil rights, reproductive rights, and peace. Her papers include documents and correspondence from the many national and Michigan-based organizations in which she was involved, as well as wide ranging correspondence with family, friends, colleagues, politicians, several presidents, and members of the Kennedy family.

David Bonior Papers, Part 1

1976-2002, bulk 1990-2002 [44.5 linear feet]
<https://www.reuther.wayne.edu/node/8185>

David Bonior was a Michigan State Representative from 1973 to 1976, and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1976 to 2002, where he served as Democratic Whip from 1991 until his retirement. Bonior was born in Detroit and raised in Hamtramck. He received his BA at the University of Iowa and his MA at Chapman University. After college, he worked as a probation officer in Detroit before serving in the Air Force from 1968 to 1972. Upon returning, he was elected to the Michigan legislature, and in 1976 was elected to the U.S. House. He was well known for his advocacy on behalf of minorities, the environment, working people, and Vietnam veterans. He left Congress in an unsuccessful bid for Governor of Michigan in 2001 and 2002. Following his gubernatorial campaign, Bonior



taught Labor Studies at Wayne State University and chaired the American Rights at Work organization. Part 1 of the David Bonior Papers includes documents relating to his activities in the 10th and 12th Congressional districts of Michigan during his years in Congress, as well as his run for Governor. The collection focuses mainly social, labor, and environmental issues in Michigan

ALPA Steward and Stewardess Division Records

1949-1977 [22 linear feet]
<https://www.reuther.wayne.edu/node/8612>

Formed in 1960, the Steward and Stewardess (S&S) Division of ALPA represented flight attendants in a number of legal battles based on age and sex discrimination, and also fought for stewardesses to have a more active and involved role in air safety. Highlights of the collection include the S&S Division successfully assisting stewardesses in combating company policies that forced retirement at age 32-35, at marriage, or when flight attendants had children. Also of interest is the large amount of correspondence between local councils and the vice-president of the division documenting the day-to-day issues of stewardesses including grievances, problems with airline management, uniform and appearance issues, air safety, and organizing efforts. The collection includes governing minutes at both the local and national levels, negotiation records and agreements, publications, and correspondence.

AFSCME Communications Department Records

1967-2002 [100 linear feet; 34 posters; 37 videos]
<https://www.reuther.wayne.edu/node/8730>

The 1954 AFSCME Convention passed Resolution 14, establishing a Publications and Public Relations Department. This new department would continue to publish the AFSCME magazine and other materials, take on new media public relations duties, and would, importantly, provide skilled public relations professionals in the field. The new department was created in 1956. The name was changed to the Public Affairs Department in 1971 and again to the Communications Department in 2011. The AFSCME Communications Department Records document the public activities of the Department, AFSCME International, and AFSCME officials. Records include speech transcripts, press releases, surveys and polls, documents related



to AFSCME biennial conventions, publications, meeting minutes, and clippings. Most notably, over half of the collection is comprised of audiovisual material, with over 45 linear feet of photographs, slides, and negatives, and approximately 10 linear feet of audio and video recordings and posters.

More Newly Opened Collections

Labor:

ALPA Governing Bodies: Executive Board
ALPA Governing Bodies: Executive Council
ALPA Governing Bodies: Executive Committee
ALPA President's Department Records, Part 1
Milton Tambor Papers
Herman Rebhan Papers
Herman Wolf Papers, Part 2
National Policy Association Records
UFW Montreal Boycott Records
Newspaper Guild Local 22: Detroit Records
Dearborn Federation of Teachers: AFT Local 681 Records
UAW President's Office: Howard Young Records
Hy Fish Papers
Irving Richter Papers, Part 2
Mike Hamlin and Joann Castle Papers

Urban:

Rachel Boone Keith Papers
National Council of Jewish Women Records, Part 3
Al Fishman Papers, Part 2
International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit Records

Rare Publications Microfilmed

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Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) umbrella after a succession of mergers. This journal was recently microfilmed because a nearly complete run is rare, and very few early volumes are known to exist. In the future, researchers will access the microfilm versions to better preserve the paper originals.

Emancipator. Detroit International Publishing Company. 1910-1913.

The *Emancipator* was published by the Detroit International Publishing Company. It is a socialist periodical and is known for publishing "radical" articles from both men and women. The Reuther Library has the most complete run available in the world, and quite possibly all of the issues that were printed, though we cannot verify that. Before microfilming, this journal was not available for research because the paper originals were too fragile to use. The new microfilm versions, therefore, not only preserve the originals but also allow access for the first time.



University Archives

Newly Opened Collections

Wayne University Yearbooks (1935, 1936, 1937, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1945)

The University Archives collection of Wayne State University yearbooks spans 105 years, from the 1900 *Detroit College of Medicine Souvenir Annual* to the 2005 *Wayne State University Warrior*. This collection includes more than 140 volumes, including the yearbooks of the Law School, the School of Medicine, the College of Pharmacy, the Department of Mortuary Science, and Wayne State's predecessor schools. These books are open for viewing in the Reuther Library Reading Room. A project to scan these yearbooks and make them available on the Reuther's website is now underway. The scanned yearbooks can be found at <https://reuther.wayne.edu/taxonomy/term/1441>. A complete list of the Wayne State University Yearbook Collection can be found at <https://reuther.wayne.edu/node/7446>. ■



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Partnering with the WSU Library System

To Make Resources Available on the Web

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT), one of the Reuther Library's major donor unions, was frustrated by the narrative in the media that teachers' unions existed solely as obstinate impediments to education reform. AFT's history tells a very different story, as for years its members and leaders have initiated reforms in the areas of peer review, career development, wages, and shared decision-making and management. With its archivist, Dan Golodner, AFT decided to create a Web site to host historic, primary documents from its vast archives at the Reuther Library that illustrate AFT-led efforts at education reform. This site would provide documentary evidence in the debate over education reform.

In March 2010, Golodner reached out to the Wayne State University Library System's Digital Library Initiatives (DLI) team for help. He described the project's goals to the DLI's Jon McGlone. Together, they felt this was a good project to test two things: collaboration between the Reuther and the Library System; and Omeka, a new open source platform for displaying Web exhibits and digital collections in which the Library System was interested.

Golodner selected documents dating back to the early 1980s from the national headquarters' records and from the collections of AFT affiliates, as well as from various AFT-related personal collections. He then hired Archives Technician Jen Dawson to scan the documents. Dawson worked with the DLI to add metadata to the documents, and McGlone implemented Omeka for displaying them. The result, the digital collection *American Federation of Teachers: Antecedents to Education Reform Historical Collection*, went live in July 2011 and the collection continues to grow. The result can be viewed at <http://dlxs.lib.wayne.edu/aft/>.

The collaboration with the Library System proved successful, and the Reuther Library formed an ad hoc Digital Projects Committee to standardize and streamline procedures for working with the DLI to create more such projects utilizing the Reuther's collections. The Committee decided that another test case was required to hammer out these policies,

and chose to create a Web exhibit about the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike led by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), another of the Reuther Library's major donor unions. It was at this strike that Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

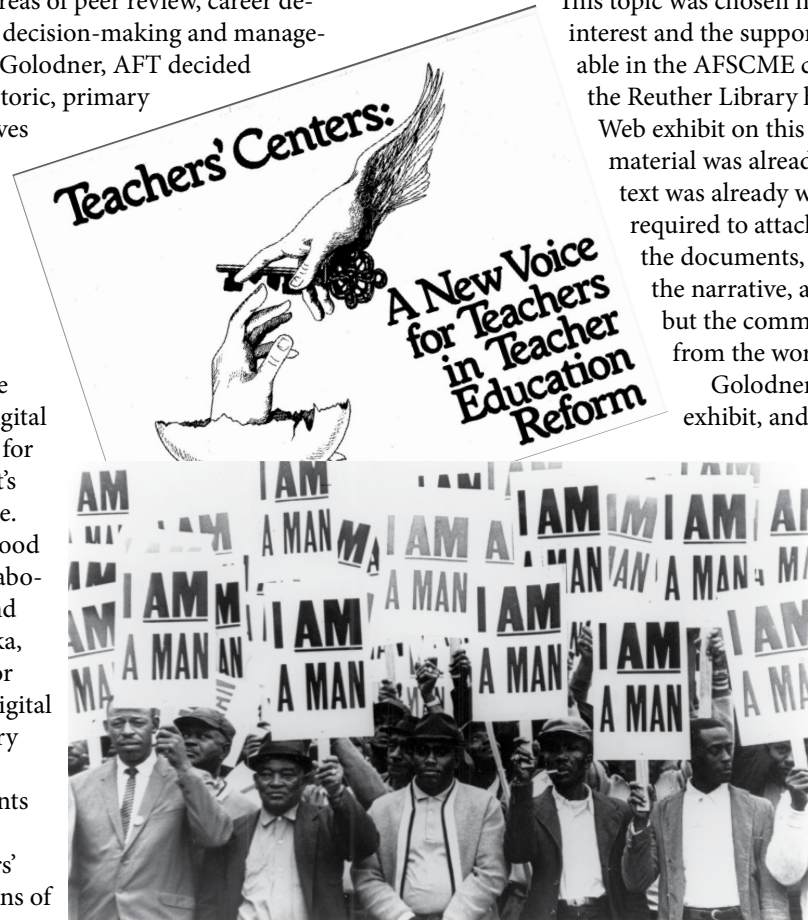
This topic was chosen not only because of its general interest and the supporting documentation available in the AFSCME collection, but also because the Reuther Library had created a physical and Web exhibit on this topic in 2003. Much of the material was already digitized, and much of the text was already written. Significant work was required to attach appropriate metadata to the documents, add information to update the narrative, and address copyright issues, but the committee had a nice head start from the work done in 2003.

Golodner, who had curated the 2003 exhibit, and Johanna Russ, AFSCME

Archivist, worked together to select images and documents, describe them with metadata, and enhance the exhibit with a resources list, an introductory essay, and video clips from a 2003 symposium hosted by the Reuther. Golodner and Russ then worked with the Library System's Meghan Finch and Joshua Neds-Fox on metadata issues and site design. The Web exhibit *I AM A Man* went live in April 2012 on

the 44th anniversary of King's assassination. It can be accessed at <http://dlxs.lib.wayne.edu/iamaman/>.

Significant restructuring in the Library System and a director search at the Reuther has delayed future projects through the summer, but both sides are committed to working together in the future. The committee has many ideas for further Web exhibits and digital collections and is excited about the possibilities this new partnership has opened. ■



Meet The New SEIU Archivist

Alexandra Orchard

Alexandra Orchard joined the staff of the Reuther Library in October 2012 as the new SEIU archivist. Being a long-time member of the Wayne State University community and having a family history in the labor movement, Orchard is looking forward to supporting the missions of the Reuther and SEIU. She hopes to build on the work of SEIU's previous archivist, Louis Jones. In addition to ensuring that the SEIU archival collections are well maintained, well known, and accessible to researchers, Orchard also plans to work with SEIU and the Reuther to implement new archival projects and initiatives.



Orchard is no stranger to Wayne State University. In addition to completing significant coursework in computer science, she also received her Bachelor of Arts in English, Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting, and her Master of Library and Information Science from the university. While pursuing her MLIS, Orchard successfully completed archives practicums and internships at the University of Michigan Special Collections Library and Allied Vaughn, where she helped to process the records of the Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra before being hired as an indexer. She also served as the first president of the WSU Student Chapter of the National Digital Stewardship Alliance, reflecting her interests in digital preservation, particularly permanent metadata attachment; archival standards; and integrating traditional formats with electronic/digital media. Prior to pursuing a career in archives, Orchard was a user interface designer and user experience designer for TiVo and JSTOR. ■

More Wayne State University Newly Opened Collections:

The Robert L. Millender Sr. Memorial Fund Inc. Records
WSU Salary Reports
WSU Student Organization Rosters
Katherine Chamberlain Papers
Helen T. Suchara Papers
Bernice Kaplan Papers
Faculty and staff directories, 1928-2011
Wayne State University Press. Editorial Board. Minutes and reports
Alexander Rose III. Letters
Alton Robert Taylor Professional Papers
WSU. President's Reports, 1939-2007
WSU. Financial Reports
WSU. Annual Reports
WSU. Wayne State Magazine
WSU. Law School. Student directories, 1956-1993
WSU. Faculty and Staff Handbooks, 1950-1978
WSU. School of Medicine. Student Directories
WSU. WDET. Program guides and publications
WSU. Law School. Journals.
WSU. Law School. Faces. First-year student directories, 1990-1999

WSU. Student Activities Counseling. New Student Register. 1977-1979
WSU. College of Nursing. Center for Health Research.
WSU. College of Medicine. Scribe and Alum Notes.
WSU. College of Engineering. Newsletters, reports, and publications
WSU. School of Business Administration. Photographs
WSU. Property Records, 1976
Wayne University. Evelyn E. Holtorf Service Letters. Records, 1943-1945
Wayne University. The Weekly Chit-Chat. Records, 1943-1945
WSU. Athletic Programs.



New Wayne State University Digital Collections:

WSU Office of the Registrar Schedule of Classes (2004-2012)
Central High School Yearbooks (1970, 1992)
College of the City of Detroit Yearbooks (1925, 1926, 1927, 1930)
Detroit College of Medicine Yearbooks (1914, 1929)
Detroit Junior College Yearbook (1923)
Detroit Teachers College Yearbook (1923)

Field Archivist at Work

Louis Jones

In February, Louis Jones became the Reuther Library's Field Archivist, after having served as the SEIU Archivist for almost 19 years. The role of a field archivist is to identify collections that could be valuable to researchers and to negotiate with donors to place those records in the archives. The tools of Jones' trade as field archivist include: tracking down leads provided by colleagues; interacting with researchers who might know of collections in need of an archival home; attending events or meetings of prospective collection donors; meeting donors at their homes or over dinner; and giving them tours of our facilities. Consistent with the Reuther's mission, Jones focuses on collecting organizational records and personal papers documenting the American labor movement, related reform movements, social welfare, health care, politics, civil rights, women's rights, and metropolitan Detroit social communities.

Since starting his position as field archivist, Jones has been working with donors to secure many exciting new collections at the Reuther. Among them are the records of the Economic Development Corporation of Greater Detroit, an organization that provided support to Detroit-based minority owned businesses. The collection was donated by Mike Weston, who served the organization in a number of capacities. Jones also worked with donor Harriet Saperstein to secure the records

of the Association of Municipal Professional Women, which sought to provide opportunities for professional women in all Detroit city departments to network, discuss common interests, create a forum to voice common concerns, and successfully file lawsuits to obtain wage parity with their male counterparts. Nita Firestone sought out Jones in order to donate the records of the South-Eastern Michigan Gay and Lesbian Association, a political and social LGBT organization of the 1970s and 1980s. The organization established a LGBT hotline and speakers' bureau, and engaged in educational efforts about HIV/AIDS.

In addition to these recent additions, Jones continues to work with a number of metro Detroit people and organizations whose material will contribute to the understanding of the labor movement and the historical development of metropolitan Detroit. Newly opened collections are listed on the Reuther Library Web site.

Those with records documenting the historical development of metro Detroit and the labor movement are encouraged to contact Jones. By donating their records they will promote research and ensure that the history and legacy of organized labor and of metropolitan Detroit will be passed down to future generations. ■

Reuther Staff Accomplishments

Above and Beyond

Kristen Chinery is Librarian of the Reuther Library. The Library collection is comprised of an estimated 3,000-5,000 linear feet of records, including 9,000 books, 12,000 periodical and publication titles, a substantial vertical file system, and tens of thousands of union contracts, pamphlets, booklets, and theses—the secondary sources related to our primary source archival collections. As if that weren't a big enough job, Kristen has long been involved in archival and union work outside of her job at the Reuther, and this year, that work culminated in high-level positions in the Michigan Archival Association (MAA) and in the union that represents Reuther staff and other professors and academic staff at Wayne State, AAUP-AFT Local 6075.



In addition to presenting at MAA's annual conference, Kristen began working for MAA's committees back in 2005. She served on the Auditing Committee 2005-2007, on the Program Committee 2007-2008, on the Local Arrangements Committee in 2010, and on the Nominating Committee in 2012. She has gone even farther by also being elected to serve on the MAA Executive Board as Treasurer 2007-2011, as Acting Vice-President 2010-2011, as President-Elect 2011-2012, and finally, this

year, she began her first term as MAA President, which will last until 2014.

Her goal for MAA is to build on existing partnerships and develop additional collaborative opportunities to expand educational programming for the membership. To that end, MAA partnered with the Historical Society of Michigan in the fall of 2012 to produce a workshop on budget-friendly exhibits.

Kristen has also been very involved with AAUP-AFT Local 6075. Since 2009, she has been the AAUP-AFT Council Representative for the Reuther Library. In this capacity, she assists Reuther staff with questions or concerns about the Union or the contract, advocating for Reuther AAUP staff to understand and utilize their contractual rights. She also reviews the unit factors and bylaws to ensure they are current, verifies that contractual committees are in place, and coordinates the procedures for staff applying for Employment Security Status and promotion.

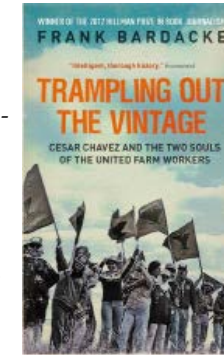
In 2011, her work for the Union extended beyond the walls of the Reuther when she was elected as chair of the AAUP-AFT Council. Under her leadership in the past year, the Council has done a tremendous amount of work preparing for the 2012 contract negotiations with Wayne State University administration. ■

From the Reference Desk

Interesting Ways that Reuther Collections are Used

The Reuther Library reference desk has been busy during the past year, with researchers visiting from across the globe. There is quite a list of productions to show for it.

Published by Verso in October 2011, Frank Bardacke's *Trampling Out the Vintage: Cesar Chavez and the Two Souls of the United Farm Workers* is the newest history of the United Farm Workers (UFW). Bardacke relied heavily on the Reuther's extensive UFW collections.



The University of California Press also published a book about the United Farm Workers. University of Arizona professor Matt Garcia spent a great deal of time at the Reuther doing research for his book, *From the Jaws of Victory: The Triumph and Tragedy of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Movement*. He explored the

Reuther's manuscript and audiovisual material for this publication.

Throughout the year, the Audiovisual Department provided images for exhibits at a number of institutions around the country, including the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, the Blessed John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C., the Mob Museum in Las Vegas, and the National Parks Service's Brown v. Board of Education Historic Site.



This image of Dolores Huerta at a UFW rally in the 1970s appeared in the HBO series *Latino List, Volume II*.



Tigner used this photo of liquor being destroyed during Prohibition in his documentary, *Purple: Organized Crime in a Small Town*.

The Reuther Audiovisual Department also contributed images to an online interactive game for PBS's *History Detectives* Web site as well as several photos for two Season 10 episodes.

Several of the Reuther's images were used in a documentary by Central Michigan University professor Benjamin Tigner. Tigner's documentary, *Purple: Organized Crime in a Small Town*, pulls images from the Reuther's Detroit News Photonegative Collection to tell the story of a Purple Gang murder in Mid-Michigan.

The Audiovisual Department also contributed photos of former UFW vice president, Dolores Huerta to Perfect Day Films, Inc. for the HBO documentary series *Latino List, Volume II*.

Reuther images will be used in an interactive iPad app/guide to the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of the Arts, and for an online story for National Public Radio. Additionally, Reuther images

were used by the magazines *Hour Detroit: The Way it Was*, *Grosse Pointe Magazine*, and *Macomb Now*. ■



This image of Berry Gordy appeared in a segment called "Motown's Bottom Line" on Season 10, Episode 2 of the *History Detectives*.



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