

Anna Arnold Hedgeman Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Anna Arnold Hedgeman Papers

Span Dates: 1944-1952

ID No.: MSS84253

Creator: Hedgeman, Anna Arnold, 1899-1990

Extent: 250 items; 1 container; 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: African-American civil rights leader and educator. Correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, speeches, organizational newsletters, and newspaper clippings documenting Hedgeman's activities on behalf of civil rights for African Americans and educational reform, and especially her efforts to continue the work of the United States Fair Employment Practices Committee following World War II.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Hedgeman, Anna Arnold, 1899-1990.

Organizations

United States. Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Subjects

African Americans--Civil rights.

African Americans--Employment.

Discrimination in employment--United States.

Educational change--United States.

Occupations

Civil rights leaders.

Educators.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Anna Arnold Hedgeman, African-American civil rights leader and educator, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1998.

Processing History:

The papers of Anna Arnold Hedgeman were arranged and described in 1999. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Anna Arnold Hedgeman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Anna Arnold Hedgeman are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Anna Arnold Hedgeman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Anna Arnold Hedgeman (1899-1990) span the years 1944-1952. The papers include correspondence from friends, family, and associates in educational reform or civil rights activities, newsletters from various organizations, reports, speeches, minutes of meetings, and newspaper clippings.

The largest and strongest part of the papers concerns the Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC). Franklin Roosevelt created the committee in 1941 in response to the threat of a protest march on Washington by African Americans led by A. Philip Randolph. The FEPC was authorized to investigate complaints of job discrimination based on race, color, creed, or national origin and to require antidiscrimination clauses in defense contracts. When the FEPC's wartime mandate expired, the National Council for a Permanent FEPC was formed to lobby Congress. Hedgeman served as executive secretary. The papers document Hedgeman's activities, grass-roots organizing efforts, lobbying strategies, and press reactions to this unsuccessful effort to create a postwar FEPC.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1944-1951, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Fair Employment Practices Committee
BOX 1	National Council for a Permanent FEPC, 1944-1947, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Political cartoons, 1945-1946
BOX 1	Speeches, 1945-1946, undated
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1944-1952, undated
BOX 1	Newspaper clippings, 1945-1952
BOX 1	Reports
BOX 1	"Cultural Groups in the United States," by Dorothy Lee, undated
BOX 1	"Growing Into Democracy," Federal Security Agency, Office of Education, 1948
BOX 1	"Intercultural Education in the Public Schools of Hartford, Connecticut," 1944
BOX 1	"Youthbuilders," Board of Education of the City of New York, 1946, undated