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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Bond, George C.
<b>Title:</b>	George C. Bond papers
<b>ID:</b>	13428650
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1977-2013
<b>Physical Description:</b>	37.5 Linear Feet 36 Boxes (plastic bins 1, 2, 4, 19; and transfiles 6-10; 20, 21, 22 reboxed in March 2022)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical / Historical

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George C. Bond was the William F. Russell Professor of Anthropology and Education at Teachers College and Director for the College's Center for African Education. He was also the former chair of the College's Department of International and Transcultural Studies. While influenced early on by structural functionalists (Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Alfred Radcliffe-Brown, Bronislaw Malinowski) who view society as an organism that shapes people's actions and beliefs, Bond incorporated the thinking of Antonio Gramsci and others who look at the cultural mechanisms employed to perpetuate power. His areas of expertise included education and elite formation in the United States and Africa; African studies: African religions and politics; agrarian transformations; and cultural dimensions of urban and minority populations. Bond has authored or edited several books, including *The Politics of Change in a Zambian Community* (1976), *African Christianity* (1980), *The Social Construction of the Past: Representation as Power* (1997), *AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean* (1997), *Witchcraft Dialogues* (2001) and *Contested Terrains and Constructed Categories* (2002).

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## Biographical / Historical

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Bond was educated at the London School of Economics, where he met with the future Pulitzer-prize winning historian David Levering Lewis; Bond's father served in the U.S. State Department, corresponded with Eleanor Roosevelt, and founded the University of Liberia; his mother, Ruth Clement Bond, was famous for having sewed the first black power quilt in Tennessee during the 1940s, her mother was the first black woman to be named Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. (she was presented with the award by FDR's mother). The election of his uncle, Rufus Early Clement, to the Atlanta Board of Education in 1953 marked the first time a black had been elected to office in Atlanta since 1871. His brother, the internationally-known architect J. Max Bond, Jr., worked on Columbia University's Manhattanville project. Bond's sister was a French historian and Dean at Baruch College.

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## Content Description

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The most important parts of this collection is his primary longitudinal research data, his efforts at institutional and capacity building at Teachers College (and Columbia University, as the former head of the Institute of African Studies), and his teaching materials.

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## Scope and Contents

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Papers from conferences and events; correspondences; grant applications; letters of recommendation; CV; journal publications; synergistic activities; syllabi from his teaching; Center for African Education (CAE) documents; African Studies Working Group (ASWG) documents; engagement with American Anthropological Association and minority affairs; Some personal correspondence with his children. Research in Zambia (Muyombe people)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- African American teachers
- Anthropology -- Study and teaching
- Columbia University. Teachers College

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## Collection Inventory

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### Unprocessed Box List

Title/Description	Instances
Course materials, syllabi and readings relating to urban anthropology, issues in African studies. Early 1990s	box 1
Course materials, syllabi, readings, and grades relating to African religious movements, social theories. Mid to late 1990s	box 2
Committee work, department reports, grant applications, mid 1990s.	box 3
Coursework, syllabi, exams, articles, personal CVs. Mid to late 1990s.	box 4
Personal CVs, course schedules, course evaluations, grade sheets. 1990s.	box 4A
Conference materials, committee meeting notes, Black Radical Congress notes. 1990s	box 5
General subject files on affirmative action, biracial identities, and anthropology department files.	box 5A
Bond papers, personal grant materials, research proposals, project files. Mid-1980s.	box 6
Grant proposal and research materials, student recommendations, research assistant materials. Late 1970s to early 1980s.	box 6A

Africa subject files, undergraduate course materials, general bibliographies.	box 7
Grade lists, exams, organization notes, reading materials. Late 1970s to early 1980s.	box 7A
Letters, resumes, conference notes, faculty notes, periodicals. Mid 1980s to mid 1990s.	box 8
Letters, articles, in progress research materials, CVs, field notes.	box 8A
Committee notes, student letters, notes on religion and poverty, grant materials. 1970s-1980s.	box 9
Grant materials, subscription journals, search committee notes, training materials.	box 9A
Questionnaires organized by year and gender.	box 10
Questionnaires organized by year and gender.	box 10A
Bond papers and manuscripts, correspondence, committee notes, speech texts.	box 11-12
Meeting notes, budgets, receipts. Early 2000s.	box 12A
Grant materials, periodical clippings organized by topic, conference materials, bibliographies. Mid 1990s to early 2000s.	box 13
Early computing punch cards.	box 13A
Bibliographic materials, correspondence, Bond conference papers and speech texts. Mid 1980s to mid 1990s.	box 14
Conference proposals, Africa research organized by country. Early-mid 1990s.	box 14A
Teaching African series notes, articles relating to AIDS and drug abuse,	box 15
Bond papers by subject, subject files.	box 16
Country files organized by topic.	box 17
HIV/AIDS research organized by country, correspondence, grant proposals. Mid 1990s.	box 18
Zambia 1994, theses.	box 19
Magnetic media, hard drive, keys.	box 19A
Correspondence, resumes, theses.	box 20
AIDS bibliography, Bond published writing, personal notebook.	box 20A
Correspondence, meeting minutes, readings. Late 1990s to mid-2000s.	box 21-22
Zambia remittance data, 2009.	

box 21A

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Grant materials, research proposals, book and manuscript review, personal notebooks.

box 22

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Research files organized by subject, articles, meeting minutes.

box 22A

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2002 maps, office ephemera. Oversized box.

box 22B

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