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Biographical / Historical

The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Foundation provided educational fellowships, scholarships, and professional development opportunities for young Black leaders in social work and business from 1971 until 1990. The Foundation offered direct educational support through fellowships and also issued grants to educational and other nonprofit institutions. These included a distinguished lectureship at Columbia University, a Whitney Young Leadership Award at the National Urban League, and the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program at the Lincoln Foundation in Kentucky. The Foundation also endowed a Whitney M. Young, Jr. professorial chair, annual conference, and lecture series at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Biographical / Historical

The Foundation was founded, chaired, and directed by Margaret Buckner Young (1921-2009). Young was a former professor of educational psychology at Spelman College, a historically Black women's college in Atlanta, Georgia, and a writer of children's books about the African American experience. In addition to leading the Foundation, she also served on the boards of several large nonprofit organizations--including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Girl Scouts of the USA--and corporate boards including the New York Life Insurance Company. Young was the widow of civil rights movement leader and National Urban League director Whitney M. Young, Jr. The Foundation dissolved when Margaret B. Young retired in 1990.

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Biographical / Historical

The Foundation was created in memory of Whitney M. Young, Jr. (1921-1971), a social work educator, civil rights movement leader, and Executive Director of the National Urban League from 1961 until his death in 1971. As executive director, he expanded the size and mission of the organization and worked to end employment discrimination in government and private industry. He advised Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by the latter in 1969.

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Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, financial records, photographs, memorabilia, and printed materials. The Foundation's correspondence files consist of letters from different organizations and foundations, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change, The NAACP, the United Negro College Fund, the Studio Museum in Harlem, and the YWCA. Also included in this collection are community dialogues on race relations (1974-1975); proposed dialogues (1979) on such subjects as the Boy Scouts of America, Columbia University, and the National Council of Christians and Jews; and files on the Whitney M. Young Fellows Retreat Conferences (1980-1984). The collection contains many files on Ed Wilson's bust of Young (1991), including contracts and agreements, records of payments to Wilson, documents concerning the bust's placement in various locations, correspondence with Wilson (1983-1991), and miscellaneous photographs and pictures. The contributions files

contain annual listings of contributions and records of contributions from the National Urban League, assorted organizations, corporations, individuals, foundations, and Philip Morris.

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Also included are files of Margaret B. Young: speeches by Mrs Young, articles, awards, and records of her trips abroad, and public events (UN, UNESCO, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Metropolitan Museum of Art). In addition, the collection contains transcriptions of interviews with Dorothy Height, Ann Tanneyhill, and Frankie Adams.

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Arrangement

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General Daniel "Chappie" James Mem. Foundation. National Urban League	box 59
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Equal Opportunity Day Dinner, 1971 November 18	box 60
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Search for new executive director of NUL, 1981	box 60
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Negro Ensemble Company/Leontyne Price Benefit Concert

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Rosa L. Parks Cultural and Conference Center	box 62
Political Figures and Groups	box 62
Poston, Ted	box 62
Leontyne Price Benefit Concert	box 62
UNCF Benefit, 1987 October 27 <u>Physical Description</u> : Stagebills	box 62
Envelope containing <u>Physical Description</u> : photograph prints	box 62
Box of various <u>Physical Description</u> : photographs and negatives	box 62
Folder of concert programs and stationery from the benefit concert	box 62
H & G Financial Reports	box 63
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Concert Co-Chairs and Executive Committee	box 63
Press Lists	box 63
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Minutes of Meetings and Budgets and Activity Reports	box 63
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Leontyne Price Benefit Concert

Title/Description	Instances
Benefit Concert Copies of Deposit Slips and Checks deposited by H & G, 1981	box 65
H & G Financial Reports, 1981	box 65
Benefit Concert Contributions, 1981	box 65
Benefit Concert Contributions and Insufficient Fund	box 65
Benefit Concert Vouchers	box 65
Benefit Concert Invoices/Approved Vouchers/Copy of Payment Check, 1981	box 65

Materials Race, Class and Poverty & Harold Sims

Title/Description	Instances
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Miscellaneous Materials on Race, Class and Poverty: bibliographies	box 66
Miscellaneous Materials on Race, Class and Poverty	box 66
Miscellaneous Materials on Race, Class and Poverty: Lecture Materials	box 66
Miscellaneous Materials on Race, Class and Poverty: bibliographies	box 66
A. Phillip Randolph Dinner honoring Leontyne Price	box 66
Readers' Digest	box 66
Jackie Robinson Foundation	box 66
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<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	

Studio Museum in Harlem/Y.W.C.A.

Title/Description	Instances
The Studio Museum in Harlem	box 67
United Negro College Fund	box 67
Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania	box 67

Physical Description: 2 folders

Xavier University	box 67
Miscellaneous Correspondence: Margaret B. Young, March 16 [n.y.]	box 67
Miscellaneous Correspondence: Margaret B. Young, 1981 October-November	box 67
Miscellaneous Correspondence: Margaret B. Young, 1983 May 31	box 67
Miscellaneous Correspondence: Margaret B. Young, 1984 September 11	box 67
Miscellaneous Correspondence: Margaret B. Young, 1987 October 19	box 67
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Young, Whitney M. Jr.

Title/Description	Instances
Biographies	box 68
Biorelated data on WMY Jr.	box 68
Whitney M. Young Jr. Biography	box 68
Dennis Dickerson WMY Bio	box 68
Dennis Dickerson WMY Bio Ms., 1987	box 68
Nancy Weiss WMY Biography	box 68
WMY Biographies	box 68
Correspondence related to inquiries for information on WMY Jr.	box 68
Proposed Biography Herb Shapiro	box 68

Young, Whitney M. Jr. Bust Files

Title/Description	Instances
Ed Wilson (Sculptor) 8391 Contracts/Agreements and Payments for sculpture project	box 69
Ed Wilson (Main Folder) Correspondence and Miscellaneous, 1983-1991	box 69
Placement of Bust, Memorial House, Simpsonville, Kentucky, 1988	box 69
Columbia University Placement of WMY Bust, 1989	box 69

Young, Whitney M. Bust Files

Title/Description	Instances
Whitney M. Young Magnet School Placement of WMY, Chicago, Illinois, 1991	box 70
National Urban League Placement of WMY Bust, 1991	box 71
Photographs of the bust	box 71
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Young, Whitney M. Commemorative Stamp, 1981 <u>Physical Description:</u> clippings	box 71
Commemorative Stamp Miscellaneous Folder	box 71
Jackie Robinson Commemorative Stamp, 1982	box 71
WMY Commemorative Stamp info	box 71
First Day of Issue folder, including brochure	box 71
Commemorative Stamp	box 72
WMY Commemorative Stamp NUL cachets	box 72
WMY Commemorative Stamp Art Craft Artmaster/ Colorano "Silk" Cachets	box 72
Commemorative Stamp Negatives	box 72
Commemorative Stamp	box 72

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Documentaries and interviews	box 73
Plaques, magazine and newspaper clippings, photographs, artwork and brochures folders on posthumous honorary degrees, interviews and documentaries	box 73
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Honorary Degrees, 1972 April 9, 1979	box 74
Miscellaneous memorials	box 74
Memorial Concert	box 74
The McCreary Report	box 74
U.S. Senate, Hubert Humphrey	box 74
Albany, NY <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 74
Atlanta University	box 74

Physical Description: 2 folders

Battle Creek, Michigan	box 75
Boston, Massachusetts	box 75
Bronx, New York	box 75
Chicago, Illinois	box 75
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	
Cleveland, Ohio	box 75
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	
Colorado Springs, Colorado	box 75
Columbus, Ohio	box 75
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Dallas, Texas	box 75
Detroit, Michigan	box 75
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Elizabeth, New Jersey	box 75
Fort Lauderdale, Florida	box 75
Fort Wayne, Indiana	box 75
Frankfort, Kentucky	box 75
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	
Grand Rapids, Michigan	box 75
Inkster, Michigan	box 75

Young, Whitney M. Jr., Memorials

Title/Description	Instances
Jersey City, NJ	box 76
Kalamazoo, MI	box 76
Lagos, Nigeria	box 76
Los Angeles, CA	box 76
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Louisville, KY	box 76
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	
Miami, FL	box 76
New Rochelle, NY	box 76

Physical Description: 2 folders

New York, NY	box 76
<u>Physical Description:</u> 7 folders	
North Brunswick, NJ	box 76
Omaha, NE	box 77
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	
Pittsburgh, PA	box 77
Plainfield, NJ	box 77
Portland, OR	box 77
St. Paul, MN	box 77
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	
San Bernardino, CA	box 77
Shelbyville, KY	box 77
Stamford, CT	box 77
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	
Staten Island, NY	box 77
Troy, NY	box 77
Valhalla, NY	box 77
Washington, DC	box 77
<u>Physical Description:</u> 5 folders	
White Plains, NY	box 77
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	
Yonkers, NY	box 77

Young, Whitney M. Jr., Papers and Collections

Title/Description	Instances
Atlanta University Request for the Whitney Young, Jr. Papers	box 78
Columbia University Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Library of Social Work	box 78
Columbia University Tyrone Cannon	box 78
Columbia University Celestine Tutt. Personnel and Personal	box 78
Columbia University Library Proposal, Kenneth Lohf, 1991	box 78

Young, Whitney M. Jr., Papers and Collections: Young, Whitney M. Sr.

Title/Description	Instances
Columbia University Clippings	box 79
Columbia University Miscellaneous Items <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 79
Kentucky State University Inquiry re: Whitney M. Young, Jr., 1976	box 79
Library of Congress Re: Whitney M. Young Jr. Papers depository, 1973	box 79
University of Minnesota Re: Whitney Young, Jr. Papers depository, 1973	box 79
Schomburg Center for Research (NY Public Library) Re Young Papers depository, 1973	box 79

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Series IX: Whitney Young, Senior, 1976

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Mary Elizabeth Lee Thesis re. Whitney Young, Sr., 1983 April <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 79

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Awards to MBY	box 80
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Speeches by MBY, KSU Alumni Association Luncheon, 1985 July 13	box 80
Speeches by MBY	box 80
Speeches: UNESCO, 1980-1991	box 81
United Nations International School, (Fund Committee), 1972	box 81

United Nations Miscellaneous, 1972-1980	box 81
United Nations Association of the United States, 1973-1980	box 81
Trip to Nigeria and Ghana, Schedules and Correspondence, 1974	box 81
Dedication of the WMY Jr. Memorial Library	box 81
Trip to Africa by MBY (Nigeria and Ghana) Newspapers and Clippings, 1974	box 81
Report on Trip to Eastern Europe, 1974	box 82
U.S. National Commission for UNESCO	box 82
Two Centuries of Black American ArtRemember the Ladies Exhibit	box 82
Elected Director of Metropolitan Museum, 1976 September 14	box 82
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	box 82
Bennett College Commencement Sunday, 1977 May 8	box 82
Trip to Africa with President Carter, 1978 March	box 82
Washington and Lee University, 1979 March 26	box 82
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts	box 82
NYS Council on the Arts	box 82
Virginia Union University Founders' Day Observance, 1978 February 10	box 82

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Series XI: Audio and Video Tapes

Title/Description	Instances
William R. Simms Five cassettes of WMY from: 20 Stuyvesant Oval, New York	box 83
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[Former Fund Director for the National Urban League]	
WMY Fellows, 1975 January 11-12	box 83
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 cassettes	
WMY Fellows, 1974 October 23	box 83
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 cassettes	
National Urban League Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 1981	box 83

Physical Description: 2 audiocassettes

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Side 1: A National Urban League 1981 Annual Conference "Conference Dinner"; Side 2: A Guest Speaker, Walter E. Fauntroy, US House of Representatives, Washington DC. Duplicate copies of same tape.

On fellowships, 1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 cassettes	box 83
"The ABC's of Black History" <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 cassette	box 83
1980 June 21 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 tapes Scope and Contents ["both tapes blank"]	box 83
Whitney Young Commemorative Stamp Ceremony, NY,NY, 1981 January 30 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 cassette	box 83
Minutes of Board Meeting, 1982 April 16 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 cassette	box 83
Miscellaneous	box 83

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Series XII: Printed Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Annual Reviews of Progress, 1983-1987	box 84
Annual Reviews of Progress, 1987-1989	box 85
Columbia University Filmography and Information on Annual Reports <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 books	box 86
After Secession: Jefferson Davis and the Failure of Confederate	box 87 folder Escott, Paul D.
Nationalism., Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge and London, 1978	box 87

Escott, Paul D. Slavery Remembered: A Record of Twentieth Century Slave Narratives., The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1979	box 87
Information on annual reports <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folders	box 87
Columbia University Filmography	box 87
Clippings, brochures and periodicals	box 88
Clippings	box 89
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14 plaques and memorabilia	box 95
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To MBY signed by President Jimmy Carter <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Scrolled certificate	mapcase 14-D-7
Record albums <u>Physical Description</u> : 11 Record Albums	mapcase 14-D-7
Young, Margaret <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Scrapbooks	mapcase 14-D-7
Photographs <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Photographs	mapcase 14-D-7
Calendars <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Calendars	mapcase 14-D-7
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Gift of Velma Banks, 2018

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<i>Jet</i> . Vol. XL, No. 1, 1971 April 1	box 99	folder 2
<i>Carry On</i> . Program for the First Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Football Classic, 1971	box 99	folder 3
National Urban League, Inc. Circular Letter regarding the commemorative stamp, 1980 December 5	box 99	folder 4
Envelope, mounted in acrylic, with "First Day Of Issue" stamp, 1981 January 30	box 99	folder 5

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