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Max Rameau Papers

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Special Collections
Title:	Max Rameau Papers
ID:	ASM0084
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Language:	Haitian
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Max Rameau is the foremost and most publically known activist with Take Back the Land. He also leads the Center for Pan-African Development, and has worked extensively with Brothers of the Same Mind and Cop Watch in the past. At the cusp of the housing crisis, Rameau invited several other South Florida-based black activists to meetings held at Marleine Bastien's office, a group that later became known as the Black Response to the Crisis Group. The group decided on taking action in the form of taking over public land and asserting black political leadership over that land. The first action taken was the erecting of the Umoja Village Shantytown, and later housing liberations and eviction defenses. As Take Back the Land progressed to the national level and took on the shape of a movement, Rameau remained its most vocal proponent and figurehead. He has since relocated to Washington D.C. to take on the role as an alternative voice on the housing crisis more strongly. Rameau is a Pan-Africanist by worldview and in political theory, although he no longer frames Take Back the Land as a Pan-Africanist or Black nationalist project.

Scope and content

The Max Rameau papers (1992-2010) document his extensive activism for the homeless and the poor within the South Florida communities of the African diaspora. The collection will be of interest to scholars and students of movements such as the Umoja Village, the Scott-Carver Tenant Council, Miami Dade Election Reform and Take Back the Land. The materials document advocacy work on behalf

of people displaced from their homes as a result of low income housing policies, gentrification, and the U.S. foreclosure crisis at the beginning of the 21st century. The Max Rameau papers also point to connections between activist groups promoting the economic rights of the diverse constituency of the African diaspora which reside in Liberty City and Little Haiti. Finally, the collection serves as a record of Mr. Rameau's work with organizations such as Brothers of the Same Mind, the Haitian American Grassroots Coalition and the Center for Pan African Development.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

- I. Activism (various)
- II. Brothers of the Same Mind
- III. Umoja Village
- IV. Take Back the Land
- V. Audio-Visual Materials
- VI. Posters/Banners
- VII. Interviews (oral history)

Restrictions on access

The collection is open for research.

Related material

Archiving the Fringe by UM Libraries

Information about related materials is available at <http://vimeo.com/23267802>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:1083
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Access points

- Audiovisual materials (documentary form)
- Videocassettes (documentary form)
- Social movements (subject)
- Urban renewal -- Florida -- Miami-Dade County (subject)
- Miami (Florida) -- Politics and government -- 20th century (place)
- Miami (Florida) -- Race relations (place)

- Overtown (Miami, Fla.) (place)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id188039	File - Local Activism (I)			1
id188041	File - Police Brutality	1994-2007		1 1
id188042	File - Hope VI Public Housing for Scott-Carver Homes	1999		1 2
id188043	File - Voting Reform	2000-2002		1 3
id188044	File - Coalition Against the War	2001-2002		1 4
id188045	File - Haitian Immigration Reform	2002		1 5
id188046	File - Arthur Teele Rally Photos & News Clipping	2005		1 6
id188047	File - Civilian Investigative Panel	2001-2006		1 7
id188040	File - Brothers of the Same Mind			2
id188048	File - Weed and Seed Program	1992-1998		2 1
id188049	File - Brothers of the Same Mind	1997-2003		2 2
id188050	File - Brothers of the Same Mind	1998		2 3
id188051	File - Brothers of the Same Mind and Leroy Jones (Founder)	2001		2 4
id188052	File - Brothers of the Same Mind (Clippings)	2001-2007		2 5
id188053	File - Brothers of the Same Mind : Correspondence	2001, 2006		2 6
id188054	File - Brothers of the Same Mind : Flyers and Photographs	2006		2 7
id188055	File - Brothers of the Same Mind : Proposals			2 8
id31103	File - Local Activism (II)			3
id31157	File - Advocacy Correspondence: Support of Anti-Discrimination Laws (I)	August 2002		3 1
id31158	File - Advocacy Correspondence Support of Anti-Discrimination Laws (II)	August 2002		3 2
id31701	File - FTAA Protest	2003		3 3
id31702	File - Center for Pan-African Development	2006		3 4
id31703	File - HOPWA: Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS	2007		3 5
id31704	File - Fliers (miscellaneous)	2001-2007		3 6
id31705	File - Rameau's correspondence, publications, awards, photos & court notices	1995-2010		3 7
id79783	File - Take Back the Land	2002-2008		3 8
id31102	File - Take Back the Land			4
id31129	File - News clippings	2004-2010		4 1
id31130	File - News clippings	2006-2009		4 2
id31131	File - Flyers	2006-2007		4 3
id31132	File - Petitions & sign-in sheets	2006-2007		4 4

id31133	File - "Take Back The Land : land, gentrification and the the Umoja village shantytown" book and notes.	2008	4 5
id31134	File - Organizational stages	2007-2010	4 6
id31101	File - UMOJA		5
id31123	File - UMOJA : Property Information Reports	2004-2010	5 1
id31124	File - UMOJA : Flyers	2006	5 2
id31125	File - UMOJA : Residence Information	2007	5 3
id31126	File - UMOJA : Electronic Correspondence	February-August 2007	5 4
id31127	File - UMOJA : Meetings	2007	5 5
id31128	File - UMOJA : Court Case Information	2007-2009	5 6
id31122	File - UMOJA : News Articles	2003-2010	5 7
id32411	File - Photographs	2006	5 8
id31104	File - Audio-Visual Materials - VHS, DVD, CDs (I)		6
id31269	Item - VHS: Black History Month Lecture Series: Dr. Kwame Ture, A.K.A. Stokely Carmichael	February 24, 1993	6
id31270	Item - VHS: Black Affairs Forum	February 27, 2002	6
id31271	Item - VHS: Max Rameau Presentations-FTAA Roundtables	October 23, 2003	6
id31321	Item - DVD-R: Brothers of the Same Mind Press Meeting	August 27, 2004	6
id31323	Item - Liberated	October 23, 2006	6
id31272	Item - VHS: UMOJA Village, City Manager meets Coalition Leaders & Residents of the Village Speak	November 23, 2006	6
id31273	Item - VHS: UMOJA Village: The Community Shares Gifts with the Village Residents	December 23, 2006	6
id31275	Item - VHS: Construction on UMOJA Site	2006	6
id31274	Item - VHS: UMOJA Village Demo after Burndown of Village	2006	6
id31279	Item - DVD: "Miami, La ville de tous les excès"	May 13, 2007	6
id31280	Item - CD: The Story with Dick Gordon, "New Life in a Foreclosed Home"	March 20, 2008	6
id31281	Item - CD: Voices with Vision	November 9, 2008	6
id31282	Item - DVD-R: Victims of Police Violence Candlelight Vigil Memorial	November 12, 2008	6
id31284	Item - NOW on PBS: Homes for the Homeless?	June 26, 2009	6
id31276	Item - FTAA Protest: The Miami Model		6
id31283	Item - CD: How We Survive - The Deepening Homeless Crisis		6
id31322	Item - CD-R: Mary Trody & Family Take Back their Home.	February 2009	6
id31278	Item - VHS: Pan Africanist		6

id31277	Item - VHS: Welcoming Remarks/ Surviving "The Miami Model"		6
id32504	Item - CD-R: Radio spot for Election rally against President Bush	October 2004	6
id31105	File - Audio-Visual Materials - VHS + DVD (II)		7
id34814	Item - Arthur McDuffie 2nd Candlelight	May 17, 1998	7
id355358	Item - Arthur McDuffie Candle Light Vigil	May 12, 2001	7
id34815	Item - VHS: Brothers of the Same Mind	March 24, 2004	7
id355359	Item - VHS: Court Hearing for Restoration of Voting Rights for Ex- Felon	April 9, 2003	7
id355360	Item - VHS: Memorial Service for Justice - Eddie Lee Macklin, Jr.	January 31, 2002	7
id355361	Item - DVD: The Jena 6	2008	7
id355362	Item - DVD: Capitalism: a Love Story	2009	7
id31159	File - Posters & Photos (oversize)		8
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id31174	File - Banners		12
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id31175	File - Interviews (Oral History)		15
id31176	File - Max Rameau	May 31, 2011	15 1
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id31181	File - Rebecca Wood	July 18, 2011	15 6
id31182	File - LaRhonda Odom	July 19, 2011	15 7
id31183	File - General Rashid	July 23, 2011	15 8
id31184	File - Junior (Pops)	July 26, 2011	15 9
id31185	File - Shabazz	August 1, 2011	15 10
id31189	File - Mary Trody	August 2, 2011	15 11
id31205	File - Mamyrh Prosper	August 8, 2011	15 12
id33623	File -		4 12
id33624	File - Poster-"Capitalism: A Love Story"		4 12 12
id111319	File -		16
id111320	File - Movement Catalyst	2013	16 1
id186181	File - Typescript: Moving Forward from Ferguson - A Proposal	2014	16 2
id186195	File - Forward From Ferguson by Max Rameau, M Adams and Rob Robinson	September 2014	16 3
id380441	File - Black Community Control Over Police	2016	16 4
id382710	File - Community Control Over Police, an Organizer's Guide	n.d.	16 5
id382721	File - T-Shirt: Take Back the Land UMOJA Village	2006	17