

William H. Exum (1942-1986) Papers, 1965-1985

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Biography

William H. Exum was born on December 11, 1942 in Oklahoma and grew up in Kentucky. He became involved in school integration efforts during the late 1950s and early 1960s both as a student and as a civil rights worker. He received an A.B. cum laude in Social Relations from Harvard University in 1963 and a Ph.D. in Sociology from New York University in 1974. He received the Founders Day Award from NYU in 1974 for "consistent evidence of outstanding scholarship."

Exum began his teaching career at Sarah Lawrence College as an instructor and assistant professor from September, 1969 to June, 1973. He was on leave for the academic year 1971-1972. From July, 1973 to June, 1977 he was Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Williams College, serving as Director of the Afro-American Studies Program from July, 1975 to June, 1977. He joined the faculty of Northwestern University in September, 1977 and served as Associate Professor of African-American Studies and Sociology until his death in April, 1986.

Exum's stated research interests and publications all indicate his concern for understanding the "phenomena of difference," that is, how people and behavior come to be defined as different and the impact that perception has on those individuals in institutions and social interactions. He was an active member of the American Sociological Association, the Illinois Council for Black Studies, the Midwest Sociological Association, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the Society for Values in Higher Education.

Description of the Series

The William H. Exum Papers fill three and one-half boxes and are arranged in five subseries: biographical material, education files, correspondence, teaching files and publications files.

The small amount of biographical materials consist mostly of curriculum vitae, prepared by Exum at Northwestern University. Further biographical material on Exum appears in a booklet titled "NIA Afro-American Studies Newsletter," September 1974, No. 2 page 12.

The education materials are from Exum's years as a graduate student at New York University. They consist of some course readings, notes (a few handwritten) and exams, 1964-1967 and some lengthier course papers submitted during the years 1964-1966. A photocopy of his Ph.D. dissertation "Black Student Movements in White Colleges and Universities" February, 1974 is also part of this material.

The correspondence relates primarily to Exum's professional career, especially his teaching, writing and speaking engagements. A few letters from former students and correspondence with department heads dealing with the conditions of his employment are also included. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order, 1970-1985. A copy of an alphabetical list of correspondents, 1970-1985, is included.

The teaching files consist of class materials (bibliographies, syllabi, reading lists, and exams) from Sarah Lawrence College, Williams College, and Northwestern University, 1969-1985. Tenure related materials are filed here. Among these materials is a photocopy of testimony by William Exum to the House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational

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Education, House of Representatives, United States Congress in support of H.R. 14365 and S. 3319 "The School Integration Innovation Act of 1976," August, 1976 (Box 2 Folder 17).

The publication files are comprised of copies of printed articles and copies of manuscripts. These are arranged in chronological order by date or approximate date of publication with the title noted on the individual folders. A list of publications is included in Exum's vitae.

Provenance: The University Archives acquired the William H. Exum Papers on May 5, 1986 as Accession #86-59, and May 19, 1986 as Accession #86-77 from Leon Forrest, Chair, Department of African-American Studies.

Separations: Thirty-five audio cassettes were transferred to the University Archives' audio cassette collection (AC 166). Duplicate vitae, class bibliographies, and exams were discarded.

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