

Rick Rice papers, approximately 1960-1999

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Rice, Rick, 1940-
Title	Rick Rice papers
Dates	approximately 1960-1999 (inclusive) 1960 1999
Quantity	2.28 cubic feet (2 cartons, 1 oversize folder)
Collection Number	5827 (Accession No. 5827-001)
Summary	Materials relating to Rick Rice's activism and career in various industries.
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Richard "Rick" Rice was born in 1940 and grew up in Huntington Beach, California. Rice attended the University of California at Berkeley before moving to New York City and then to Seattle in the early 1970s. Rice was active in the student, anti-war, and civil rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s.

Rice worked as a bus driver for Metro Transit for four years, where he was an active union member and a member of a rank-and-file caucus committee. Rice participated in a Metro Transit strike in 1974. During the 70s and 80s, Rice was an activist in several local organizations such as Committee for Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), the Venceremos Brigade, and the Anti-Apartheid movement. Rice participated in weekly protests in front of the South African consulate in Seattle during this period.

His wife, Roselynn Harrell (also known as Rose Woodward) was also a Seattle metro driver and a social and labor activist. Harrell was involved in South Seattle Community College's Women's Employment Network and was a welder. Rice and Harrell worked for two years at a Uniroyal and Firestone tire plant in Long Beach California in an effort to organize it politically as an outgrowth of their activism as members of the socialist organization Line of March. Line of March was a Marxist-Leninist organization that inspired many New Left student activists to become "proletarianized" workers who would find work in industry and radicalize other workers.

During the 1990s, Rice was active in the Seattle area efforts to create a Labor Party and attended conferences on behalf of the effort. Rice's second wife, Kate Thompson is an artist and an activist.

Thompson was a co-founder and co-owner of Storefront Press in Seattle. As of 2014, Rice lives in Mexico.

Content Description

Materials relating to Rick Rice's activism and career in various industries. Formats include posters, flyers, photographs, pamphlets, booklets, and ephemera that document his activism and worklife. Rice was active in the student, anti-war, and civil rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s. Materials include records from his participation as a striking bus driver in the Seattle Metro Transit Strike of 1974. The collection includes materials from Rice's activism from the 1960s-1990s, including organizations such as the Committee for Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), the Venceremos Brigade (a Cuban solidarity organization), the Anti-Apartheid movement, Teamsters for a Democratic Union, various labor rank-and-file committees, and a variety of socialist organizations. Materials also reflect Rice's involvement with Jobs with Justice. Other materials relate to solidarity work for the 1989 Puget Sound Grocery Workers Strike. Solidarity with Nicaragua, Canto, and Line of March. Also contains prints by Kate Thompson.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Civil rights workers--United States
Civil rights workers--Washington (State)
Labor movement--Washington (State)
Labor unions--Washington (State)
Labor--Washington (State)
Pacifists--United States
Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

Personal Names :

Rice, Rick, 1940- --Archives

Corporate Names :

Anti-Apartheid Movement
Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (U.S.)
Jobs with Justice
King County (Wash.). Transit Division

King County (Wash.). Transit Division--Employees
Teamsters for a Democratic Union
Venceremos Brigade

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Labor Archives of Washington (University of Washington)
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