

Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records, 1919-2003

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Communist Party of the United States of America (Wash.)
Title	Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records
Dates	1919-2003 (inclusive) 1919 2003 1950-2003 (bulk) 190 2003
Quantity	10.79 cubic feet (11 boxes, 1 oversize box, 6 videocassettes, 2 sound cassettes)
Collection Number	4901
Summary	Records of the Washington State chapter of the Communist Party of the United States of America.
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	No restrictions on access to 4901-001 and 4901-003. 4901-002 is closed for processing.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA), Washington State District is a local chapter of the national CPUSA, a Marxist-Leninist political organization that was founded in 1919. The Washington State District (WSD) formed in the 1920s and has participated in a number of political and social movements in Washington in the twentieth century. In the 1930s the WSD focused on organizing unemployed workers affected by the Depression, forming unemployed councils. The WSD continued to grow in the 1930s and 1940s, party members worked to unionize longshore and timber workers, served in leadership positions in the Washington Commonwealth Federation, helped found the Washington Pension Union, and supported race and civil rights efforts. From the 1940s to the 1960s, the Second World War and the Red Scare significantly reduced membership in the WSD and put a halt to many of their economic and social justice efforts. The WSD resurged in the 1960s continuing efforts to support civil rights campaigns. Since the 1970s, members of the WSD were active participants in a number of other organizations such as Seattle Women Act for Peace, Seattle People's Coalition

for Justice, and Peace, and Jobs or Income Now. Additionally, in the 1970s and 1980s a number of WSD members ran for office in Washington State including Marion Kinney, Elmer Kistler, and BJ Mangaoang. While the party's influence and mission has evolved since the 1920s, the WSD remains committed to building socialism, improving living standards of working peoples, seeking equal rights for women, and advocating for civil rights.

Sources:

"About CPUSA." Communist Party USA, March 16, 2016. <http://www.cpusa.org/about-us/>.

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Washington District. "Communist Party of Washington State Brief History," March 13, 2002. <http://www.cpusa.org/article/communist-party-of-washington-state-brief-history/>.

Content Description

The Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records include subject files, administrative files, political campaign files, speeches, reports, correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes, photographs, fliers, brochures, pamphlets, audio recordings, and video recordings that document the activities of the Washington State Communist Party from 1919 to 2003. Political campaign files document campaigns of various Communist Party candidates for public office in Washington State and nationally, including BJ Mangaoang, Gus Hall, Angela Davis, and Elmer Kistler. Subject files include brochures, pamphlets, photographs, and newspaper articles about various topics such as Executive Order 9835 (also known as the "Loyalty Order"), the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Canwell Committee, labor organizing in Washington, and prominent members of the Communist Party and the Washington State Communist Party. Also included are issues of the Washington State Communist Party "Partyline" newsletter, notes, newspaper articles, and biographical features that document the activities of the organization.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Creator's copyrights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 3 accessions.

Accession No. 4901-001, Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records, 1972-2001

Accession No. 4901-002, Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records, 1942-2002

Acquisition Information

Materials donated by the Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District, 2001, 2003 and 2005.

Processing Note

Materials processed by UW Special Collections staff.

Photographs from 4901-002 accession were relocated to the Communist Party of the United States of America Photograph Collection, PH2005-039, in 2003.

Separated Materials

Material Described Separately:

Communist Party of the United States of America Photograph Collection (PH2005-039)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 4901-001: Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records, 1972-2001 (bulk 1972-1986)

0.46 cubic feet (1 box)

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order

Scope and Content: The accession contains correspondence, speeches, and political campaign records from the Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District dating from 1972 to 2001. Materials primarily document campaigns of various Communist Party candidates for public office in Washington State and nationally, including BJ Mangaoang, Gus Hall, Angela Davis, and Elmer Kistler.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	4901-001 Correspondence	1990-2001
	Campaign materials	
Box/ Folder	Accession	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/2-3	4901-001 Speeches, fliers, campaign platforms, press releases, and proposals relating to election campaigns	1980, 1986
1/4	4901-001 BJ Mangaoang gubernatorial election materials <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include photographs, fliers, newspaper articles, campaign letters sent to potential voters, voting results statistics, speeches, and press releases.	1988
1/5	4901-001 Legislative Election, 35th District, Elmer Kistler: press releases	1975
1/6	4901-001 Legislative Election, 27th District, Norma Rader: press releases, fliers, and campaign letters	1980
1/7	4901-001 Legislative Election, 35th District, Marion Kinney: press releases, fliers, campaign letters, and newspaper articles	1980
1/8	4901-001 Legislative Election, 37th District, Elmer Kistler: newspaper articles, notes, fliers, planning documents, and speeches	1984
1/9-10	4901-001 BJ Mangaoang Seattle, WA mayoral election materials <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include newspaper articles, voting results statistics, photographs, press releases, and fliers.	1977, 1985
1/11	4901-001 Presidential Election, Gus Hall and Angela Davis: newspaper articles, press releases, speeches, fliers, and brochures	1972
1/12	4901-001 Presidential Election, Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner: newspaper articles, press releases, speeches, fliers, and brochures	1976
1/13-14	4901-001 Presidential Election, Gus Hall and Angela Davis: newspaper articles, press releases, speeches, fliers, and brochures	1980, 1984
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/15-16	4901-001 Public speech transcripts, speech notes, and newspaper articles written by and about BJ Mangaoang	1981-2000

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/17	4901-001 Newspaper articles about the Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District	approximately 1945-1985

Accession No. 4901-002: Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records, 1942-2002

4.68 cubic feet (5 boxes including 6 videocassettes and 2 sound cassettes)

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Restrictions on Access: Accession 4901-002 is closed for processing.

Scope and Content: The accession contains agendas, meeting minutes, subject files, biographical files, newspaper clippings, photographs, audio and video recordings, and issues of the "Partyline" newsletter that document the activities of the Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District dating from approximately 1940 to 2002. Materials in the accession cover subjects such as Executive Order 9835 (also known as the "Loyalty Order"), the House Un-American Activities Committee, labor organizing in Washington, and other issues of interest to the members of the organization. Also included are subject files about prominent members of the Communist Party and Washington State Communist Party including brochures, pamphlets, photographs, and newspaper articles.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
1	4901-002 Subject files about prominent members of the Communist Party and Washington State Communist Party <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include brochures, pamphlets, fliers, photographs, and newspaper articles.	approximately 1940-2002
2	4901-002 Meeting agendas, meeting minutes and notes, pamphlets, brochures, fliers, an audio recording, and subject files on various topics <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include subject files on topics such as Executive Order 9835 (also known as the "Loyalty Order"), the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Canwell Committee, labor organizing in Washington, and other issues.	approximately 1940-2002
3	4901-002 Subject files on various topics <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include subject files on topics such as South Africa, racism, women, youth, labor organizer Earl George, and other issues.	approximately 1940-2002
4	4901-002 Administrative files <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include documents about the history of the Communist Party, issues of the <i>Partyline</i>	approximately 1940-2002

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	newsletter, conference and convention materials, brochure designs and planning documents, and annual "Plan of Work" reports and drafts for the Washington State Communist Party.	
5	4901-002 Audiovisual materials <u>Scope and Content:</u> Materials include video recordings of a rally, a social event, a political campaign advertisement, and a conference. Audio recordings are of marxist historian Gerald Horne from a <i>People's Weekly World</i> dinner forum.	approximately 1940-2002

Accession No. 4901-003: Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District Records, 1919-2003 (bulk 1950-2003)

5.65 cubic feet (5 boxes and 1 oversize box)

Arrangement: Materials remain in original order.

Scope and Content: The accession contains administrative records from the Communist Party of the United States of America, Washington State District dating from 1919 to 2003. Materials include correspondence, reports, minutes, agendas, notes, committee files, conference files, biographical features, newspaper clippings, photographs, audio recordings, and video recordings that document the activities of the organization.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Administrative Records		
Box	Accession	
1	4901-003 Economic Bill of Rights; Photographs	1970-1992
1	4901-003 D. Muga	circa 1979-1981
1	4901-003 Plans of Work	1981-1988
1	4901-003 Party Line 2 folders	1972-2001
1	4901-003 Northwest People's School	1983-1985
1	4901-003 Marxist Scholars Conference	1986
1	4901-003 Martinez Jobs Bill	1994-1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	4901-003 Loyalty Oath	1956-1974
1	4901-003 Labor School	1947-1991
1	4901-003 KKK/Far Right	1980-1981
1	4901-003 The Drug Epidemic (Report); Logos	1989
1	4901-003 Industrial Concentration in Washington	1967-1986
1	4901-003 Environment	1989-1993
1	4901-003 State Ideological Conference	1989
1	4901-003 Party History Washington State	1938, undated
1	4901-003 Hanford, Washington	1987-1988
1	4901-003 Foreign Born Committee (Northern Light Newsletter)	1961
1	4901-003 Folk Arts Festival - Labor's	1997
1	4901-003 FBI - Visit By	1987
1	4901-003 Far Right	1980-1999
1	4901-003 Washington State CPUSA Statements, etc.	1981-1996
1	4901-003 Cartoons	undated
1	4901-003 Canwell	1997-1998
1	4901-003 Black Panthers	1969-circa 1976
1	4901-003 Anti-Communism 3 folders	1946-1998
1	4901-003 Anti-Apartheid	1983-1986
1	4901-003 Correspondence	1983-1993
1	4901-003 Affirmative Action	1985-1999

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1-2	4901-003 Untitled 2 folders	1956-1990
2	4901-003 Untitled	1947-1966
2	4901-003 Photographs	undated, 1995
2	4901-003 Pictures	1957-1998
2	4901-003 Photographs	1959, undated
2	4901-003 Photographs 3 folders	1997, undated
2	4901-003 Audio Cassette	1990
2	4901-003 Pictures 2 folders	2002, undated
2	4901-003 Photographs	1964-1983
2	4901-003 United Farm Workers Boycotts	1986, undated
2	4901-003 Associated Press Photograph of Hazel Wolf	1999
2	4901-003 Photographs	circa 1970-1979
2	4901-003 Strike	circa 1960-1979
2	4901-003 Photographs	circa 1960-1986
2	4901-003 Photographs of Community Party Faces and Places	circa 1970-1989
2	4901-003 Photographs of Elmer Allen	circa 1970-1979
2	4901-003 PWW Picnics Photographs 2 folders	1965-1995
2	4901-003 Photographs of Vietnam Protests	circa 1960s-1970s
2	4901-003 Untitled	1975-1989

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	4901-003 Untitled 2 folders	1952-1969
2	4901-003 Untitled	1966-1985
2	4901-003 Washington State	1972
3	4901-003 Minutes	1995
3	4901-003 Minutes, Opening Remarks, Report	1996
3	4901-003 Notes	1998
3	4901-003 Agenda, Minutes	2001
3	4901-003 Untitled	1979, undated
3	4901-003 Agendas, Minutes, Notes	1982-1993
3	4901-003 Miscellaneous Districts in the Southwest, King County, Tacoma	circa 1970-1989
3	4901-003 Photographs, Note	undated
3	4901-003 Washington State	1969
3	4901-003 Library Cards	1948-1983
3	4901-003 VHS Tape	1994
3	4901-003 USSR	1973
3	4901-003 Untitled	1982-2002
3	4901-003 Indian	2000-2001
3	4901-003 Native American Indian	1983-1998
3	4901-003 Untitled	1937-2000
3	4901-003 Native American	1985-1986

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3	4901-003 Native American Economy	1985
3	4901-003 Makah	1998-1999
3	4901-003 District	1987
3	4901-003 Untitled	1995, undated
3	4901-003 Native American	1970
3	4901-003 COOP - PDW, Communist Party Convention Display	circa 1980-1989
3	4901-003 Workers Photographs: Elmer Allen, Earl George & "Official"	circa 1970-1984
3	4901-003 Pictures	circa 1970-1989
3	4901-003 Ruckert	1987, undated
3	4901-003 Repression	circa 1961-1975
3	4901-003 Native American Struggles	1971-1984
3	4901-003 Portrait	undated
3	4901-003 "Official" Pictures of of Washington State Scenes	circa 1960-1989
3	4901-003 Pennock	1953
3	4901-003 Manuscript	undated
3	4901-003 Un-American Activities in Washington State (Reports) 2 bound reports	1948
3	4901-003 The Post-Intelligencer (Newspaper)	1919
3	4901-003 Photographs of Angela Davis	1984
4	4901-003 Photographs of Identified People 2 folders	circa 1950-1989
4	4901-003 Untitled	1983

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4	4901-003 Proposals, Notes	1999
4	4901-003 Untitled	2003, undated
4	4901-003 Loadline/Maritime	1984-1985
4	4901-003 Dawgtalk	1986
4	4901-003 Flightline	1982-1990
4	4901-003 Progressive Clerk	1986-1988
4	4901-003 Lifeline	1983-1988
4	4901-003 Dawgtalk	1986-1990
4	4901-003 Patriot Activity	undated
4	4901-003 Untitled	1973
4	4901-003 Norma Rader	1991
4	4901-003 Free Angela Committee Materials	circa 1971
4	4901-003 Untitled	circa 1950-1989
4	4901-003 Robel	1963-1989
4	4901-003 Reports, Photographs, Biographies	1972-1983
4	4901-003 Untitled	1977-1992
4	4901-003 Reports, Convention Materials	1979-1991
4	4901-003 Photographs	1968-1998
4	4901-003 Statements of Mangaoang	1976-1992
4	4901-003 Photographs	circa 1970-1979
4	4901-003 National Materials	1972

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4	4901-003 Northwest Rally	1976
4	4901-003 Angela Davis & Gus Hall	circa 1976
4	4901-003 Northwest Media	1976
4	4901-003 Idaho	1976
4	4901-003 General - H-T Media	undated
4	4901-003 National Election Result	1972-1976
4	4901-003 Correspondence	1976
4	4901-003 H. T. Hall-Davis	1976-1977
4	4901-003 Idaho	1976
4	4901-003 Photographs	1939-1979
4	4901-003 Committee Files	1978
4	4901-003 Hall-Davis	1980
4	4901-003 Older Files	1953-1971
4	4901-003 Notes, Reports, Minutes, Conference Proceedings	1979
4	4901-003 Notes, Agendas, Reports, Memos, Minutes	1980
4	4901-003 Summaries, Reports	1981
4	4901-003 Reports, Memos, Notes, Correspondence, Clippings	1982-1983
4	4901-003 Agendas, Reports, Article	1974-1975
4	4901-003 Agendas, Notes, Plans, Correspondence	1984
4	4901-003 Agendas, Minutes	1987-1995
4	4901-003 Internal Revenue Service	1987-1998

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4	4901-003 Washington Pension Union	1960-1977
5	4901-003 Property Taxes	1986-1995
5	4901-003 Seattle Business License	1986-1999
5	4901-003 Untitled	1983
5	4901-003 Pamphlet, Clipping	undated, 1999
Box:Oversize		
6	4901-003 Black and White Photographs	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Communism--United States

Communism--Washington (State)

Personal Names :

Brodine, Marc

George, Earl, 1894-1985

Mangaoang, B. J

Corporate Names :

Communist Party of the United States of America (Wash.)--Archives

Titles within the Collection :

Partyline

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