

Dean Albertson Oral History Collection

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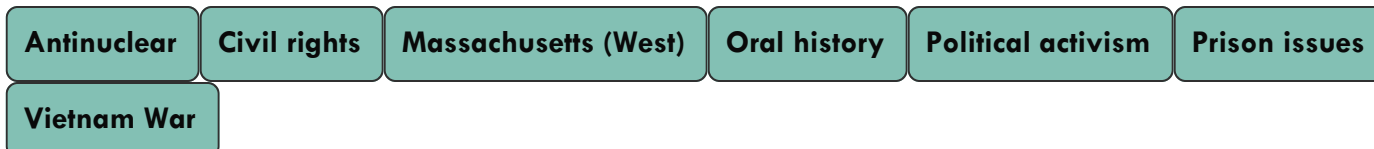
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Collection inventory

Person Interviewed	Interviewer/Author	Resulting paper and/or topic
Albertson, Dean	Robert Rossi	The Springfield Community and the death of Rafael Lecodet.
Barreto, Jose	Edward Hannabury	The Springfield North End Community and the riots of 1975.
Brid, Frederico	Donald Pratt	The North End Community and the Springfield Riots of August, 1975
Dorman, Franklin A.	Julie Melrose	In search of "The Enemy": The Westover Air Force Base Demonstrations, Spring 1972.
Fautleroy, Douglas	Steven Landau	From Selma to Montgomery, March, 1965 (civil rights movement march)
Freedman, Peggy	Jeff Cohen	The beginning of the Hampden county Civil Liberties Union, 1946-55
Gonzalaz, Mariano Dalou	Michael Ryan	Attica (prison revolt)
Lawton, Richard	Bill Henning	Accounts of the Tragedy of the Vietnam War
Lovejoy, Sam	Kent Robinson	The Saboteur (toppling the Northeast Utilities meteorological tower used to plan for nuclear power station in Montague, MA), 1974
Rivera, Barbara	Laurence E. Munn	A Whole Combined Thing (Vietnam Peace Action Day Moratorium and Welfare Rights Organization Protest in Springfield, 1969)

Roy, Sue	Mitchell Guild	The North End Riots as seen by the Springfield Press
Rudolph, Leslie	Kevin Homewood	The Progressive Americans (Third Cuban Brigade, 1970)
Sousa, Gerald	Donald Parker	Prison Reform in the Massachusetts Prison System: A Sociological Gimmick (restrictions)
-----	Stephen Romano	Weatherman: Bringing the War Home
Weissman, Jon	James Gagne	Springfield Area Movement for a Democratic Society: A Brief History
Whitney, Ron	Laurence E. Munn	A whole Combined Thing (Vietnam Peace Action Day Moratorium and Welfare Rights Organization Protest in Springfield 1969)

Administrative information

Access

Restrictions apply to Gerald Sousa interview as stipulated in his permission form.

Provenance

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Subjects

- Antinuclear movement--Massachusetts
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- History--Study and teaching (Higher)--

- Venceremos Brigade
- Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975--Protest movements --Massachusetts--Springfield
- Welfare rights movement--Massachusetts--Springfield
- Westover Air Force Base (Mass.)

Massachusetts--Amherst

- Oral history
- Police shootings--Massachusetts--Springfield
- Political activists--Massachusetts--Interviews
- Prison riots--New York (State)--Attica
- Puerto Ricans--Massachusetts--Springfield
- Riots--Massachusetts--Springfield
- Selma-Montgomery Rights March, 1965
- Springfield (Mass.)--History
- Springfield (Mass.)--Race relations
- Springfield (Mass.)--Social conditions

Names

- Attica Correctional Facility
- Hampden County Civil Liberties Union--History
- Lecodet, Rafael
- Springfield Area Movement for a Democratic Society--History
- Weatherman (Organization)

Genre terms

- Oral histories

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