Winston A. Van Horne Papers, 1972-2011
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The papers/materials of Winston Van Horne, a former professor in the Africology department at the University of Milwaukee and a national leader in the construction of the discipline of Africology are available. The papers/materials consist of 715 digital files (27 MB), 3.2 cubic ft. (8 boxes), and 1 videocassette (VHS). The content also includes correspondence related to Van Horne's service as chair of the Afro-American Studies and Africology, as well as materials related to Van Horne's involvement in the Community Brainstorming Conference. A large portion of the collection is devoted to manuscripts of a selection of Van Horne's publications. There are no access restrictions on the materials, and the collection is open to all members of the public in accordance with state law. The repository is the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries, Archives Department, and the archival location is the UW-Milwaukee Libraries, Archives/Milwaukee Area Research Center.

Winston A. Van Horne was a professor of Africology (he joined the ancestors May 24, 2013 at age 69). He was born in Westmoreland, Jamaica and began his career at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (UWM) in 1978 where he taught courses in African-American history, political philosophy and urban problems. Prior to his arrival at UWM to chair what was then the Afro-American Studies program, he taught at The Ohio State University and Ohio University in the Center for Afro-American Studies.

As a young man, Van Horne dreamed of becoming prime minister of Jamaica. He came to the U.S. in the late 1960s to study political science at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), where he met his wife-to-be at a party. They married a year after meeting, on Valentine's Day 1970. Two years later, he received a doctorate in political science from UCLA.

Some of his contributions include navigating the Afro-American Studies Program to the Department of Africology; chairing the Department of Africology three times and being credited with articulating the word Africology; serving as principal author of the Ph.D. program in Africology; serving on the UWM faculty senate since 1980; and directing the University of Wisconsin’s Institute on Race and Ethnicity for ten years. His paper “Africology: A Theory of Forces” was published in the September 2014 edition of The Journal of Pan African Studies.

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