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# **Service Workers Union - SEIU Local 82 Oral History Project**

## **An inventory of Service Workers Union - SEIU Local 82 Oral History Project at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Title:</b>	Service Workers Union - SEIU Local 82 Oral History Project
<b>ID:</b>	OHP014
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1993-1997
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.25 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Service Employees International Union has always sought to organize workers in a wide range of occupations. Beginning with janitors and elevator operators when it formed in 1921, SEIU soon added security guards, window cleaners, health care workers, office workers and public sector employees. By 1968, the union represented service workers in over 100 occupations around the nation.

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## Scope and Contents

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Between 1993 and 1997, Service Employees International Union Local 82, D.C. branch of a union representing mainly custodial workers, conducted a total of 13 oral history interviews with members as part of the Service Workers' Oral History and Education Project. Interviewees were current and former union members of all ages, and included some who had taken part in union leadership. Topics include work experiences, union politics, interviewee experiences in union leadership, and health.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Transcripts Scope and Contents Materials in this series include transcripts of the interviews. There is no transcript for 14-03. Series 2: Interviews Scope and Contents Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are two copies for audio recordings 14-07 and 14-11. All others have only one copy. There is no tape for 14-13.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Custodial History

Service Employees International Local 82 conducted these interviews between 1993 and 1997, and donated the tapes and transcripts to the Library in the late 1990s. There is no deed of gift for this collection, but all interviewee releases are granted to the Library.

### Processing Information

After the initial donation to the Library, the transcripts were placed in folders and stored in a filing cabinet with other oral histories. Tapes were placed in a cabinet for patron use. In 2014, the tapes and transcripts were digitized and in 2017, the collection was reprocessed. Transcripts were placed into folders and boxed. Audio cassettes were organized and boxed. All administrative documents, including releases, were placed into the control file. There is no 14-01 tape or transcript for this collection.

### Conditions Governing Use

The Library holds copyright for items in this collection with a signed release. There are no restrictions on the use of these collection materials. Reproduction of an oral history without a signed release is not permitted.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Oral History
- Labor unions
- Health
- Politics and government
- Service industries workers

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Transcripts

#### Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include transcripts of the interviews. There is no transcript for 14-03.

Title/Description	Instances	
Elizabeth Kennedy, 1995 August 5	Box 1	Folder 1
Fred Arrington, 1995 October 7	Box 1	Folder 2
Fred Arrington, 1995 October 7	Box 1	Folder 3
Herbert Thomas, 1995 October	Box 1	Folder 4
Mary Martin	Box 1	Folder 5
Leslie Lane, 1995 November 29	Box 1	Folder 6
Alta Cook, 1995 October 28	Box 1	Folder 7
Louis Bankett, 1995 November 3	Box 1	Folder 8
Jay Nessey, 1995 November 13	Box 1	Folder 9
Arline Neal, 1995 June 10	Box 1	Folder 10
Teresa Rivera	Box 1	Folder 11
Marion Lewis, 1997 February 17-1997 February 24	Box 1	Folder 12

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### Series 2: Interviews

## Scope and Contents

Materials in this series include master copies of the oral histories on audio cassette. There are two copies for audio recordings 14-07 and 14-11. All others have only one copy. There is no tape for 14-13.

Title/Description	Instances	
Elizabeth Kennedy, 1995 August 5	Box 2	Folder 14-02
Elizabeth Kennedy, 1995 August 5	Box 2	Folder 14-02
Myrna Mobley, 1995 September 30	Box 2	Folder 14-03
Fred Arrington, 1995 October 7	Box 2	Folder 14-04
Fred Arrington, 1995 October 7	Box 2	Folder 14-04
Herbert Thomas, 1995 October	Box 2	Folder 14-05
Mary Martin	Box 2	Folder 14-06
Leslie Lane, 1995 November 29	Box 2	Folder 14-07
Alta Cook, 1995 October 28	Box 2	Folder 14-08
Louis Bankett, 1995 November 3	Box 2	Folder 14-09
Louis Bankett, 1995 November 3	Box 2	Folder 14-09
Jay Nessey, 1995 November 13	Box 2	Folder 14-10
Arline Neal, 1995 June 10	Box 2	Folder 14-11
Arline Neal, 1995 June 10	Box 2	Folder 14-11
Teresa Rivera	Box 2	Folder 14-12

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