



# Guide to the Theresa El-Amin Papers, 1960s-2024

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Theresa El-Amin papers, 1960s-2024

**Creator:**

El-Amin, Theresa

**Source:**

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

**Abstract:**

Activist and union organizer who was involved with the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Service Employees International Union, the Black Radical Congress, the Black Workers for Justice, Jobs with Justice, Solidarity, and the Durham NAACP. El-Amin was also a founding member of the Labor Party and the Southern Anti-Racism Network. Collection includes organizational and subject files from El-Amin's years of activism and organizing in the Service Employees International Union, the Black Radical Congress, the Southern Anti-Racism Network, and numerous other groups and causes. Also includes publications, photographs, videotapes, and correspondence. Acquired as part of the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture.

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

The Theresa El-Amin Papers have been divided into series: Organizations and Movements, Subject Files, Conferences, Personal Files and Correspondence, Printed Materials, Photographs and Audiovisual, Black Liberation Historical Documents, Realia, and Oversize Materials. The largest series, **Organizations and Movements**, features materials from El-Amin's long career as an activist and union organizer with groups such as Black Workers for Justice, the Service Employees International Union, Jobs with Justice, the Green Party of the United States, the NAACP, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Black Radical Congress, Solidarity, and the Southern Anti-Racism Network. Other highlights of the Organizations and Movements series include the Black Liberation movement and the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal movement. There are also numerous other groups and movements represented within this series. Contents typically include handouts and fliers from various events; email correspondence; reports and publications from different groups, including some newsletters; and clippings with coverage of different campaigns and activities.

The **Subject Files** series was largely created by El-Amin, with additional subjects added in processing to account for loose pages in the collection. Topics heavily represented include Muhammad Ahmad, community organizing and its many components, healthcare, South Africa and apartheid, North Carolina, and workplace safety. There are also subject files for several countries, as well as materials about Hurricane Katrina.

The **Printed Materials** series includes newsletters, magazines, journals, fliers, handouts, and other miscellaneous materials from a wide variety of sources. The first box contains runs of various periodicals, including Forward Motion, In Defense of Marxism, and Labor Notes. These runs are incomplete and represent only a sampling of the publication. The second box of printed materials relates largely to El-Amin's union involvement, and features miscellaneous union publications from the 1980s-2000s. There is a small amount of earlier material, mainly in the Historical Pamphlets folder, which includes publications on desegregation and its impact on unions. The remainder of the series is also largely miscellaneous, with one or two issues of a wide range of newsletters, magazines, or organizational reports.

The small **Conferences** series contains conference books, fliers, correspondence, and handouts from various conferences El-Amin attended between 1985 and 2010. There is some overlap between this series and the Organizations and Movements series. Another small series is El-Amin's **Personal Files and Correspondence**, which consists largely of certificates

and other remnants of her professional organizing education and career. This series also includes copies of her resumes and a 1997 oral history transcript.

The **Photographs and Audiovisual Materials** series includes large amounts of loose photographs, labeled by El-Amin, documenting many of the organizations, activities, and events referenced in earlier portions of the collection. It also includes some personal photographs of El-Amin's family and friends. The VHS tapes in this series document a range of protests and issues important to the BWFJ and El-Amin's union organizing.

Articles and pamphlets acquired by El-Amin relating to the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation movement of the 1960s are included in the **Black Liberation Historical Documents** series. Highlights include a transcript of Stokely Carmichael, Chairman of SNCC, speaking at the 1966 Berkeley conference on "Black Power and its Challenges." Includes articles on the condition of African Americans by Bayard Rustin, as well as coverage of the Watts riot and recovery of the Watts area. Also includes several issues of Commentary Reports from the 1960s.

The **Realia** series is largely unsorted, but includes three boxes of t-shirts and one box of buttons and other ephemera collected by El-Amin in her years as an activist.

Finally, the **Oversize Materials** contains objects withdrawn from their respective series due to their large size. These include Jobs with Justice foam boards and posters.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Theresa El-Amin started her career as a civil rights activist when she joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1965 as a student at Tuskegee University. On her return to Atlanta in summer of 1966, she took a job at the phone company and became active in the Communications Workers of America (CWA). During the 1980s and through the 1990s, she became involved with the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and Black Workers for Justice (BWFJ). She continued her labor organizing with Jobs from Justice from 1993-2006 and by serving on the Labor Notes Policy Committee from 2000-2009. She was a founding member of the Labor Party in 1996. Her work with anti-racist organizations has included the Black Radical Congress (1998-2008), the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People (1999-2010), the Durham NAACP (2000-2010), and Solidarity, a socialist, feminist and anti-racist organization (1996-present). In 1998, she helped to found the Southern Anti-Racism Network (SARN), which has worked on local issues like the education gap and passing an anti-sweatshop ordinance in the City of Durham. In December 2010, El-Amin relocated to Georgia to take the role of regional organizer to direct SARN activities in Georgia and Alabama.

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## **Administrative Information**

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Access note. Some materials in this collection are fragile audiovisual/ photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

Access note. Some materials in this collection are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

### **Acquisition Information**

The Theresa El-Amin Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift from Theresa El-Amin in 2010, 2014, and 2024.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Meghan Lyon and Kelly Wooten, December 2010

Updated by Leah Tams, March 2023; Meghan Lyon, Nov. 2024.

Materials may not have been ordered and described beyond their original condition.

Accessions described in this guide: 2010-0218, 2014-0122, 2024-0102.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Race discrimination
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- Black nationalism -- History -- 20th century
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- Videotapes
- Anti-war demonstrations -- Washington (D.C.)
- Anti-sweatshop movement -- Durham (N.C.)
- Political activists
- Anti-apartheid activists
- North Carolina -- Social movements
- Labor unions -- Organizing
- Labor movement
- Black Radical Congress
- Abu-Jamal, Mumia
- 1199, National Health and Human Service Employee Union
- El-Amin, Theresa
- Coalition of Labor Union Women (U.S.)
- Black Workers for Justice
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture
- Labor Party Advocates (U.S.)
- Jobs with Justice
- Greens/Green Party USA
- Southern Anti-Racism Network
- Service Employees International Union
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People -- Durham Branch (Durham, N.C.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Organizations and Movements, 1980s-2010

**Physical Description:** 9 boxes

**Scope and Contents note**

Materials in the **Organizations and Movements** series are from the numerous organizations and unions that El-Amin either organized for or worked with, including the Black Radical Congress, Service Employees International Union and its Organize the South campaign, Solidarity, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Southern Anti-Racism Network, the Ella Baker Tour, the Black Workers for Justice, and Jobs with Justice. Also includes materials from the Black Liberation movement and the movement to free Mumia Abu-Jamal. Materials include correspondence, particularly email printouts; fliers and handouts; reports and other printed material about various issues or missions within each organization; pamphlets and booklets; periodicals, including incomplete runs of BWFJ's Justice Speaks, the Solidarity Bulletins, and various SEIU magazines; union contracts; clippings and press coverage; and other miscellaneous loose material. Series has been arranged alphabetically by organization or group.

A second series in this collection related to the Black Liberation movement is the **Black Liberation Historical Documents** series, which is described in further detail below. There are also more organization publications and newsletters in the **Printed Materials** series.

**Access Restrictions:**

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AFL-CIO, 1993-1996	Box 1
AFL-CIO Rhode Island, 1986	Box 1
AFSCME privatization and welfare publications, 1996	Box 1
A. Philip Randolph Institute, 1988-1989	Box 1
Black Liberation, 1970s-2000s	Box 1

**Physical Description:** 10 folders

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes a wide variety of publications, reports, meeting minutes, notes, and other printed material discussing the Black Liberation movement, its origina, and its activities. Includes articles discussing socialism and communism as they related to the condition of African Americans.

Black Radical Congress, 1998-2000s	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Black Radical Congress, National Organizing Conference, 2000	Box 1
Black Radical Congress conference, 2008	Box 1
Black Rank and File Exchange, 1987-1989	Box 1
Black Solidarity Against the War, 2003	Box 1
Black Workers For Justice	
Justice Speaks newsletters, 1987-1994	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Justice Speaks newsletters, 1994-2008	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Justice Speaks correspondence and administration, 1993	Box 2
Correspondence, miscellaneous, 1982-1990	Box 2
Telephone numbers	Box 2
Membership	Box 2
National Steering Committee, 1989-1991, 1993-1995	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 7 folders	
Chapter tasks	Box 2
Fact sheets	Box 2
Bills/banking	Box 2
Fliers and reports	Box 2
Organizing Committee, 1983-1985	Box 2
Schlage Lock, 1988	Box 2
Independent politics, 1988	Box 2

Workers Want Fairness Campaign, 1989 and undated	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Workers schools	Box 2
Retreats, 1991-1992	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Martin Luther King Banquets, 1990-2006	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
NC Occupational Health and Safety project, 1989	Box 2
Keysville (Ga.), 1990 and undated	Box 2
Rocky Mt. (NC) Undergarment, 1991-1992	Box 2
Ina Mae Best tour, 1991-1992	Box 2
Raleigh City Workers, 1992	Box 2
Standard Products plant, Rocky Mt. (NC), 1993	Box 2
Living Wage Campaign, 1996	Box 2
Atlanta Olympics, 1996	Box 2
Other Southern struggles, 1990-1991	Box 2
New England solidarity	Box 2
Rhode Island Support Committee, 1991-1993	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Midwest Tour, 1989-1990	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Midwest Tour, 1990	Box 3
Organize the South, 1989-1997	Box 3
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Organize the South-Justice for Hamlet, 1992	Box 3

Organize the South research, 1996-1997 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 3
Organize the South postcards, 1996	Box 3
Marc Gursky correspondence re: El-Amin's disability leave, 1996	Box 3
BWFJ/Organize the South dispute, 1996	Box 3
Campaign to end the Israeli occupation, 2007	Box 3
Caribbean International Education Committee, 1992-1994	Box 3
Carolina Interfaith Taskforce on Central America, 1999-2009 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 3
Civil and Human Rights Commission, 1995 and undated	Box 3
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, 1986-1990 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 3
Coalition of Labor Union Women, 1986-1993 <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	Box 3
Coalition of Labor Union Women newsletters, 1988-1993	Box 3
Coalition of Labor Union Women printed materials, 1992-1993 and undated	Box 3
Direct Action for Rights and Equality, 1991-2001	Box 3
Democratic Socialists of America, 1989	Box 3
Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, 2001-2007	Box 3
Durham Congregations, Associations, and Neighborhoods, 2004-2005	Box 3
Durham County Board of Social Services, 2008	Box 3

Durham County Cable Advisory Board, 2008	Box 3
Durham Housing Authority: Health and Public Housing Initiative, 2009	Box 3
Durham Public Education Network, 2001	Box 4
Durham Public Schools Closing the Achievement Gap, 2000-2008	Box 4
Education and testing, 2000s	Box 4
Ella Baker Tour and retreats, 2000-2010 <b>Physical Description:</b> 7 folders	Box 4
Farm Labor Organizing Committee, 1998	Box 4
Freightliner Five, 2007	Box 4
Green Party of the United States Triangle Green Party events, 2008	Box 4
Cynthia McKinney campaign, 2008	Box 4
Convention, 2008	Box 4
Black Caucus, 2008	Box 4
NC Green Party meetings, 2009-2010	Box 4
Annual meetings, 2009-2010 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 4
Correspondence, 2010	Box 4
Heirs to a Fighting Tradition, 2006-2008	Box 4
Highlander Research and Education Center, 1998-1999	Box 4
Jobs with Justice JWJ materials, 1993-2000s	Box 4
National office materials, including correspondence, 1993-2000s	Box 4
Comic about welfare, 1997	Box 4

Religions clippings, 1998	Box 4
Workers rights and economic justice resource book, 1998	Box 4
Newsletters, 1997-2002	Box 4
Clippings and publicity, 1997-2000 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 4
Regional materials, 1994-2002 and undated	Box 4
Triangle JWJ materials, 2000-2005	Box 4
Anti-sweatshop campaigns, 2000-2007 <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	Box 4
Building Jobs with Justice reference binder <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 4
National Day of Action, 1997	Box 5
Labor Notes materials, 1999-2001	Box 5
Labor Party, 1996-2001	Box 5
Labor Party Advocates, 1991-1996 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 5
Labor for Jesse Jackson campaign materials and coverage, 1988-1991 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 5
Living Wage Campaign, 1998 and undated	Box 5
Martin Luther King Coalition meetings, 1993	Box 5
Mumia Abu Jamal Correspondence, 1991-1999 and undated	Box 5
Protests and rallies, 1990-2000s <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 5
Articles and reports, 1989-2000s <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	Box 5

2 audiocassettes	Box 5
NAACP, 2004-2005	Box 5
NAACP Legislative Day, NC, 2010	Box 5
NAACP Mark Stanton Curtis case, 1988-1991 and undated	Box 5
National Organization for Women, 2007	Box 5
National Organizers Alliance, 2001-2007	Box 5
1199/NEHCEU Materials and correspondence, 1989-1993	Box 5
NHHSEU Union contracts, 1988-1991 and undated	Box 5
Newsletters, 1991-1993	Box 5
New Voice, 1995	Box 5
NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2008-2010	Box 5
Northeast Ohio Anti-Apartheid Committee, including clippings, 1986-1989	Box 6
Oppressed Nationalities Alliance for Cooperation and Progress, Malcolm X materials, 1990 and undated	Box 6
Oppressed Nationalities Alliance for Cooperation and Progress, notes and meeting minutes, 1990-1991	Box 6
People First! Budget Coalition, 1992-1993	Box 6
People of Color, 2005	Box 6
Rhode Island Women's Health Collective, Board information and newsletters, 1991-1993	Box 6
Rhode Island Working Women, 1993-1994	Box 6
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ACC Clerk Petition	Box 6
AFL-SEIU News, 1991-1995	Box 6
African American Caucus, 1993-1996	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
African American Leadership Conference, 1996	Box 6
Bargaining agreements, Union of Unions, 1991-1995	Box 6
Blue Cross/Blue Shield organizing, undated	Box 6
Brown University organizing, 1988-1991	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
Reports from the Committee on the Future, 1994	Box 6
Contracts, 1989-1994	Box 6
Convention reports, 1996	Box 6
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Correspondence, 1990-1991	Box 6
Eastern Union Skills Program, 1994	Box 6
Healthcare bargaining, 1986	Box 6
Healthcare reform, 1990-1995	Box 7
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Healthcare worker publications, 1995	Box 7
Homecare works, 1995	Box 7
Inclusion: A Tool for Organizational Effectiveness, 1996	Box 7
Local 285, annual convention, 1994	Box 7
Local 285 New Members Kit	Box 7

Local Union Organizers conference, 1996	Box 7
Magazines and publications, 1988-1995 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 7
Miscellaneous documents	Box 7
New Voices	Box 7
Nurse Staffing Kit and nurse-related publications	Box 7
Organizing plans, 1989-1991 and undated	Box 7
Organize the South, 1996	Box 7
Public Division Bargaining Conference, 1994 July	Box 7
South African Freedom Fund, 1988-1991	Box 7
Staff training, 1991 and undated	Box 7
Supervision, 1995-1997	Box 7
Union contracts, 1983-1997 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	Box 7
Update and other publications, 1989	Box 7
Share the Wealth, 1995	Box 7
Solidarity	Box 8
Working papers and correspondence, 1999-2009 and undated	Box 8
Correspondence, 2004	Box 8
Timeline notes, undated	Box 8
Pre-convention Bulletin, 2004	Box 8
Resources	Box 8
Clark Atlanta University travel, 2004	Box 8

Summer School, 2006-2008	Box 8
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Bulletins, 1997-2008	Box 8
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Staff unionism (Union of Unions)	Box 8
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SARN materials and correspondence	Box 8
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Anniversaries, 2004-2010	Box 8
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Highlander program, 1999	Box 8
Budgets, 2000	Box 8
Receipts, 2000	Box 8
Correspondence, 2000	Box 8
SARN-Durham Housing Authority, 2001	Box 8
Strong Parental Involvement in Community Education, 2005-2007	Box 8
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
SARN Expansion Celebration, 2010	Box 8
SARN 25th anniversary materials, 2024 June	Folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
1 program for SARN's (Southern Anti-Racism Network) 25th anniversary and a mayoral proclamation from Columbus, GA declaring June 18, 2024 as Southern Anti-Racism Network Day.	
Southerners for Economic Justice, 1998	Box 8
TransAfrica anti-apartheid materials, 1986-1988	Box 9
TWU Local 100, 1998 and undated	Box 9

Union Baptist Church, 2004-2010	Box 9
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
United States Out of the Middle East Coalition, 1990-1992	Box 9
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 folders	
United States Social Forum, 2007	Box 9
Untitled floppy disk, 1995	Digital-materials RL00357-SET-0001 Folder 1 > Disk RL00357-FL3-0001
<b>Physical Description:</b> 0.01 Megabytes 2 files	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Includes document files	
Women In Leadership Development Board materials, 1995 and undated	Box 9
Summer Institute for Union Women/Working Women materials, 1992-1995	Box 9
Popular Education, 1995 and undated	Box 9
Curricula, 1997-1998	Box 9
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### **Subject Files, 1980s-2010 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

#### **Scope and Contents note**

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many components, healthcare, South Africa and apartheid, North Carolina, and workplace safety. There are also subject files for several countries, as well as materials about Hurricane Katrina.

While there is some overlap between the **Subject Files** and the **Organizations and Movements** series, the Subject Files are generally more generic information about a movement or topic, whereas the Organizations series highlights El-Amin's involvement in a particular group or protest. Subjects have been arranged alphabetically.

Affirmative action	Box 10
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Muhammad Ahmad	Box 10
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Alternate roots, 2004-2005	Box 10
Angola	Box 10
Anti-Apartheid	Box 10
Anti-Racism (Conference on Whiteness)	Box 10
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Anti-War	Box 10
Art of Listening	Box 10
Black history	Box 10
Black-Jewish relations	Box 10
Black radicals	Box 10
The Blackman's Guide... essays, 1990	Box 10
Campaign planning	Box 10
Cape Verde	Box 10
Collective bargaining	Box 10
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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Contingent worker equity campaign, 1997	Box 11
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Criminalization/prisons	Box 11
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Cuba	Box 11
Cuba, Mexico, and Central America	Box 11
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Fair pay/equity	Box 11
Free Trade agreements	Box 11
Grace Lee Boggs Center, 2007	Box 11
Grants	Box 11
Grievance handling	Box 11
Haiti	Box 11
Fred Ho	Box 11
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Immigrant rights	Box 11
Immigration	Box 11
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Healthcare, 1993-1994	Box 11
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Ku Klux Klan	Box 11
Jobs and development	Box 11
Labor notes and factsheets	Box 11
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Leadership deveopment	Box 11
Legal notices	Box 11
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Samora Machel--Mozambique	Box 11
Malcolm X	Box 11
Martin Luther King Jr. speeches	Box 11
Media	Box 11
Million Man March	Box 11
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
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National Labor Relations Board	Box 11
Needlestick Prevention Factbook	Box 11
North Carolina nonprofits	Box 11
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North Carolina public equal employment law	Box 11
North Carolina public workers	Box 11

North Carolina Pride, 1999-2000	Box 12
Occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens	Box 12
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Organizing model	Box 12
Palestine	Box 12
Parents group	Box 12
Plant closings	Box 12
Police brutality	Box 12
Privatization	Box 12
Public Sector Law notes, 1995	Box 12
Racism	Box 12
Resource materials	Box 12
Resumes (not El-Amin's)	Box 12
Rhode Island TV Soapbox	Box 12
Saladin Muhammad/ACTWU	Box 12
Self-Sufficiency Standard, 1996	Box 12
Sexual harassment	Box 12
Steward training	Box 12
Striker replacement	Box 12
Student-Labor	Box 12
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United States Social Forum	Box 12
Universal healthcare	Box 12
Welfare laws	Box 12

Welfare reform	Box 12
Wheat Street Towers Association	Box 12
Witness for the Dead delegation to Colombia, 2002	Box 12
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Women's liberation/feminism	Box 12
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## **Printed Materials, 1978-2010 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

### **Scope and Contents note**

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Additional publications are included in the **Organizations and Movements** series, where they have been filed with the organization that created them. These include Solidarity Bulletins, Black Workers for Justice Justice Speaks,

Coalition of Labor Women newsletters, and a wide range of union publications from the Service Employees International Union.

Against the Current issues, 1998-2010	Box 13
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Committees of Correspondence Correspondence issues, 1997-1999	Box 13
Forward Motion issues, 1987-1989	Box 13
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
In Defense of Marxism issues, 1988-1997	Box 13
<b>Physical Description:</b> 7 folders	
Labor Notes issues, 1991-2009	Box 13
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Liberation and Marxism issues, 1989-1994	Box 13
Orange County Rape Crisis Center newsletters, 2007-2008	Box 13
Political Affairs issues, 1988-1997	Box 13
Third Force issues, 1993-1997	Box 13
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
The Nation issues, 1996-2001	Box 13
Vibration issues, 1987-1993	Box 13
Miscellaneous solidarity newsletters, 1989-1993	Box 14
Ohio AFL-CIO magazines, 1996-1997	Box 14
Dollars and Sense issues, 1992-1997	Box 14
Miscellaneous union materials, 1950s-2000s	
Magazines from various unions, 1980s-1990s	Box 14
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Newsletters and reports, 1990s-2001	Box 14

Printed materials	Box 14
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Historical pamphlets, 1955-1980s	Box 14
Pamphlets, 1970s-1990s	Box 14
History articles	Box 14
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Reports	Box 14
Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1990s-2000s	Box 14
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Miscellaneous newsletters	
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	
General subjects	Box 14
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Africa	Box 14
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Environment	Box 14
Miscellaneous newsletters	Box 15
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 folders	
Faith/religion	Box 15
Labor/unions	Box 15
Politics/political parties	Box 15
Poverty/class	Box 15
Race/racism	Box 15
Clippings	Box 15
Miscellaneous fliers, handouts, and organizational materials, 1990s-2000s	Box 15
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	

Miscellaneous articles and reports <b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	Box 15
Miscellaneous journals	Box 15
Hal Draper: "Karl Marx's Theory of Revolution," undated	Box 15
Mindy Thompson: "National Negro Labor Council: A History," 1978	Box 15
Dissent, 1965 and 1966 <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 issues	Box 22
"The Negro Protest," in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, January 1965	Box 22
The Crisis, December 1960	Box 22
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Freedomways, W.E.B. DuBois memorial issue, 1965	Box 22
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Miscellaneous printed materials, 2010	Box 22

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### **Personal Files and Correspondence, 1982-2009 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Includes some of El-Amin's personal documents and correspondence from her various activities. Also includes certificates from courses in organizing or other union programs, and a folder of resumes from different stages of her organizing career.

#### **Access Restrictions:**

Access note. Some materials are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1996-2007 Box 15

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

El-Amin's resumes, 1990s and undated Box 15

Oral history transcript, 1997 Box 15

Marriages and divorces, 1982-1983 Box 15

Certificates and training, 1984-2009 Box 15

Fliers for events featuring El-Amin, 2000-2005 Box 15

Theresa El-Amin Heirs to a Fighting Tradition  
Interviews recorded Sept 19 and Nov 19, 2007,  
2007

Digital-materials RL00357-  
SET-0001  
Folder 1 > Optical-disc  
RL00357-OP-0001

**Physical Description:** 167 Megabytes  
6 files

**Scope and Contents**

Includes audio files

T. El-Amin Heirs Interviews, 2007

Digital-materials RL00357-  
SET-0001  
Folder 1 > Optical-disc  
RL00357-OP-0002

**Physical Description:** 168 Megabytes  
7 files

**Scope and Contents**

Includes audio files

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**Black Liberation Historical Documents, 1965-1967 and undated**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**Scope and Contents note**

Articles and pamphlets acquired by El-Amin relating to the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation movement of the 1960s. Highlights include a transcript of Stokely Carmichael, Chairman of SNCC, speaking at the 1966 Berkeley conference on "Black Power and its Challenges." Includes articles on the condition of African Americans by Bayard Rustin, as well as coverage of the Watts riot and recovery of the Watts area. Also includes several issues of Commentary Reports from the 1960s.

Sociology course bibliographies, 1967 Box 15

Articles on Watts and other protests, 1960s Box 15

Black Power/Black Panthers, 1960s (online item available) Box 15

**Digital Object:** [Black Power/Black Panthers, 1960s](#)

**Scope and Contents**

Stokely Carmichael speech, Berkeley Conference on Black Power & Its Challenges, 1966

Black Power/Black Panthers, 1960s (online item available) Box 15

**Digital Object:** [Black Power/Black Panthers, 1960s](#)

**Scope and Contents**

Stokeley Carmichael "What We Want," 1966

News clippings re: Berkeley, 1960s Box 15

Bayard Rustin articles, 1960s Box 15

Commentary Reports, 1965 and undated Box 15

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**Conferences, 1985-2010**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**Scope and Contents note**

Conference books, fliers, correspondence, and handouts from various conferences El-Amin attended. There is some overlap between this series and

the **Organizations and Movements** series. Conferences have been arranged alphabetically.

All Black Male Conference, 1985	Box 16
Black Theodicy Forum, UNC, 2010 Aug.	Box 16
Black Youth in the Age of Obama, 2010	Box 16
Congressional Black Caucus Fall Braintrust, 2009	Box 16
Durham Human Relations Unity Conference, 2007	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Feminism: Gender, Race, and Class workshop, 2007	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
LA Labor Left Conference, 2000	Box 16
Labor Notes Conferences, 2001 and 2003	Box 16
Labor Notes Conference: Rebuilding Labor's Power, 2008	Box 16
National NOW Conference, 2007	Box 16
National Organizers Alliance: NOA Gathering V, 2001 June-July	Box 16
Organizing in Healthcare, 1993	Box 16
Southeast Social Forum, 2006	Box 16
Southern Faith, Labor, and Community Alliance, 2007	Box 16
Southern Human Rights Organizers Conference (SHROC VI), 2006 Dec.	Box 16
Southern Human Rights Organizers Conference (SHROC VII), 2008 Dec.	Box 16
Southern Strategies: The Economy and the Election Agenda, 2008	Box 16

Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, 2008 Mar.	Box 16
Work Experience Program (WEP) Coalition, 1997 Nov.	Box 16

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## Photographs and Audiovisual Materials, 1970s-2012

### Scope and Contents note

Photographs and videotapes from El-Amin's activities, dating from the 1970s through the 2000s. Most of the series consists of loose photographs, which El-Amin has sorted by event; there are also 4 albums with similar contents. There are photographs of several events represented in the Organizations and Movements series, including the Black Radical Congress Southern Regional Conference; SPICE graduations; union rallies and protests; political and anti-war demonstrations; meetings of groups such as Jobs with Justice, SARN, NAACP, and Black Workers for Justice; and other activist events. These have been housed by event in separate photo packets, with any accompanying information recorded on the outside of each packet. El-Amin's family photographs are much less organized, with few captions or dates included. Includes photographs of her three weddings.

The 7 VHS tapes are largely promotional or informational media produced for BWFJ or for unions. Finally, there are 18 DVDs, which are largely related to Southern Anti-Racism Network events.

### Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains fragile audiovisual/photographic formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

Loose photographs	Box 16
Family, loose and unsorted, 1970s-1980s and undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 folders	
Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride, NC Mutual Building, Durham, 2003 Sept.	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 photos	
BWFJ Ina Mae Best Campaign, RI, 1991	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 14 photos	

1199 New England fight to save the Jewish Home from closing, 1992	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 22 photos	
Grass Roots Institute for Fundraising (GIFT), Sea Island, Ga., 2004	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 26 photos	
10th Anniversary of NAFTA protest, Greensboro, 2004	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 7 photos	
SPICE Leadership Training, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
SPICE Graduation, Weaver St. Center, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 27 photos	
Celebrating Steve Bloom's 60th birthday with SPICE and SARN, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 photos	
Khalilah's Jewelry, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 photos	
Triangle JWJ and Labor Notes joint conference at UNC Friday Center, 2000	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 27 photos	
Nellie Hester, Joan Gibbs, and Brenda Stokely; New York Radical Women, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 photos	
Families living around Durham Food Service Restaurant, before site was sold to Union Baptist Church, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 photos	
International Women's Day, celebrating South African women and end of apartheid, 1991 or 1992	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 10 photos	

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Witness for Peace Southeast Steering Committee meeting, 2007?	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 photos	
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SPICE event at The Know Bookstore, 2005 or 2006	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
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SARN 5th Anniversary celebration at Hayti Heritage Center and conference at Union Baptist Church, 2004 June	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 32 photos	
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Launch of Triangle JWJ, 1998 Aug.	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
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Anti-war demonstration, Solidarity comrades and other radicals, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 18 photos	
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SPICE graduation, WD Hill, 2006	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 26 photos	
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NC NAACP Labor forum in support of Smithfield workers, 2007	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 18 photos	
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JWJ anti-sweat campaign with UNC students, at Wal-Mart, Durham, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 10 photos	
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Launch of SPICE at Snow Building (SARN Office), 2001 Aug. 16	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 11 photos	
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Mayor Tennyson, Forum Against Gang Violence, City Hall, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 15 photos	
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Anne Wolfley, Snow Building meeting, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 photos	

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SPICE families attend anti-war demonstration in Washington, DC, after Katrina, 2007	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
SARN office, Snow Building, 2001	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
Education NOT Incarceration presentation, Michelle Cotton-Laws, Durham Main Library, 2000 or 2001	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 19 photos	
Venezuelan dignitaries visit, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 18 photos	
Leader of failed Blue Cross campaign, Toledo, OH, 1988	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
Black-Brown Unity Conference, Highlander Center, 2007 Feb.	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 10 photos	
Labor Notes Policy Committee meeting, Detroit, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 photos	
District 1199-New England Jewish Home grievance victory, Providence, RI, 1991	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
Labor Notes and SARN/JWJ conference, Friday Center, 2000 April	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
Protest for Global Economic Justice with SPICE and Socialist Party, Washington, DC, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 10 photos	
SARN Closing the Achievement Gap forum, Daniella Cook, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 15 photos	

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BWFJ Solidarity meeting with Ashaki Binta, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 photos	
JWJ campaign to organized Duke nurses, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 23 photos	
SPICE fundraiser at Sharon Nelson's, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 photos	
Labor Notes Policy Committee meeting, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 11 photos	
Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO) CAT training with SPICE, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 photos	
Durham NAACP officers, 2004?	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 photos	
IUOE contract campaign to win community service hours from Duke, 2001	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 24 photos	
NAACP National Convention, Detroit, 2007	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 15 photos	
Gathering signatures and demonstrating against sweatshops, Wal-Mart, 1998 or 1999	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 14 photos	
Anti-war demonstration with Solidarity comrades, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 17 photos	
JWJ demonstration, Rashid Muhammad and Maurice Hines, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 12 photos	

Day Against Police Brutality, Hayti Heritage Center after march from Durham Jail, Oct. 22 [unknown year]	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 16 photos	
Million Family March on Washington, DC, with Nation of Islam, 2000	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 28 photos	
Leon Davis memorial service, attended by 1199 New England staff and leaders, 1993	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
SARN Education NOT Incarceration visiting session, Durham Main Library, 2000 or 2001	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 24 photos	
Theresa El-Amin, Rhode Island, 1997	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
SARN founding conference, 1999 June	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
Last days with friends in Cleveland, 1990	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 photos	
Coalition of Labor Union Women, Atlanta, mid-1980s	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 photos	
Coalition of Labor Union Women 5th Anniversary celebration, 1995	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	
Millions More movement, Washington, DC, 2005	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 6 photos	
Black Radical Congress organizing committee before June 1998 conference, Chicago	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 1 photo	

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Conference at ERUUF on Racial Justice with Project South (Atlanta) facilitating, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
People of Faith gathering in support of UFCW Smithfield campaign and Sabbath Economics, Summer 2007 or 2008	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 24 photos	
Justice for Mumia Rally, Philadelphia, with Solidarity comrades, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 21 photos	
JWJ National meeting, Kentucky?, undated	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 photos	
SARN Education NOT Incarceration campaign launch, Close the Achievement Gap, 2000 Aug.	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 24 photos	
JWJ rally at McDonald's to raise minimum wage, Providence, RI, 1995 or 1996	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 photos	
Poor Peoples March and Rally, Philadelphia, 2001?	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 18 photos	
SEIU Local 285-African American Caucus meeting, 1995	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 13 photos	
NOW Detroit meeting, 2007 July	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
Passing anti-sweatshop ordinance in Durham, 2000 Aug.	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 8 photos	
Triangle JWJ-Union Baptist Church, Durham, 1999	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 14 photos	

Launch of Organize the South Midwest Tour, Cleveland, Ohio, 1989	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 7 photos	
Project South and Triangle JWJ at ERUUF, Durham, 2000	Box 16
<b>Physical Description:</b> 9 photos	
Photograph albums	Box 17
Unlabeled activism album	Box 17
Black Radical Congress Southern Regional Conference, undated	Box 17
<b>Physical Description:</b> 3 albums	
VHS tapes	
Organize the South, BWFJ	Box 17
Justice for Keyville Now!	Box 17
Workers Want Fairness documentary--Rocky Mtn. Undergarment and Workers Unity Council, 1989 Nov. 9	Box 17
Toxic Terrorism--the Shiloh Coalition Fights Back	Box 17
BWFJ Meeting, 1992 Mar. 7	Box 17
Ina Mae Best, CCRI, Providence, 1991 May 31	Box 17
Hamlet, NC: Our Jobs, Our Lives? (BWFJ)	Box 17
DVDs	
Jena, LA Civil Rights Movement, 2007 September 20	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0001
Columbus, GA Human Rights Forum, 2011 December 08	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0002
Congress of Southern African Trade Unions, 1986	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0003

SARN Lifting Our Voices for Social Justice: Concert and Poetry Jam, 2011	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0004
Southern Anti-Racism Network Education: Not Incarceration, 2011 May 23	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0005
Troy Davis Press Conference, 2011 September 16	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0006
S.A.R.N. Integration Debate, 2012 February 16	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0007
S.A.R.N. Women's Forum, 2012 March 19	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0008
S.A.R.N. Parent Focus Group, 2013 March 27	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0009
S.A.R.N. Labor Rights, 2012 April 04	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0010
S.A.R.N. "Building a Village", 2012 August 18	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0011
S.A.R.N. Village Strategic, 2012 September 29	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0012
S.A.R.N. Get Out the Vote, 2012 October 09	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0013
S.A.R.N. Building a Village, 2012 October 20	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0014
S.A.R.N. Thanksgiving, 2012 November 20	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0015
Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) Board of Visitors Meeting: Disc 1 of 2, 2012 June 27	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0016
S.A.R.N. "Build A Village", 2012 December 01	Box 23 > Dvd RL00357- DVD-0017

S.A.R.N. Annual Fundraiser, 2013 April 26

Box 23 > Dvd RL00357-  
DVD-0018

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### **Oversize materials, undated**

**Physical Description:** 1 folder

**Scope and Contents note**

Foam boards and one poster from Jobs with Justice.

6 Jobs with Justice foam boards with Durham community signatures for Nurses United for Patient Advocacy at Duke University Medical Center

Oversize-folder 1

Trabajos con Justicia poster

Oversize-folder 1

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### **Realia, undated**

**Physical Description:** 4 boxes

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes 3 boxes of t-shirts and 1 box of buttons and other ephemera collected by El-Amin throughout her years of activism.

T-shirts

Box 18

T-shirts

Box 19

T-shirts

Box 20

Buttons, bumper stickers, name tags, etc.

Box 21

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