



## **Guide to the Incarceration Zine Collection, 2005-2007 and undated**

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## Summary

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### Collection Title:

Incarceration Zine collection, 1995-2007 and undated

### Abstract:

Collection of incarceration and anarchist publications produced by South Chicago ABC Zine Distro. Collection consists of 103 zines and drawings which include works most notably by Mumia Abu-Jamal, Sundiata Acoli, Ashanti Alston Omowali, David Gilbert and his son, Chesa Boudin, Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, Dennis Kyne, Anthony Rayson, Bobby Sands, Sean Swain, and Harold H. Thompson.

### Extent:

0.8 Linear Feet  
107 Items

### Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

### Language:

Material in English

### Collection ID:

RL.00608

### Permalink:

<https://idn.duke.edu/ark:/87924/m1h05t>

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

The Incarceration Zine Collection covers 1995 to 2007. Contents are almost exclusively produced by the South Chicago ABC Zine Distro publishing group, led by Anthony Rayson. A significant portion of this collection include essays by Rayson. The collection is predominately zines, most of which are written by

Anarchists. Additional items are ABC Zine Distro catalogues and a few pieces of inmate art.

Most zines are original creations, though some pieces are reproduced texts by other authors. These works include Anarchist Morality by Peter Kryptokin, chapter 1 of Black Panther Party (Reconsidered) edited by Charles E. Jones, and The Diary of Bobby Sands.

Zines include republished pieces of famous inmates, including poetry and writings by Weather Underground member David Gilbert and political prisoners Mumia Abu-Jamal and Harold H. Thompson. Some pieces have an international focus, covering topics such as Vietnam, the Russian Revolution, and the El Mozote massacre. Domestic issues covered include race in the prison system, the resurgence of the Black Panther Party, revolutionary organizing in prison, Native American rights, and growth of the prison-industrial system.

Noted authors in this collection in Mumia Abu-Jamal, Sundiata Acoli, David Gilbert, Kevin "Rashid" Johnson, Dennis Kyne, Ashanti Alston Omowali, Anthony Rayson, Bobby Sands, Sean Swain, and Harold H. Thompson.

Acquired as part of the Human Rights Archive (Duke University).

## **Biographical/Historical**

Mumia Abu-Jamal (born Wesley Cook, 1954 Apr. 24) was convicted of the 1981 murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner and sentenced to death. He has been described as "perhaps the world's best known death-row inmate." Before his arrest, he was an activist and radio journalist who became President of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists. He was a member of the Black Panther Party (BPP) until October 1970.

Sundiata Acoli (born Clark Edward Squire, 1937 Jan. 14) is a former member of the Black Liberation Army (BLA), a member of the indicted Panther 21, and current member of the Republic of New Afrika. He was sentenced to life in prison in 1974 for killing a New Jersey state trooper.

David Gilbert (born October 6, 1944) is an American radical leftist organizer and activist who is currently imprisoned at Clinton Correctional Facility. Gilbert was a founding member of Columbia University Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and member of the Weather Underground Organization (WUO). After ten years underground, he was arrested in October 1981, along with members of the Black Liberation Army and other radicals, for the Brinks robbery.

Kevin "Rashid" Johnson is the defense minister for the New Afrikan Black Panther Party Prison Chapter and an active jailhouse lawyer. His writings and artwork are prominently featured in the Incarceration Zine Collection.

Dennis Kyne is a leading anti-war activist and prominent member of Veterans for Peace. He is based in San Jose, California.

Ashanti Alston Omowali is an anarchist activist, speaker, and writer, and former member of the Black Panther Party. Alston refers to himself as "the @narchist Panther", a term he coined in his @narchist Panther Zine series. He was also a member of the Black Liberation Army and spent more than a decade in prison for an armed robbery conviction.

Anthony Rayson is an American anarchist activist and author. He runs the South Chicago ABC Zine Distro and publishes many zines and pamphlets. He is a co-founder of and an officer for Shut This Airport Nightmare Down (STAND), a resident's group in Peotone, Illinois who oppose the proposed Chicago south suburban airport.

Robert Gerard "Bobby" Sands (1954 Mar. 9-1981 May 5) was an Irish volunteer of the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) and member of the United Kingdom Parliament who died on hunger strike while imprisoned in Her Majesty's Prison Maze (HR Prison). He was the leader of the 1981 hunger strike in which Irish republican prisoners protested against the removal of Special Category Status. During his strike he was elected as a member of the United Kingdom Parliament as an Anti H-Block/Armagh Political Prisoner candidate. His death resulted in a new surge of IRA recruitment and activity.

Sean Swain (born 1969 Sept. 12) has been serving a life sentence for aggravated murder in Mansfield Correctional Institution in Ohio. While incarcerated, he has run for a number of political offices, most notably for Ohio Governor in 1006 and 2010. He ran as an anarchist write-in candidate under the banner of the Zapatista Party.

Harold H. Thompson (1942 Apr. 9-2008 Oct. 11) was an Irish-American anarchist activist and prisoner. Thompson received a life sentence after being found guilty of killing his son's mother's convicted murderer. Thompson served in the Vietnam War before being discharged for being wounded, and became an anti-war and anarchist activist associated with the Vietnam Veterans Against the War during the 1960s and 1970s.

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Collection is open for research.

### **Use Restrictions**

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### **Acquisition Information**

The Incarceration Zine Collection were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift. They were originally acquired as part of the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture zine collections.

### **Processing Information**

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

[Anthony Rayson Zine Collection](#) DePaul University Archives

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## Names and Subjects

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- Periodicals -- Publishing -- United States
- Underground press publications -- United States
- Self-publishing
- Prison-industrial complex
- Native American rights
- Political prisoners
- Anarchism
- Fan magazines
- Johnson, Kevin Rashid
- Kropotkin, Peter, 1842-1921
- Gilbert, David, 1944-
- Islamic Republic of New Afrika
- Acoli, Sundiata
- Black Panther Party
- Abu-Jamal, Mumia
- Swain, Sean
- Thompson, Harold H.
- Sands, Bobby, d. 1981
- South Chicago ABC Zine Distro
- Omowali, Ashanti Alston
- Rayson, Anthony

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## Collection Inventory

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Abolish All Prisons!	Box 1
America: A Prison House of Nations & A Nation of Prisons	Box 1

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Anarchist Black Cross Network Newsletters, 2004-2005 and undated	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 items	
Anarchist Morality	Box 1
The Anarchist Solution to the Problem of Crime	Box 1
Art Attack: A Vision of Struggle	Box 1
August Spies	Box 1
The Autobiographies of August Spies & Adolph Fischer	Box 1
Baby Boom Betrayal	Box 1
Bark!: Defacing the Currency of Civilization	Box 1
The Bell Curve Conspiracy: A Recipe for New Afrikan Genocide	Box 1
The Black Panther Party Reconsidered	Box 1
The Black Peoples' Prison Survival Guide	Box 1
Blacks on John Brown	Box 1
John Brown, May 9, 1800-Dec. 2 1859	Box 1
A Case Full of Holes: Justice for Lionel Rogers is Long Overdue	Box 1
Childhood & the Psychological Dimension of Revolution	Box 1
Constipation	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 items	
Control Unit Prisons	Box 1
Crime & Punishment & Still More Crime	Box 1
Criminals+Confinement=Corruption	Box 1
The Diary of Bobby Sands	Box 1

Don't Believe Liars and Murderers	Box 1
Education Without a Lesson Equals Educationless	Box 1
End of Gangbanging (E.O.G.)	Box 1
The Final Release: Challenging the Compulsive Criminal Mentality and Staying Out of Prison This Time	Box 1
From the Prisonhouse to the Slaughterhouse: Reflections on Lives in Captivity	Box 1
George Jackson Lives!	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 items	
Handbook on Surviving Solitary Confinement: A Survival Guide for the Targeted Prisoner	Box 1
Has Terrorism Dismantled the Constitution?	Box 1
To Hell with War! & "War Is A Racket"	Box 1
Hepatitis C And the American Prisoner	Box 1
I Have a Plan	Box 1
I Touch Your Face in my Dreams: Writings by Children & Youth with Incarcerated Parents	Box 1
The Incarceration Holocaust	Box 1
Inmate-Outmate Positive Relations: Insight from the Inside for the Outside	Box 1
Inside Out: A Resource Guide for the Incarcerated	Box 1
Interview, May 12th, 1998, with Anthony Rayson, by Sean Lambert	Box 1
Kries from Within, Voices of Resistance, Konvikts Speak Out	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 items	
Peter Kropotkin	Box 1

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, + Two-Spirit Prisoner Resource List	Box 1
Leviathan: Newsletter of the Black Brigade	Box 1
Malcolm X on Afro-American History	Box 1
Maybe... You'll Understand This Time: The Anti- Recidivist Booklet	Box 1
Of Mind Manipulation and Social Control, Prisons: A Necessity of Capitalism	Box 1
Michigan Chapter Flash Point News of MPLU (Missouri Prison Labor Union)	Box 1
Money & Power: Hook or Crook	Box 1
Mutinies: Vietnam	Box 1
Neo-Slavery in the Dirty South: A Look at the Racist Georgia Department of Corrections	Box 1
The New War Against Terror	Box 1
Off the Hook: Newsletter of the Missouri Prison Labor Union	Box 1
One New Afrikan Nation Toward Black August Memorial...	Box 1
Parents in Prison?? A Growing Crisis!	Box 1
Political Prisoners of War Coalition (PPWC)	Box 1
Principles of Anarchism	Box 1
Prisoners Speak!	Box 1
Race, Ethnicity and Nationality in America	Box 1
Red Heart Warrior	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 5 items	
Remembering the Real Dragon: An Interview with George Jackson	Box 1

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Report on Internal Changes Occuring Inside the Indiana Department of Corruption: A Call to Action, A Prisoner's Overview	Box 1
Right On!: Christo-Facism & Revolutionary Spirituality	Box 1
The Sean Swain Sampler	Box 2
Six Essays by California Three Strike Drug War Prisoner Eugene Dey	Box 2
Slaughterhouses & Prisoners for All the Animals	Box 2
Spiritual Humanism	Box 2
Stitched Up	Box 2
Summary of Civil Liberties Restrictions Since 9-11	Box 2
Support the Truth	Box 2
Talk to the Freshman Sociology Class at Lincoln Park High School	Box 2
Texans Against Corrupt Law Enforcement (TACLE)	Box 2
"...They will never get us all!": Writings and Poetry by Anarchist Prisoner Harold H. Thompson	Box 2
Thought Bombs	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 6 items	
Torture in America: Abuse of Human Rights in the United States	Box 2
Truth is Revolutionary	Box 2
Underworld Crawl: Monophonic Rustbelt Zine Pulp	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 items	
An Updated History of the New Afrikan Prison Struggle	Box 2

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The U.S. Government Fraudulent Annual Crime Report	Box 2
U.S. Intervention in the Middle East	Box 2
Voting is Fraud!	Box 2
What is Democracy?	Box 2
What's Left of the Left?: A Critical Question	Box 2
When Gendarme Sleeps!: Anarchy's Zine of Poetry	Box 2
When Love is by Choice Instead of Chance: A Relationship Enhancing Booklet	Box 2
Who's the Terrorist?	Box 2
You Call This Freedom?	Box 2
South Chicago ABC Zine Distro Catalogues	Box 2
<b>Physical Description:</b> 4 items	
Inmate Artwork	Box 2

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**Scope and Contents note**

Included are two prints of inmate artwork. One, by Kevin "Rashid" Johnson is a hand-drawn collage of Malcolm X. The other item, signed "RJC" features Mickey Mouse pointing at a sign which reads "Capitalism is a crime against humanity! Join the revolution now!"