

Dr. Carmaletta Williams Collection (AC66)

Introduction:

The Dr. Carmaletta Williams Collection documents the professional achievements of Dr. Williams' teaching career in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Dr. Carmaletta Williams
 Title: Dr. Carmaletta Williams Collection
 Date Range: 1987- 2014
 Bulk Dates: 1999-2001
 Size: 1.92 linear feet (4 boxes)
 Collection Number: AC66

Donor Information:

Donated by Dr. Carmaletta Williams, April 2020.

Citation Note:

Dr. Carmaletta Williams AC66, Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information:

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Biographical Sketch:

Dr. Carmaletta Williams is a professor, published author, publisher, business owner, public speaker, and Executive Director of the Black Archives of Mid-America. She earned her Bachelors in English at the University of Missouri Kansas City in 1984; her Masters in English and Literature from the University of Missouri Kansas City in 1987; and her Doctorate in English from the University of Kansas in 2001. In 2007, Dr. Williams was a research Fellow at Yale. She taught English and African American Studies at Johnson County Community College from 1988-1992. She also taught at Longview Community College from 1988-1992. She has also taught abroad in Paris, France, Wuhan, China, Guinea, West Africa, and in the Netherlands.

In 2015, Dr. Williams won an Emmy for her portrayal as Zora Neale Hurston on the Meet the Past Program, hosted by R. Crosby Kemper. She has also co-authored a number of scholarly books: *Langston Hughes in the Classroom: Do Nothin' Till You Hear from Me; My Dear Boy: Letters from Carrie Hughes to Langston Hughes 1926-1938;* and *Of Two Spirits: African American and Native American Racial Identity Formation*. As well as written and published

children's books including *Jacine and Grandma's Cane* and *Lil Jay, Ivan, Axl and the Dreaded Mamy Wata*.

In November 2018, Dr. Williams joined the Black Archives of Mid-America as their Executive Director and CEO.

Scope and Content Note:

Series 1: Ephemera

This series consists of miscellaneous items collected by Dr. Williams, including several greeting cards/ thank you notes from her professional colleagues.

Series 2: Awards

This series consists of certificates and awards. They are from her teaching career at Johnson county Community college (JCCC) and the University of Kansas (KU).

Series 3: Songbooks

This series contains 2 songbooks.

Series 4: Teaching Materials

This consists of pamphlets and booklets containing information on Black history and culture.

Series 5: Artifacts

This series consists of small antiques.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Ephemera

- f. 1 Greeting Cards
- f. 2 Certificate of Authenticity for print of oil painting "Its Up to Us Now" by Rick Reeves
- f. 3 Collector's Calendars
- f. 4 Pamphlet: Della [Reese] is Cooking Campbell's Coup Recipes
- f. 5 Program: 5th Convention of the Chinese/ American Association for Poetry and Poetics, November 2016
- f. 6 Poster of 1920's Lenci Dolls

Series 2: Awards

- f. 7 21st Annual MLK Birthday Celebration Certificate
- f. 8 Phi Delta Kappa Certificate, 1993
- f. 9 AIMS-IRS Leadership Certificates, 2001
- f. 10 Ft. Leavenworth Combine Arms Center Certificates, 2001
- f. 11 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Certificate, 2006
- f. 12 Kansas Humanities Council Certificates, 1995-1996, 1997
- f. 13 University of Kansas Certificates, 1999, 2000, 20001
- f. 14 Johnson County Community College Certificate and Letter
- f. 15 Johnson County Community College Distinguished Service Awards, 1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2004-2005, 2006-2007
- f. 16 Johnson County Community College Publication Award, 2007
- f. 17 Johnson County Community College Faculty Achievement Award, 1997
- f. 18 League for Innovation Award, 1998
- f. 19 Willis Chapel The Pastor's Leadership Award, 1997

Series 3: Songbooks

- f. 20 Songbooks
 - a. Love Alive III by Walter Hawkins. Published by Lexicon Music, Inc. ©1984
 - b. The Shirley Caesar Choir book. Published by Myrrh Music. ©1982

Series 4: Teaching Materials

- f. 21 Excerpt from "Afro-Americans: Concepts, Strategies, and Materials"
- f. 22 "Little Known Black Facts"
- f. 23 "Exceptional Black Scientists"
- f. 24 "African Americans of Character"
- f. 25 "Black Women's Struggle for Equality"
- f. 26 "Celebrating African-American History"

Series 5: Artifacts

- f. 27 White lace head covering
- f. 28 Costume Jewelry
- f. 29 Brass napkin holder
- f. 30 Large, metal clothes pin
- f. 31 Safarie oil

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