

# **Guide to the Inez Smith Reid papers**

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 2154

**CREATOR:** Reid, Inez Smith , author

**TITLE:** Inez Smith Reid papers

**DATES:** 1955–2019

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8.59 linear feet (23 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Chiefly in English. Some material in French.

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the life and career of Inez Smith Reid, particularly her writing, research, and advocacy work during her academic and legal career prior to her appointment to a judgeship on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1995. It includes personal papers in the form of scrapbook materials, student writing, awards and certificates, and photographs. The collection also contains writings such as research for her 1972 book *"Together" Black Women*, academic publications, and speech typescripts, manuscripts, and related ephemera. Also present are subject files composed of Smith Reid's research interests in nascent Black studies programs, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Black women, and Brooklyn College student arrests (1968-1970), among others. Smith Reid's academic and community development work is also documented in the collection, including for the African Heritage Studies Association (AHSA) and the Black Women's Community Development Foundation (BWCDF).

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Inez Smith Reid, 2024.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Box 22 (student records): Restricted until 2044. For further information contact Access Services, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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### Processing Information

During processing in May 2025, 1 box of Julia P. Cooper Mack's papers was removed from the Inez Smith Reid papers in order to create the Julia P. Cooper Mack papers (GEN MSS 2155).

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### Processing Information

Most folder titles have been transcribed directly from Inez Smith Reid's original folders. Devise folder titles and additions to existing folder titles have been enclosed in brackets.

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### Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

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### Related Materials

[Julia P. Cooper Mack papers](#) (GEN MSS 2155). Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Biographical / Historical

Inez Smith Reid (née Elsie Inez Virginia Smith) was born on April 7, 1937, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Beatrice Bundy and Sidney R. Smith, Sr. Her twin brother was lawyer and judge George Bundy Smith (1937–2017). Smith Reid grew up in segregation in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Dunbar High School, the first Black public secondary school in the United States. She attended Howard University, 1955–1956, before transferring and earning a BA in sociology, magna cum laude, from Tufts University in 1959. She earned an LLB from Yale Law School in 1962; an MA in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1963; a PhD in Public Law and Government from Columbia University in 1968; and an LLM from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004. Smith Reid made professional contributions in the fields of academia, government service, activism, and private law before her appointment to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1995.

Smith Reid began her career as a professor. She was lecturer in criminal law and law librarian at École Nationale de Droit et d'Administration in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1963–1964, a position funded by Yale Law School, the Ford Foundation, and the Congolese government. She then held teaching positions in New York, including Assistant Professor of African Studies and Political Science at State University of New York, New-Paltz, 1964–1965; lecturer in Political Science at Hunter College, City University of New York, 1965–1966; Instructor/Assistant Professor/Associate Professor of Political Science at Brooklyn College, City University of New York, 1969–1974; and Associate Professor of Political Science at Barnard College, 1971–1976. She returned to teaching later in her career as William J. Maier, Jr., Visiting Professor to University of West Virginia, College of Law, 1985–1986, and Adjunct Professor of Government and Constitutional Scholar at American University, 1989–2006.

Smith Reid contributed to a number of academic, civil rights, and community development organizations over the course of her career, including serving as legal researcher and lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund during the summers of 1963 and 1964. She was also a member of the Executive Board/Executive Advisory Committee of African Heritage Studies Association, circa 1969–circa 1975, and the Ad Hoc Committee on an Institute of Afro-American and Puerto Rican Studies at Brooklyn College, New York, New York, circa 1968–circa 1970. She served as Executive Director at the Black Women's Community Development Foundation, Washington, DC, circa 1972–circa 1976. At Tufts University, she was a member of the Board of Trustees, 1988–1998, and the Board of Advisors, Arts and Sciences, 2011–2020; she has served as a Trustee Emeritus since 1999.

Smith Reid also held federal and state government positions during her career. She was general counsel for New York State Executive Department, State Division for Youth, 1976–1977. In Washington, D.C., she was deputy general counsel for regulation review for the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Inspector General for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1979–1981; and Corporation Counsel of Washington, D.C., 1983–1985. She also worked in private practice at Washington, Perito & Dubac, 1986–1991, Graham & James, 1991–1994, and Lewis, White & Clay, 1994–1995.

Smith Reid was appointed as Associate Judge to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1995 by President Bill Clinton, and she later served as Senior Judge, 2011–2017, on the same court. She has been recognized for her professional achievements, including through the Emily Gregory Award from Barnard College in 1976; Pro Bono Award from the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in 1990; the Hero in Law Award from the Olender Foundation in 2008; Stars of the Bar Award Recipient from the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia in 2011; Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit from the Washington Bar Association in 2012; and the Dean's Medal from Tufts University School of Arts and Sciences in 2019, among others. She was also presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Tuskegee University in Alabama in 1995.

Smith Reid was married to Frantz Francois-Joseph Reid from 1964 to 1990.

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## Content Description

This collection documents the life and career of Inez Smith Reid. Personal papers, 1955–2005, include early writings and speeches; dissertations from Columbia University, 1968, and the University of Virginia, 2004; scrapbook pages and materials, 1955–1988; and photographs, circa 1970s–circa 1990s. Writings, 1963–2019, consist of print publications, typescripts, research, and notes from Smith Reid’s 1972 book *“Together” Black Women* in addition to journal articles, papers, reports, book reviews, a monograph, and a proposal. Much of this series relates to Smith Reid’s speeches and panel participation and includes typescripts, notes, ephemera, and a DVD-R. Subject files, 1959–circa 2004, represent Smith Reid’s research interests in Black studies, African studies (particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo), law, political science, Black women, and civil rights, among other topics. Academic and community development work, 1968–1982, contains materials related to the Black Women’s Community Development Foundation (BWCDF), 1972–1976; African Heritage Studies Association (AHSAs), 1969–1975; Ad Hoc Committee on an Institute of Afro-American and Puerto Rican Studies at Brooklyn College, New York, New York, circa 1968–circa 1970; Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1975–1985; and the Ford Foundation, 1971. This series includes correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters, ephemera, research, and notes.

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## Arrangement

Organized in four series: I. Personal papers, 1955–2005. II. Writings, 1963–2019. III. Subject files, 1959–circa 2004. IV. Academic and community development work, 1968–1982.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Personal papers, 1955–2005

This series contains early writings and speeches from the 1950s and 1960s as well as Smith Reid's 1968 Columbia University dissertation "Constitutional Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and her 2004 University of Virginia thesis "Historical Links: The Remarkable Legacy and Legal Journey of the Hon. Julia Cooper Mack." It also includes scrapbook pages containing memorabilia including correspondence, event ephemera, press, and publications. Also present are photographs, circa 1970s–circa 1990s, of Smith Reid in addition to awards and certificates.

Organized chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1-5	Letters and Material from Scrapbooks	1955–1988
b. 1, f. 6	Early Speeches and Writings	circa 1950s–circa 1960s
b. 1, f. 7	[Columbia University dissertation - "Constitutional Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo"]	1968
b. 1, f. 8	[Press]	1973, 1995
b. 1, f. 9	[Awards and certificates]	1974, 1988, undated
b. 1, f. 10	[Correspondence - photocopies only]	1976–2005
b. 1, f. 11	[Photographs]	circa 1970s–circa 1990s
b. 1, f. 12	[University of Virginia thesis - "Historical Links: The Remarkable Legacy and Legal Journey of the Hon. Julia Cooper Mack"]	2004

## Series II: Writings, 1963–2019

This series is comprised of materials relating to Smith Reid's book *"Together" Black Women* (1972), including anonymized interviews, notes, research, a copy of the publication, and materials related to talks and discussions about the book. It is also comprised of journal articles related to Smith Reid's academic interests in law, Black studies, African studies, and political science, including "The Evolution of a New Nation: Problems of Judicial Reorganization" in *Southern California Law Review*, 1964; "An Analysis of Black Studies Programs" in *Afro-American Studies*, 1970; and "Science, Politics, and Race" in *SIGNS*, 1975, among others. Also present are papers, reports, and book reviews as well as a monograph and proposal.

Additionally, this series documents Smith Reid's speeches and participation in panel discussions through typescripts and holograph manuscripts of prepared remarks in addition to research, notes, and related event ephemera. In addition to talks at universities, conferences, and churches, including the People's Congregational United Church of Christ, Washington, D.C., a number of Smith Reid's award acceptance speeches are represented, including the Emily Gregory Award from Barnard College in 1976; her Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Tuskegee University in 1995; and the Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit from the Washington Bar Association in 2012.

Organized in three subseries and chronologically therein: "Together" Black Women, 1970–circa 1975. Articles, Proposals, Book Reviews, and Reports, 1963–1979. Speeches and Panel Discussions, 1969–2019.

	<i>"Together" Black Women</i> Organized chronologically.	1970-circa 1975
b. 2, f. 1-2	<i>"Together" Black Women</i> - Materials	1970-1971, undated
b. 2, f. 3-7	<i>"Together" Black Women</i> - Interviews	circa 1972
b. 3, f. 1-5	<i>"Together" Black Women</i> - Interviews	circa 1972
b. 4, f. 1-3	<i>"Together" Black Women</i> - Notes	circa 1972
b. 4, f. 4-5	<i>"Together" Black Women</i> - Final Stages	circa 1972
b. 4, f. 6	[ <i>"Together" Black Women</i> - photocopy of book]	1972
b. 4, f. 7	Minority Women and Women's Liberation - Talking Points - Discussion of Views from <i>"Together" Black Women</i>	circa 1972
b. 4, f. 8	Talk Regarding <i>"Together" Black Women</i>	circa 1972
b. 4, f. 9	[ <i>"Together" Black Women</i> ] Responses to Questions Raised by Toni Parker	circa 1975
	Articles, Proposals, Book Reviews, and Reports Organized chronologically.	1963–1979
b. 5, f. 1-5	[Articles]	1963–1986, undated
b. 5, f. 6	Pre-Law Counseling Report, Brooklyn College	1967–1968
b. 5, f. 7	[Book reviews]	1967–1970
b. 6, f. 1-2	[Proposal]	1969
b. 6, f. 3	[Report]	1971



## Articles, Proposals, Book Reviews, and Reports (continued)

b. 6, f. 4	[Papers]	1975, undated
b. 6, f. 5	Toledo Law Review Article	circa 1975
b. 6, f. 6-7	"Women and Presidential Policies"	1977-1979, undated
b. 6, f. 8	[Monograph on Busing]	circa 1970s
	Speeches and Panel Discussions Organized chronologically.	1969-2019
b. 6, f. 9	[Conference on Black Studies, SUNY]	March 28, 1969
b. 6, f. 10	Oneonta, SUNY	May 1969
b. 6, f. 11	Highland Park High School Talk on Student Protest	circa 1969-1970
b. 6, f. 12	1970s [Speeches]	1971-1976
b. 6, f. 13-14	[Antioch College]	November 1974, undated
b. 6, f. 15	[Caribbean-American Scholars Exchange Program, Dillard University]	December 2, 1974
b. 7, f. 1	Speeches	1974-1978
b. 7, f. 2	[Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus annual dinner]	February 1975
b. 7, f. 3	[Hollis Presbyterian Church - Hollis Forum Series]	March 16, 1975
b. 7, f. 4	[Queens College, The Slavery Debate]	April 1975
b. 7, f. 5	[New York State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conference]	October 19, 1975
b. 7, f. 6	[New York State Association of Black Social Workers]	November 1975
b. 7, f. 7	[Emily Gregory Award, Barnard College]	1976-1977
b. 7, f. 8	1970s [Speeches]	1976-1979, undated
b. 7, f. 9	[Grace Congregational Church]	1977
b. 7, f. 10	[Brooklyn College, City University of New York, Konefsky Lecture]	May 9, 1978
b. 7, f. 11-12	Public Policy Conference, City University of New York Graduate Center and Civil Rights Enforcement	May 23-26, 1978
b. 7, f. 13	University of Connecticut Law School, Award of the William Hastie Moot Court Trophy, Hartford, Connecticut	circa 1978
b. 7, f. 14	[Black Presbyterians United conference]	February-March 1979
b. 7, f. 15-16	Rev. Rogers's Church, Black Presbyterians United	March 1979

## Speeches and Panel Discussions (continued)

b. 7, f. 17	[Howard University, Bergen Passiac Alumni Charter Day]	April 1979
b. 7, f. 18	Plymouth Congregational Women's Association, "The Struggles of Three Black Women"	February 1980
b. 7, f. 19	Antioch Law School Commencement Address	May 1980
b. 7, f. 20	Williams College	October 1980
b. 8, f. 1	1980s [Speeches]	1980-1987
b. 8, f. 2	[Creedmoor Psychiatric Center]	1981
b. 8, f. 3	Statement to Antioch Board of Trustees	May 1982
b. 8, f. 4	[Antioch University commencement address]	June 1982
b. 8, f. 5-7	Church Speeches	1982-1986, undated
b. 8, f. 8	Peoples [Congregational] Church, 9 AM Service, Women's Day and Mother's Day	May 1983
b. 8, f. 9	Christ Reformed UCC [United Church of Christ] - "The Choice Is Ours"	November 1983
b. 8, f. 10	National Council of Negro Women	April 1984
b. 8, f. 11	Andover	May-June 1984
b. 8, f. 12	McKinley High School	1985
b. 8, f. 13	City University of New York - Ralph Bunche Institute Conference Remarks	1986
b. 8, f. 14	Grace [Congregational Church, Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration]	1989
b. 8, f. 15	[25th Anniversary, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs]	1993
b. 8, f. 16-17	[Women's Leadership Luncheon, District of Columbia Democratic Women's Club]	1994
b. 9, f. 1	Tuskagee University Honors Convocation	October 8, 1995
b. 9, f. 2	[Washington Bar Association, Ollie Mae Cooper Lecture]	October 19, 1995
b. 9, f. 3	Peoples [Congregational Church], Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday	January 1996
b. 9, f. 4	District of Columbia Bar Association Panel - Healing the Racial Divide	March 1996
b. 9, f. 5	[Martin's Crosswinds Peoples Church, 105th anniversary banquet]	October 5, 1996
b. 9, f. 6	[Plymouth Congregational Church]	October 27, 1996
b. 9, f. 7	Persuasion Talk - Peoples Congregational Church	circa 1990s
b. 9, f. 8-9	Bar Association of the District of Columbia - Heroes in Law Lectures, National Press Club	2000
b. 9, f. 10	[Catholic University, Columbus School of Law]	2001

## Speeches and Panel Discussions (continued)

b. 9, f. 11	[Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day]	January 2003
b. 9, f. 12	[Peoples Congregational - United Church of Christ]	April–May 2003
b. 9, f. 13	Grace Church, Harlem	November 14, 2004
b. 9, f. 14	Judicial Friends, Presentation to George Bundy Smith, Sr., New York City	November 2005
b. 9, f. 15	Olender Foundation Awards, Introduction of Annice Wagner	December 2005
b. 9, f. 16	Olender Foundation Award	2007
b. 9, f. 17	District of Columbia Court of Appeals Retirement	circa 2011
b. 9, f. 18	[Washington Bar Association, Charles Hamilton Houston Law Day Dinner]	2012
b. 23	[Washington Bar Association, Charles Hamilton Houston Law Day Dinner - DVD-R]  Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.  Inez 1 2024-genam-0026_001 1 DVD-R 45559808 bytes (45.6 Megabytes)	2012
b. 9, f. 19	[A. Knight Stanley Celebration of Life, Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ]	2013
b. 9, f. 20	[Memorial service for Judge Julia Perry Cooper Mack, Howard University]	2014
b. 9, f. 21	Washington Bar Association Law Day - Ruth Bader Ginsburg Tribute	May 2015
b. 9, f. 22	Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ - Girl Scout Sunday Address	March 8, 2015
b. 9, f. 23-24	Pauli Murray [portrait unveiling, Yale University]	2018–2019

## Series III: Subject files, 1959–circa 2004

This series contains research material pertaining to Smith Reid's professional academic interests in subject areas including the constitution and legal landscape of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1959–1966; Black studies, 1969–1971, particularly in relation to her committee work for Brooklyn College; African current events, including drought and famine, 1973–1974; student demonstrations at Brooklyn College and Franklin K. Lane High School in New York City, 1968–1969; and the political campaigns of George Bundy Smith, 1975, and Harold A. Stevens, 1974. Also present are research files relating to Smith Reid's writings, including "Optimism Is Not Warranted," circa 1977; "How Powerful Is Powerful?," 1976–1977, and related topics such as the environment, minorities, poverty, Julia Cooper Mack, and US and African politics. Record types include news clippings, newspapers, periodicals, reports, notes (some in French), correspondence, and related ephemera.

Organized alphabetically by folder title.

b. 10, f. 1-4	[African current events publications from Zaire (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and more - in French and English]	1972
b. 10, f. 5	African Drought	1973–1974, undated
b. 10, f. 6	African Famine	1973
b. 10, f. 7	["An Assessment of the Effects of Open Admissions in CUNY" by David E. Lavin]	circa 1970
b. 10, f. 8	Black Congresswomen - "How Powerful Is Powerful?"	1976–1977, undated
b. 10, f. 9-10	Black and Puerto Rican Studies	1969
b. 11, f. 1-2	Black Studies	1969–1971, undated
b. 11, f. 3	Black Studies, etc.	1969, undated
b. 11, f. 4	[Black studies] NEH Grant Regarding Graduate Program in Afro-American Studies	1971
b. 11, f. 5-6	[Black studies - paper by John Rensenbrink]	1969
b. 11, f. 7-8	Black Studies Programs	1969, undated
b. 11, f. 9-10	Black Studies Programs Reports	1971
b. 11, f. 11	Black Studies Programs [News Clippings]	1969
b. 11, f. 12	Black Studies Proposals [1 of 2]	1968–1969, undated
b. 12, f. 1	Black Studies Proposals [2 of 2]	1968–1969, undated
b. 12, f. 2-3	Black Women	1972–1973, undated
b. 12, f. 4	[Brooklyn College - educational opportunity program]	1968-1970
b. 12, f. 5-6	[Brooklyn College - School of Contemporary Studies]	1970–1971, undated

b. 12, f. 7-9	Brooklyn College - Student Arrests	1968-1970, undated
b. 13, f. 1-4	Brooklyn College - Student Arrests	1968-1970, undated
b. 22, f. 1	Brooklyn College Student Arrests [student report cards] Student records restricted until 2044. For further information contact Access Services, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.	1968-1969
b. 22, f. 2	Brooklyn College Student Arrests [student research notes] Student records restricted until 2044. For further information contact Access Services, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.	circa 1968
b. 13, f. 5-6	Brooklyn Freshman Lecture: Importance of Education : Brooklyn College As an Institution	1969-1971, undated
b. 13, f. 7-8	[Congo/African studies research notebooks - in French]	1963-1964, undated
b. 14, f. 1-4	[Congo/African studies research notebooks - in French]	1963-1964, undated
b. 15, f. 1	[Congo/African studies research notebooks - in French]	1963-1964, undated
b. 15, f. 2-3	[Congo - research material]	1959-1966, undated
b. 15, f. 4	[Congo - research project and typescript pages]	1962, undated
b. 15, f. 5-6	[Congo research] Thesis - History	1963, undated
b. 15, f. 7-8	Decentralization of Schools in New York City - 1960s	1967-1969, undated
b. 15, f. 9	1974 Education Article	1973-1974, 2000
b. 15, f. 10-11	[Environment, minorities, and the poor - article research]	1980, undated
b. 16, f. 1	[Environment, minorities, and the poor - article research]	1980, undated
b. 16, f. 2-3	[Franklin K.] Lane High School	1969, undated
b. 22, f. 3	[Franklin K.] Lane High School - [student attendance register] Student records restricted until 2044. For further information contact Access Services, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.	circa 1969
b. 16, f. 4	George's [George Bundy Smith's] Campaign	1975, undated
b. 16, f. 5-6	Judge Harold A. Stevens Campaign	1974
b. 16, f. 7	[Judge Julia Cooper Mack inventory of papers]	circa 2004
b. 16, f. 8	[New constitution of the Democratic Republic of the Congo - in French]	1967
b. 16, f. 9	[New York City Youth Board hearing on youth violence against the elderly - Peter B. Edelman]	1976

b. 16, f. 10	Notes on the Bakke Case	1978
b. 16, f. 11	[Notes on community organizing]	circa 1970s
b. 16, f. 12	[Notes on the Nigerian-Biafran Crisis and the <i>Pan-African Journal</i> ]	circa 1967–1970
b. 16, f. 13	[Notes on minorities and the poor]	circa 1982
b. 16, f. 14	1970s [Notes, writings, and talks related to United States and African law and politics]	1975, undated
b. 16, f. 15	Oneonta, SUNY, Black Studies Talk [Research]	1969
b. 16, f. 16	[“Optimism Is Not Warranted” article notes]	circa 1977
b. 17, f. 1	[Project on the status and education of women - ephemera]	circa 1970s
b. 17, f. 2	[Report on Black women and development - L’Agence pour le Developpement International]	circa 1975
b. 17, f. 3	SEEK [Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge] - Queen’s College	1969, undated

## Series IV: Academic and community development work, 1968–1982

This series documents Smith Reid's academic and community development work. Materials related to the Black Women's Community Development Foundation (BWCDF), 1972–1976, where Smith Reid served as Executive Director, include correspondence (some in French), notes, press clippings, meeting minutes, a 1972 annual report, and pamphlets. In addition, BWCDF programming materials include a 1974 Sojourner Truth Awards program; a transcript of proceedings of a "Miniconsultation of the Mental and Physical Health of Black Women" in 1974; and programs related to a Symposium on Black Women in 1972. Also present are materials relating to the BCDF's work on community development initiatives in Africa's Sahel region, 1974 to 1976, including proposals, correspondence, reports, research, notes, project design, and materials related to travel.

In addition, this series documents Smith Reid's involvement with the African Heritage Studies Association (AHSa), 1969–1975, as a member of the Executive Committee. It includes organizational correspondence (some in French) as well as correspondence, memos, and educational materials by historian and AHSa president John Henrik Clarke (1915–1998). Also present are financial statements, press clippings, conference ephemera, resolutions, newsletters, and meeting materials (e.g., lists of registrants, agendas, and minutes) in addition to reports and guidance on African studies curricula.

This series also contains materials related to Smith Reid's service as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on an Institute of Afro-American and Puerto Rican Studies at Brooklyn College, New York, New York, circa 1968–circa 1970, during her tenure as professor of Political Science. Materials include correspondence, proposals, reports, and programming materials. Also present is correspondence relating to Smith Reid's work with Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, where she was a member of the Board of Trustees, 1975–1985, and Ford Foundation materials, including a letter of appointment as a consultant to the Ford Foundation's Office for the Middle East and Africa in 1971.

Organized alphabetically by folder title.

b. 18, f. 1	[Antioch Board of Trustees]	1981–1982
b. 18, f. 2-3	Afro-American Institute Committee and Committee on an Institute of Afro-American and Puerto Rico Studies, Brooklyn College, CUNY	1968–1970
b. 18, f. 4	Afro-American Studies Institute, Brooklyn College	1969–1970
b. 18, f. 5	Afro-American Studies Institute Proposal - U.S. Office of Education	1969
b. 18, f. 6-12	African Heritage Studies Association	1969–1975
b. 18, f. 13	[African Heritage Studies Association - executive committee minutes]	1970
b. 19, f. 1	[African Heritage Studies Association - executive committee minutes]	1970
b. 19, f. 2-3	[African Heritage Studies Association] - Minutes of the Montreal Meeting	1970
b. 19, f. 4-5	African Heritage Studies Association - [national conference executive board meeting minutes]	1975
b. 19, f. 6-7	[African Heritage Studies Association reports]	circa 1971
b. 19, f. 8-10	Black Women's Community Development Foundation	1974–1975, undated
b. 19, f. 11-16	Black Women's Community Development Foundation - Africa Project	1974–1976, undated

b. 20, f. 1	Black Women's Community Development Foundation - Africa Project	1974-1976, undated
b. 20, f. 2-3	Black Women's Community Development Foundation [Africa Project Design]	circa 1975
b. 20, f. 4	Black Women's Community Development Foundation - Africa Project - Papers	1974, undated
b. 20, f. 5	Black Women's Community Development Foundation - Africa Project - Resumes	1975
b. 20, f. 6	[Black Women's Community Development Foundation - annual report and ephemera]	1972, undated
b. 20, f. 7	Black Women's Community Development Foundation [ <i>Binding Ties</i> newsletters]	1973-1975
b. 20, f. 8-9	Black Women's Community Development Foundation [community development program]	1976
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b. 21, f. 1	[Black Women's Community Development Foundation [research]]	1974, undated
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African Americans -- Study and teaching  
African American women judges  
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Community development  
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