

# Guide to the Anne Nelson-Black papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1444

**CREATOR:** Nelson, Anne, 1954-

**TITLE:** Anne Nelson-Black papers

**DATES:** 1945-2004

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 17.08 linear feet (20 containers)

**LANGUAGE:** The papers are in English and Spanish.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of material from El Salvador, including guerrilla propaganda, internal guerrilla memoranda, and U.S. and Salvadoran government documents; material from Puerto Rico relating to the Cerro Maravilla case and the Culebra island controversy; and documents on the 1981-1982 national elections of Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Anne Nelson-Black, 1986 and 1991. Transferred from the Latin American Collection Curator, 2016.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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Anne Nelson-Black Papers (MS 1444). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Anne Nelson was born in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. She graduated from Yale University in 1976. As a journalist, Black covered wars in El Salvador and Guatemala, contributing articles and photographs to numerous publications. Nelson is married to author George Black.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by record type.

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## Collection Contents

### Original accession, 1969–1985

2.17 linear feet (2 boxes)

This accession comprises Anne Nelson-Black's research files on political, social, and economic conditions in the Caribbean Central and South America in the 1970s and 1980s. Political conditions in Puerto Rico are particularly well-documented. The Puerto Rico files contain research materials regarding United States land use of the islands of Culebra and Vieques, as well as Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and United States Navy activities on the Puerto Rican islands.

This accession received a basic level of processing, including physical foldering and minimal organization, in 2021. Loose materials were foldered and arranged into groupings based on country or topic.

The materials are arranged alphabetically.

b. 1, f. 1	ABC News Policy	1982
b. 1, f. 2	ARA News Roundup	1980
b. 1, f. 3	Argentina	1981, undated
	Central America	
b. 1, f. 4-6	General	1969–1985
b. 1, f. 7-10	Information files	1980
b. 1, f. 11	Chile	1977
b. 1, f. 12	Colombia	1976, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Costa Rica	1981–1982
b. 1, f. 14	Dominican Republic	1980-1982, undated
b. 1, f. 15	Honduras	1984
b. 1, f. 16	Indochina	1980
b. 1, f. 17	Latin American Daily Report, Foreign Broadcast Information Service	1980 November-December
b. 1, f. 18	Mexico, <i>uno más uno</i>	1980–1981
b. 1, f. 19-20	Nicaragua	1979–1982
b. 1, f. 21	Nueva tesis	1979–1983
b. 1, f. 22	United States Congress	1979
b. 1, f. 23	United States and the Caribbean Basin, Issue Papers for the Interamerican Policy Group	1980
	Puerto Rico	

## Puerto Rico (continued)

b. 2, f. 1-7	General These files pertain to political, economic, and social conditions in Puerto Rico, particularly on the islands of Culebra and Vieques.	1970-1980, undated
b. 2, f. 8	Culebra clippings	1970-1972, undated
b. 2, f. 9-11	Culebra packets	1970-1972
b. 2, f. 12	Economy	1979
b. 2, f. 13-14	United States House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Real Estate hearings transcripts	1970 June 10-11
b. 2, f. 15	Petition for order against Harold Brown for Vieques	1978
b. 2, f. 16	Printed material	1980
b. 2, f. 17	Vieques mobilizing packet	1978
b. 2, f. 18-22	El Salvador	1980-1982

**Accession 1993-M-051: Additional material, 1978-1986, undated***3.75 linear feet (4 boxes)*

Received from Anne Nelson-Black, 1991 Mar 26.

b. 1	Photocopies of official documents pertaining to the Cerro Maravilla case	1978-1984
b. 1	Research materials pertaining to the Cerro Maravilla Case	1978-1985
b. 2	Research materials pertaining to the Cerro Maravilla Case	1978-1985
b. 3	Subject files pertaining to Cuba and Central America	Late 1970s-1986
b. 3	Untitled manuscript by Jorge Valls on Batista's coup d'état in Cuba	Undated
b. 4	Research materials pertaining to OAS and Puerto Rico	1978-1980s
b. 4	"Persecution of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement and their Leaders by the Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) of the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1960-1971" English	Undated
b. 4	Refugees/underground railroad	1980-1982
b. 4	Sandinista manuals on education	1980
b. 4	State department/banks	1980-1981

**Accession 2016-M-076: Additional Material, 1945-2004**

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence, Interviews, Notes English	1976-1989
b. 1, f. 2	Research Notes Multiple languages	1981-1987
b. 1, f. 3	Murder Under Two Flags: Research Materials Multiple languages	1979-1986
b. 1, f. 4	Murder Under Two Flags: Reviews Multiple languages	1986
b. 1, f. 5	Film: Show of Force Multiple languages	1988-1989
b. 1, f. 6	"Life" Article and Nelson Biographical Material English	1980-1984
b. 1, f. 7	Manuscript, "Story of Cerro Maravilla" English	1985-1986
b. 1, f. 8-9	Partial Manuscript: Murder Under Two Flags English	1985-1986
b. 2, f. 1	Nelson Columbia University Class Assignments English	2003
b. 2, f. 2	Photos English	1980-1986
b. 2, f. 3	Journalism: Research Materials Multiple languages	1979-1988
b. 2, f. 4	Photography: Research Materials English	1977-1989
b. 2, f. 5	Newspaper Clippings English	1981
b. 2, f. 6	Clippings Notebook English	1982-1986
b. 2, f. 7	Miscellaneous Research Materials English	1977-1986
b. 2, f. 8	Central America Research Materials, 1976-1982 Multiple languages	1976-1982
b. 3, f. 1	Central America: Research Materials, 1983-1988 Multiple languages	1983-1988
b. 3, f. 2	Cuba: Research Materials Multiple languages	1970-1988
b. 3, f. 3	Cuba: Omega 7 English	1976-1985
	El Salvador	



## El Salvador (continued)

b. 3, f. 4	El Salvador: Research Materials I Multiple languages	1980
b. 3, f. 5	El Salvador: Research Materials II Multiple languages	1980-1988
b. 4, f. 1	El Salvador: Research Materials III Multiple languages	1980-1985
b. 4, f. 2	El Salvador: Research Materials IV Multiple languages	1980-1987
b. 4, f. 3	El Salvador: Research Materials V Multiple languages	1979-1986
b. 4, f. 4	El Salvador: Research Materials and Nelson's Notes Multiple languages	1981-1986
b. 4, f. 5	El Salvador: Death Squads Multiple languages	1980-1986
b. 4, f. 6	El Salvador: Rene Tamsen Disappearance Multiple languages	1980
b. 4, f. 7	El Salvador: Briefing Book English	1984-1985
b. 5, f. 1	Guatemala: Research Materials I English	1965-1986
b. 5, f. 2	Guatemala: Research Materials II Multiple languages	1982-1986
b. 5, f. 3	Honduras: Research Materials I Multiple languages	1982-1983
b. 5, f. 4	Honduras: Research Materials II Multiple languages	1984-1985
Nicaragua		
b. 5, f. 5	Nicaragua: Research Materials I Multiple languages	1979-1985
b. 5, f. 6	Nicaragua: Research Materials II Multiple languages	1979-1986
b. 6, f. 1	Nicaragua: Research Materials III Multiple languages	1979-1985
b. 6, f. 2	Latin America: Research Materials I Multiple languages	1981-1982
b. 6, f. 3	Latin America: Research Materials II Multiple languages	1975-1986

## Legal Papers: Puerto Rico

## Legal Papers: Puerto Rico (continued)

b. 7, f. 1	Legal Depositions I Multiple languages	1999
b. 7, f. 2	Legal Depositions II Multiple languages	1997
b. 7, f. 3	Legal Depositions III English	1998-1999
b. 7, f. 4	Legal Depositions IV English	1998
b. 7, f. 5	Legal Depositions V Multiple languages	1997-1998
b. 7, f. 6	Legal Depositions VI Multiple languages	1996-1998
b. 8, f. 1	Legal Exhibits Multiple languages	1999
Puerto Rico		
b. 8, f. 2	Puerto Rico: Reserach Materials, A-B Multiple languages	1966-1983
b. 8, f. 3	Puerto Rico: Research Materials, C-F Multiple languages	1967-1985
b. 8, f. 4	Puerto Rico: Research Materials, G-J Multiple languages	1945-1984
b. 8, f. 5	Puerto Rico: Research Materials, K-M Multiple languages	1972-1986
b. 9, f. 1	Puerto Rico: Research Materials, N-R Multiple languages	1970-1984
b. 9, f. 2	Puerto Rico: Research Materials, S Multiple languages	1965-1975
b. 9, f. 3	Puerto Rico: Research Materials, T-W English	1945-1986
b. 9, f. 4	Cerro Maravilla: Research Materials English	1983-1997
b. 9, f. 5-6	Puerto Rico: Miscellaneous Research Materials, Annotated Multiple languages	1995-1997
Newspapers		
b. 10, f. 1	El Caribe (Dominican Republic) Spanish; Castilian	1984
b. 10, f. 2	El Independiente (El Salvador) Spanish; Castilian	1980

## Newspapers (continued)

b. 10, f. 3	News Gazette (El Salvador) Multiple languages	1980-1981
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b. 10, f. 4	News Gazette (El Salvador), 1982-1985 Multiple languages	1982-1985
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## T-Shirts

b. 11, f. 1	T-Shirt: Salvador Press Corps Multiple languages	1980-1989
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b. 11, f. 2	T-Shirt: Reagan Visit to Brazil English	1982
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b. 11, f. 3	T-Shirt: Cerro Maravilla Spanish; Castilian	1978-1984
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## Story Corps

b. 10, f. 5	Lapel Buttons English	2004
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b. 10, f. 5A	StoryCorps Sampler 1 CD-R	2004
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b. 10, f. 6	Pressed Tin Folkart From Penal Mariona Spanish; Castilian	1983
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## Broadsides

b. 12, f. 1	Carta al Presidente Manuel Estrada Cabrera	1905
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b. 12, f. 1	Club "2 de Abril," de Chiquimula	1915
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b. 12, f. 1	Presidente Manuel Estrada Cabrera, from Club Político "La Gritud"	1915
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b. 12, f. 1	Manifiesto de Presidente Manuel Estrada Cabrera, A sus conciudadanos	1911
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b. 13	Central American maps	1974-1978
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f. 14	Posters English	1980-1985
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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Central America

Costa Rica -- Politics and government --  
1948-1986

Cuba

Dominican Republic -- Politics and government

El Salvador -- Politics and government --  
1979-1992

Guatemala -- Politics and government --  
1945-1985

Honduras -- Politics and government --  
1933-1982

Mexico -- Politics and government -- 1970-1982

Puerto Rico -- Foreign relations -- United States

Puerto Rico -- Politics and government --  
1952-1998

United States -- Foreign relations -- Puerto Rico

### **Occupations**

Authors

### **Names**

Nelson, Anne, 1954-