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## Summary Information

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<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes records of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, group of trade union locals, and its predecessor organizations:.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO Records, 1921-1988, Undated. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council Records).

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## Biographical History

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The Schenectady Trades Assembly, the earliest predecessor institution of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, was chartered in 1898. However, no records before 1921 survive. In the early years of this century, the trades assembly consisted of a group of trade union locals working together for labor's goals.

In 1941, the Schenectady Trades Assembly changed its name to the Schenectady Federation of Labor and was rechartered by the AFL. The 1940's were a particularly busy time for the federation, as attested to by the amount of correspondence it produced.

The founding date of the Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council, CIO, is unknown, but by 1959 it had merged with the Schenectady Federation of Labor to form the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, representing unions in the combined AFL-CIO. The labor council now includes any AFL-CIO unions in Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie counties.

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## Scope and Contents

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The records of the Schenectady Area Central Labor Council contain records of all its predecessor bodies; however, there are large and frequent gaps in the records, including an almost complete dearth of records for the 1950's and 1960's. The 1970's and 1980's are the best documented decades, represented by both correspondence and minutes. Of the other records retained by the labor council, the best source for early labor history in Schenectady is the minute book of the Schenectady Trades Assembly for 1928 to 1932. Unfortunately, these are the last minutes saved until 1981. There appear to be no surviving records of the Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council except for copies of its 1952 constitution.

The correspondence files generally consist of letters to legislators explaining the council's view on topics of the day, and these are a good record of the council's interests especially for the 1940's, 1970's and 1980's. Correspondence, especially in the later years, sometimes includes press releases and newspaper clippings.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection has no series, arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Acquisition Information**

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Schenectady, New York
- Labor
- Labor unions -- Social aspects -- New York (State).
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Schenectady.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Fulton county.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Montgomery County.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Schoharie County.
- Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
- AFL-CIO.
- Schenectady Trades Assembly, AFL.
- Schenectady Federation of Labor.
- Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council, CIO.

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Schenectady Trades Assembly, AFL - Correspondence, 1921-1923	Reel 1
Schenectady Trades Assembly, AFL - Correspondence, 1932	Reel 1
Schenectady Trades Assembly, AFL - Minutes, 1928-1932	Reel 1
Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL - Charter, 1941	Reel 1
Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL - Constitution and By-Laws, 1955	Reel 1
Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL - Correspondence, 1930-1938	Reel 1
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Schenectady Federation of Labor, AFL - Correspondence, 1949	Reel 1
Schenectady Area Industrial Union Council, CIO - Constitution, 1952	Reel 1
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Charter, 1959	Reel 1

Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - By-Laws, 1957	Reel 1
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Correspondence, 1970-1971	Reel 1
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Correspondence, 1972-1973	Reel 1
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Correspondence, 1976-1977	Reel 1
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Correspondence, 1978-1978	Reel 1
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Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Minutes, 1981	Reel 2
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Minutes, 1982	Reel 2
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Minutes, 1983	Reel 2
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Minutes, 1984	Reel 2
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Minutes, 1985	Reel 2
Schenectady Area Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO - Minutes, 1986	Reel 2
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Schenectady Federation of Labor, Souvenir AFL - Charter, Undated	Flat-File 1