

Pfeiffer, Fred; Papers

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Summary Information

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University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Pfeiffer Papers).

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Biographical Sketch

Fred Pfeiffer has been involved in organized labor in the Albany, New York Capital District since the 1970s. He was a machinist at GE in Schenectady. He has worked with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, Labor Committee for Safe Energy, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage, and other national and local organizations. As a bargaining advisor, he helped to organize hospital workers, Capital District Off-Track Betting (OTB) workers, Albany Public Library employees, janitors in Albany, and others. He has also worked on behalf of various causes, notably NL Industries and the impact of nuclear power during the 1980s, and Latin American labor organizing and refugee programs, especially El Salvador, during the 1980s and

early 1990s. Pfeiffer served as coordinator at the Capital District Worker Center for the Building Skills Project in the 2000s. Pfeiffer remains a lively local activist, most recently demonstrating with the Occupy Movement.

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Scope and Contents

The Fred Pfeiffer Papers contain records resulting from his work with various unions and activist organizations in the Albany, NY area, as well as a collection of union-related materials such as contracts, newsletters, and publications that have historical significance. While all of the series include material directly related to Pfeiffer's work, Series 1 and 2 consist of the most substantial amount of Pfeiffer-related papers. In particular, please see the CSEA and SEIU folders in Series 1 and in the Labor Committee for Safe Energy folder in Series 2. Series 2 contains information on nuclear energy activism and organized labor's engagement with energy issues, mostly during the 1980s. Series 3 relates to labor organizing in Latin America and internationally during the 1980s and 1990s. Series 3 also includes anti-NAFTA, anti-GATT, and anti-WTO materials. Series 4 is a diverse set of published documents and artifacts (mostly buttons and pins) related to labor organizations, conventions, government reports, protests and marches.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

- 1 Series 1 - Union and Community Organizing, 1973-2007, Undated
- 2 Series 2 - Energy and Labor, 1962-1996, Undated
- 3 Series 3 - International Labor Organizing, 1980-1994, Undated
- 4 Series 4 - Subject Files, 1937-1996, Undated

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition Information

Fred Pfeiffer donated the papers to the M.E. Grenander Special Collections and Archives department in 2002 and 2015.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Archivists transferred a monograph *An Organizer's Notebook on Public Utilities and Energy*, to the book division of Special Collections. The catalogue record is now included in the University Libraries Catalog.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Social Activists and Public Advocates
- Labor
- Conservation and the Environment
- Labor Unions--Organizing--New York(State)
- Labor Unions--Organizing--Latin America
- Nuclear Energy--New York (State)--Public Opinion
- New York (State)--Social conditions
- Clippings
- Minutes
- Files by subject
- Newsletters
- Artifacts
- Official reports
- Pfeiffer, Fred
- Civil Service Employees Association (N.Y.)
- AFL-CIO
- Service Employees International Union
- AFSCME
- Solidarity Committee of the Capital District

Collection Inventory

Union and Community Organizing, 1973-2007Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series is composed of meeting minutes, personal notes, correspondence, newsletters, event plans, agendas, and other materials related to organizing efforts or union business. Fred Pfeiffer worked with CSEA, SEIU, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, the Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage, and the Capital District Workers Center. The largest amount of material is from his experiences with AFSCME, CSEA and SEIU.

Title/Description	Instances	
CSEA Local 445, Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, Meeting Minutes, 1973-1977	Box 1	Folder 1
CSEA Local 445, Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, Newsletter, 1976-1977	Box 1	Folder 2
CSEA Local 445, Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, By-Laws and Budget, 1976-1979Undated	Box 1	Folder 3
CSEA Local 445, Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, Disciplinary Hearing, 1977	Box 1	Folder 4
ENYCOSH and Silkwood Project (1 of 2), 1977-1983Undated	Box 1	Folder 5
ENYCOSH and Silkwood Project (2 of 2), 1977-1983Undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Glass Bottle Blower Association, 1979Undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, Workers in Unions Film Series Posters, 1984Undated	Oversized 2	Folder 1
Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, 1984198619911994-1998	Box 1	Folder 8
IUE, Brushworker, 1985-1986Undated	Box 1	Folder 9
SEIU, Local 200-D (1 of 2), 1986-2000Undated	Box 1	Folder 10
SEIU, Local 200-D (2 of 2), 1986-2000Undated	Box 1	Folder 11
SEIU, D Connect Newsletter, 1987-198919951998-2000Undated	Box 1	Folder 12
AFSCME, Council 66 News, 1991-1994	Oversized 2	Folder 2
AFSCME, General Electric Taxes in Schenectady (1 of 2), 1991-1994Undated	Box 1	Folder 12
AFSCME, General Electric Taxes in Schenectady (2 of 2), 1991-1994Undated	Box 2	Folder 1
AFSCME, Council 66, 1991-1997Undated	Box 2	Folder 2
AFSCME, Regional Reports, 1992-1993Undated	Box 2	Folder 3
Albany Public Library Workers, 1993-1994	Box 2	Folder 4
Capital District Off-Track Betting Workers, 1993-1994	Box 2	Folder 5

Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage (1 of 2), 1994-19971999Undated	Box 2	Folder 6
Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage (2 of 2), 1994-19971999Undated	Box 2	Folder 7
Graduate Students, 19941996-1997Undated	Box 2	Folder 8
AFL-CIO Poster about Governor Pataki's Budget, ca. 1996	Oversized 2	Folder 3
Workers' Rights Board, 19972005	Box 2	Folder 9
SEIU, Local 200-D, Minutes, Reports and Notes (1 of 3), 1998-2001	Box 2	Folder 10
SEIU, Local 200-D, Minutes, Reports and Notes (2 of 3), 1998-2001	Box 2	Folder 11
SEIU, Local 200-D, Minutes, Reports and Notes (3 of 3), 1998-2001	Box 3	Folder 1
SEIU, 1199, 2002	Box 3	Folder 2
Capital District Worker Center, 2004-2007	Box 3	Folder 3
Fred Pfeiffer's Resume, Undated	Box 3	Folder 4
SEIU, Local 200-D, T-Shirts, Undated	Oversized 1	Folder 1

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Energy and Labor, 1962-1996Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series' biggest concentration of materials spans the late 1970s to the mid-1980s and contains Fred Pfeiffer's founding and organizing work with the Labor Committee for Safe Energy. The clippings, notes, publications, pamphlets, reports, official government documents, and flyers related to NL Industries are extensive. The folders for the PSC/CUB and GE PEP include materials related to Pfeiffer's work with the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) Local 301. There are also several publications relating to the Three Mile Island partial meltdown accident. Of interesting note is folder 5 in Box 1 which includes a stapled together package of various newspaper articles including one on a KKK recruitment drive outside the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

Title/Description	Instances	
Pro-Nuke Unionism, 19621977-1981Undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Peace and Conversion, 1977-1993Undated	Box 1	Folder 2
Uranium Mining, Australian Metal Workers, 1978	Box 1	Folder 3
"Powerline", 1978	Box 1	Folder 4
Assorted Nuclear Energy Related Materials, 1978-1979	Box 1	Folder 5

Labor Committee for Safe Energy (1 of 2), 1978-19831986Undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Labor Committee for Safe Energy (2 of 2), 1978-19831986Undated	Box 1	Folder 7
NL Industries (1 of 3), 1978-1984Undated	Box 1	Folder 8
NL Industries (2 of 3), 1978-1984Undated	Box 1	Folder 9
NL Industries (3 of 3), 1978-1984Undated	Box 1	Folder 10
Atoms at Work Around the World, 1979	Box 1	Folder 11
Three Mile Island, 1979-1980	Box 1	Folder 12
Capital District Anti-Nuclear Alliance (CDANA) (1 of 4), 1979-1982Undated	Box 1	Folder 13
Capital District Anti-Nuclear Alliance (CDANA) (2 of 4), 1979-1982Undated	Box 1	Folder 14
Capital District Anti-Nuclear Alliance (CDANA) (3 of 4), 1979-1982Undated	Box 1	Folder 15
Capital District Anti-Nuclear Alliance (CDANA) (4 of 4), 1979-1982Undated	Box 1	Folder 16
KITE, 1980	Oversized 2	Folder 4
General Electric, PEP, IUE, 1980-1993Undated	Box 1	Folder 17
"Powerline", 1981	Oversized 2	Folder 5
Sierra Club, 1981Undated	Box 1	Folder 18
Public Services Commission (PSC) and Citizens Utility Board (CUB), 1981-1996Undated	Box 1	Folder 19
IUE, Fuel Adjustment Clause, PSC Case #27741, 1982-1983Undated	Box 1	Folder 20
"Groundswell", 1984	Box 1	Folder 21
South Korea and Nuclear Plant Project, 1986Undated	Box 1	Folder 22
Film Order Forms, Undated	Box 1	Folder 23
"Toxic Crisis, Time for Action", Undated	Box 1	Folder 24
Earthroots Newspaper, "Northern Rights Southern Light", 1991	Oversized 2	Folder 6
"Three Mile Island: One Year Later, Undated	Oversized 2	Folder 7

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International Labor Organizing, 1980-1994Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to labor organizing in Latin America, South America, and the Caribbean, with a strong collection of correspondence, clippings, government documents, and organizing materials about El Salvador. The series also contains materials on South Africa, the Philippines, and the Far East. The folder on Free Trade contains records on local organizing efforts and anti-NAFTA, anti-GATT, and anti-WTO materials. Pfeiffer was engaged with international labor organizing through unions and activist organizations in the Albany area. The Chilean folder is almost entirely in Spanish. A United Ireland newsletter from the Irish Republican Clubs in Albany, New York is found in Folder 11.

Title/Description	Instances	
Cruzada Nacional de Alfabetizacion, Nicaragua Stickers, 1980	Box 1	Folder 1
U.S. Military Intervention Threat in Far East, 1981	Box 1	Folder 2
El Salvador, 1981-1987	Box 1	Folder 3
Central American Briefing Book, 1984	Box 1	Folder 4
Guatemala, Coca-Cola Display, 198419861990-19911993	Box 1	Folder 5
Latin America, General, 198419861991Undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Guatemala, General, 19841990Undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Andean Focus, 1985-1991	Box 1	Folder 8
Labor Action, A Call To Action, Newsletters, 1985-1994Undated	Box 1	Folder 9
Grenada, 1987	Box 1	Folder 10
Nicaragua, 19871991Undated	Box 1	Folder 11
El Salvador, 1988-1989	Box 1	Folder 12
Mexico, 198819911993Undated	Box 1	Folder 13
Chile, 1989Undated	Box 1	Folder 14
Puerto Rico, 1989-19901993-1994	Box 1	Folder 15
El Salvador, 1990	Box 1	Folder 16
Free Trade (1 of 3), 1990-1994Undated	Box 1	Folder 17
Free Trade (2 of 3), 1990-1994Undated	Box 1	Folder 18
Free Trade (3 of 3), 1990-1994Undated	Box 1	Folder 19
AFL-CIO News, "Jobs Exported To Mexico", 1991	Oversized 2	Folder 8
El Salvador, 1991-1994	Box 1	Folder 20
Haiti, 1993-1994	Box 1	Folder 21
"Boycott Salvadoran Coffee" Poster, Undated	Oversized 2	Folder 9

Cuba, Undated	Box 1	Folder 22
El Salvador (1 of 2), Undated	Box 1	Folder 24
El Salvador (2 of 2), Undated	Box 1	Folder 25
Guyana, Undated	Box 1	Folder 25
Philippines, Undated	Box 1	Folder 26
South Africa, Undated	Box 1	Folder 27

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Subject Files, 1937-1996Undated

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series includes a box of pins and buttons related to political campaigns (including ones for Democratic U.S. Presidential candidates), union programs, protests, and marches. Most of the buttons are undated, although some are stamped with the date of the election or related special event. There is a 1993 *The Catholic Worker* about the death of Cesar Chavez, Guatemalan refugee crisis and GATT. There also is a collection of contracts and workers' agreements, historically significant publications from national AFL-CIO meetings, and U.S. Senate Reports related to organized labor. Two *NACLA's Latin America and Empire Report* about President Richard Nixon are included here.

Title/Description	Instances	
Violations of Free Speech and Rights of Labor "Harlan County," U.S. Senate Report, 1937	Box 1	Folder 1
Textile Workers Union of America, Agreement, Constitution, Ethical Practices, 194619531957-19581962	Box 1	Folder 2
New York State Industrial Union Council, 1950	Box 1	Folder 3
AFL, Proceedings of the 74th Convention, 1955	Box 1	Folder 4
AFL-CIO, Draft Constitution, IUD Digest, 19551959	Box 1	Folder 5
Hudson Valley Area Joint Board Sealy Mattress Strike by TWUA, Schenectady, Albany, Buffalo, 1960s	Film 1	
Worker Alienation, U.S. Senate Report, 1972	Box 1	Folder 6
<i>NACLA's Latin America and Empire Report</i> , 1972-1973	Box 1	Folder 7
International Association of Bridge, Structural, and Ornamental Iron Workers, Shopmens Local 534, Agreement, 1976	Box 1	Folder 8
Glass Bottle Blower's Association, Local By-Laws, Contract, Constitution, 1976-1977	Box 1	Folder 9

"The Truth About the Crisis in Steel", 1977

United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union, Agreement, 1978	Box 1	Folder 11
United Mine Workers Association, Bargaining Bulletin, 1981	Box 1	Folder 12
Public Employee Federation, Resolutions, Bulletin, 19811995Undated	Box 1	Folder 13
Brushworkers Union, Contract, 1982	Box 1	Folder 14
Report to Governor and Legislators on Garment Manufacturing Industry and Industrial Homework, 1982	Box 2	Folder 1
"America Invades Grenada," <i>The Village Voice</i> , 1983	Oversized 2	Folder 10
U.S. Wages, 1983Undated	Box 2	Folder 2
Pins and Buttons from Various Demonstrations, Labor Unions, and Political Campaigns, 1983-1996Undated	Artifact-box 1	
A Report on the Plight of the Collective Bargaining System, NYS Assembly Report, 1984	Box 2	Folder 3
"Focus on Central America, Alert!", 1985	Oversized 2	Folder 11
<i>Metroland</i> , 1987	Oversized 2	Folder 12
Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers International Union, Constitution, 1988	Box 2	Folder 4
Green Island Plant, "65 Years of Pride", 1988	Box 2	Folder 5
"Chile Vencera", 1989	Oversized 2	Folder 13
IUE Local 318, Agreement, 1989	Box 2	Folder 6
James Joseph Roti, Award of Merit Dinner, 1989	Box 2	Folder 7
Official New York State Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday March to Capitol, 1991	Box 2	Folder 14
Free Trade Newspaper Articles, 19911993	Box 2	Folder 15
New York State Senator Franz S. Leichter, Reports on Corporate Welfare, 19911995	Box 2	Folder 8
Smith Corona Corp., Cortland Plant Closing, 1992	Box 3	Folder 1
<i>The Catholic Worker</i> , 1993	Box 3	Folder 2
Farmers' Rights, 1993Undated	Box 3	Folder 3
SENSES, Counterbudget, 1993-1994	Box 3	Folder 4
Kate Bronfenbrenner Union Organizing Reports, 1995Undated	Box 3	Folder 5
American Postal Workers Union, "The Albany Post", 1998-2000	Box 3	Folder 6
AFSCEME Patch, Undated	Box 3	Folder 7
AFSCEME Stickers Supporting Bill Clinton, Undated	Box 3	Folder 8
"Blueprint for a Working America", Undated	Box 3	Folder 9

Coalition for Public Higher Education Sticker Supporting SUNY, Undated	Box 3	Folder 10
Lock Haven and the Dream Deferred, Undated	Box 3	Folder 11
Stickers Protesting <i>USA Today</i> /Gannet Subsidiary, Undated	Box 3	Folder 12
"Trade Crisis, Time for Action", Undated	Box 3	Folder 13

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