

Hawkins, Steven; Papers

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Records of Steven W. Hawkins's tenure as Executive Director of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty. The papers include extensive minutes of board meetings, speeches, travel arrangements, fundraising and reception notes, and pamphlets and other papers relating to his attendance at various board and committee meetings with related organizations.

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Biographical Sketch

Steven W. Hawkins was the executive director of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty (now known as the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) based in Washington, D.C. Hawkins has worked as an advocate for civil and human rights representing persons under death sentence in state, federal, and military courts across the country. He has provided commentary on the death penalty on The Today Show, CNN, Court TV, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, and other major television news programs. Hawkins was selected as a Next Generation Leadership Fellow by the Rockefeller Foundation and received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Bar Association of New York for his advocacy on

behalf of persons under sentence of death. His professional affiliations include the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Center for International Studies at New York University, where he served on the board of trustees.

The National Coalition Against the Death Penalty was started in 1976 and is a national organization dedicated to providing advocacy for inmates and other people affected by death penalty laws, such as families of prisoners and victims. The National Coalition Against the Death Penalty seeks to provide information to community members on death penalty issues, legal help for inmates to have their sentences either commuted or exonerated, encouragement for the media to provide accurate coverage of the death penalty, analysis and lobbying for legislative bodies to encourage them to abolish the death penalty, assisting local death penalty groups in their efforts and encouraging the global community to abolish the death penalty. The National Coalition Against the Death Penalty believes that the death penalty should be abolished based on four principles: that capital punishment denies the dignity and worth of every human being by preventing them from personal repentance and transformation, that capital punishment is irreversible but frequently fallible (as seen through DNA evidence), that capital punishment is consistently applied with racial and class prejudices against the defendants, and that capital punishment is a basic violation of international human rights laws.

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Scope and Contents

Steven Hawkins and his staff created these papers during his tenure as Executive Director of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty (now known as the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty). The papers contain meeting subject files that include extensive minutes of board meetings, speeches, fundraising, reception notes, pamphlets, and other papers relating to his attendance at various board and committee meetings with related organizations, such as the Death Penalty Information Center and Amnesty International. The papers also contain copies of police reports, witness and investigator statements, and defendant testimony regarding the cases of certain high-profile death row inmates, such as Mumia Abu-Jamal, Delma Banks Jr., Wilburn Dobbs, Reginald Clemons, Clarence Allen Lackey, T. Makawanyane and Mchunu, Kenneth Reams, and Keith Versie. These inmate files were retained by Steven Hawkins and his staff in order to provide legal advocacy in court hearings to obtain commutation, clemency, or exoneration for these inmates.

The papers lack full biographical information about Mr. Hawkins, with the exception of a few mentions of his wife Wanda and details about his previous experience as a lawyer in Washington, D.C. The papers give many biographical details about the death row inmates included and some detail about some of the witnesses and investigators. Other than the founding date of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty, no details exist in these papers as to the organization's general history before the mid-1990s, when Hawkins joined the staff.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized as follows:

- 1 Series 1: Meeting Subject Files, 1995-2003
- 2 Series 2: Case Files, 1991-2002

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Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Death Penalty
- Criminal Justice and Prisons
- Capital punishment.
- Death row inmates.
- Hawkins, Steven W.
- Abu-Jamal, Mumia.
- Banks, Delma, Jr.
- Reams, Kenneth.
- Versie, Keith.
- Corporate Death Penalty Information Center (U.S.)
- Amnesty International.

Collection Inventory

Meeting Subject Files, 1995-2003

Physical Description: 2 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

This series includes extensive minutes of board meetings, speeches, fundraising, correspondence, notes, pamphlets, biographies of speakers, and other papers relating to Hawkins' attendance at various board and committee meetings, rallies, and conferences Hawkins attended as Executive Director of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty. These events were sponsored by related institutional, regional, national, and international organizations such as law schools, New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, the Death Penalty Information Center, Amnesty International, and many others. A complete list of meetings is included in the box and folder list.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically by meeting.

Title/Description	Instances
Meetings, 1995 July-1995 December	Box 1 (1-Meeting Subject Files) Folder 1
Japanese Delegation to Death Penalty Organizations, 1995 July	
Howard University School of Law, Training for Legal Observers of the Million Man March, 1995 September	

Foundation Meeting, William J. Brennan Project, 1995 October		
University of Michigan Law School Symposium, Journal of Race and Law, "Toward a New Civil Rights Vision", 1995 October		
Boston Fundraiser, 1995 October		
Missouri Coalition Against the Death Penalty, 1995 October		
American Society of International Law, Young Members Interest Group, "Pursuing a Career in the Field of Human Rights? Learn How to Develop Professional Contacts and Opportunities", 1995 October		
New York Capital Defender Training, 1995 October		
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National Association of Investigators, 1995 November		
Ohio Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1995 December		
Meetings, 1996 January-1996 March	Box 1 (1-Meeting Subject Files)	Folder 2
International Commission of Jurists Delegation to the United States, 1996 January		
University of Utah, 1996 February		
Sister Helen Prejean Reception, New York City, 1996 February		
Interfaith Impact, 1996 March		
American University, 1996 March		
Brudershof Town Hall Meeting, Philadelphia, 1996 March		
Army Capital Litigation Seminar, 1996 March		
University of Dayton, 1996 March		
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Student Coalition Against the Death Penalty New York University, 1996 March-1996 April		
Tikkun National Summit on Ethics/Meaning, 1996 April		
Westchester Community College, 1996 April		
Black Student Leadership Network Reception, 1996 April		
Black Allied Law Students Association, 1996 April		

Ohioans To Stop Executions, 1996 April		
Ohio Death Penalty Seminar, 1996 May		
Magnolia Bar Association, Buloxi, Mississippi, 1996 May		
National Convocation of Jail and Prison Ministry, 1996 May		
Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN, 1996 May		
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Death Penalty Institute, Montgomery AL, 1996 July		
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Meeting, 1996 August		
Death Penalty Information Center, 1996 July		
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Education Fund 17th Annual Capital Punishment Training Conference, 1996 July		
Southern Human Rights Organization Conference, Oxford, MS, 1996 September		
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and 28th Annual National Conference of Black Lawyers, 1996 October		
Harvard University Institute of Politics Tribute to Ronald H. Brown, 1996 November		
National Youth Leadership Forum on the Law and the Constitution, 1996 November		
Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1996 October-1996 November		
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Meeting with Arkadiy Sosnov of the Russian Newspaper Ogonyok, 1997 January		
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Citizens United for Alternatives to the Death Penalty Conference, 1997 February-1997 March		

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Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Central Texas Chapter, 1997 March		
United Methodist Church, 1997 March		
University Neighborhood Initiative, 1996 January-1997 February		
Italian Consulate, 1997 March		
Open Society Institute and Soros Justice Fellowships, 1997 March		
Fordham University School of Law Symposium on Cesare Beccaria's "Of Crimes and Punishment" and Its Present Impact and Hands off Cain Symposium, 1997 March		
Maryland Criminal Defense Attorney's Association, 1997 February		
Skadden Fellowship Foundation, 1997 February		
National Interreligious Task Force of Criminal Justice, 1997 March		
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The Vassar Gathering, 1997 March-1997 April		
Nation Town Hall Meeting, 1997 April		
University of Maryland Eastern Shore, 1997 April		
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Georgetown University Law Center, 1997 April		
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Howard University School of Law, 1998 February		
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University of San Francisco Law Review and Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, Juvenile Justice: A Critical Response Seminar, 1998 February		
Death Penalty Moratorium, 1998 February		
Georgetown University United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Washington, DC, 1998 February		
Hands off Cain, the United Nations Against the Death Penalty Convention, Geneva, Switzerland, 1998 March		
General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, 1998 March		
University of South Carolina, 1998 April		
Open Society Institute and the Center on Crime, Communities and Culture, 1998 April		
Amnesty International Death Penalty Institute, 1998 April		
Death Penalty Information Center Board Meeting, 1998 April		
Fundraising School Training New York, 1998 April		
City Bar Association of New York, 1998 April		
Meetings, 1998 May-1998 September	Box 1 (1- Meeting Subject Files)	Folder 11
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Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty, 1998 June		
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty New York Reception, 1998 June		
Annual Fast and Vigil to Abolish the Death Penalty, United States Supreme Court, 1998 June		
United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, The Hague, Netherlands, 1998 June		
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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund Capital Punishment Conference, 1998 July		
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National Crime Policy Conference, Bethesda, MD, 1998 November		
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Caring for Prisoners, Open Society Institute, New York Academy of Medicine, New York City, 1998 November		
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Leeza Show, Los Angeles, 1999 February		
Mumia Organizing Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1999 February		
Close Up Foundation, Washington, D.C., 1999 February		
A. Leon Higginbotham Memorial Service, Philadelphia, 1999 February		
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Dance Away the Winter Blues for Healing Connection, 1999 March		
New York University Fellowship Selection, 1999 March		
New York Abolition Meeting, 1999 March		
American Friends Service Committee, Boston, 1999 March		
Howard University Law School, 1999 March		
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Religious Organizing Project, San Antonio, TX, 1999 April		
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Death Penalty Information Center Board Meeting, 1999 April		
Missouri Coalition Meeting, Columbia, MO, 1999 April		
National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Criminal Justice Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1999 April		
Rockefeller Next Generation Leadership, Taos, NM, 1999 April		
Pen Prison Writer Program, New York City, 1999 April		
Bruderhof Gathering, Rifton, NY, 1999 May		
Legislative Strategy Call, 1999 May		
Leadership Summit Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1999 June		
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Amnesty International, Sweden, 1999 October		
International Abolition Conference, 1999 October		
American Bar Association, 1999 October		
Book Anthology Project, 1999 November		
New York University School of Law, Lawyers Committee on Human Rights, 1999 November		
Jefferson Debating Society, University of Virginia, 1999 November		
Alumni Root-Tilden-Kern Graduates, New York University, 1999 November		
Soros Fellowship Selection, 1999 November		
New York University School of Law Program, 1999 November		
Howard Law School, 1999 November		
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National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Mid-Winter Conference, New Orleans, 2000 February		
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Grant Writing Seminar, New York City, 2000 March		
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Conference Call, 2000 March		
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Riverside Church Program, New York City, 2000 September		
CBC Weekend Program, 2000 September		
Mumia Program, Boston, MA, 2000 September		
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National Conference of Black Lawyers, Selma, AL, 2000 October		
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Next Generation Leadership Planning Meeting, 2001 March		
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Next Generation Leadership Reunion Planning Meeting, 2001 March		
Reparations Discussion Howard University, 2001 April		
Death Penalty Focus Annual Awards Dinner, Los Angeles, 2001 April		
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Open Society Institute, New York City, 2002 July		
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Juvenile Death Penalty Conference, 2002 December		
Southern Human Rights Organizers, Network Conference, 2002 December		
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Case Files, 1991-2002

Physical Description: 1.2 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

This series contains police files, amicus briefs, court briefs, witness testimony, memoranda between defense attorneys and prosecuting attorneys, and biographical information pertaining to death row inmates. It also includes memos and notes relating to the actions taken on behalf of these persons by Steven Hawkins and other members of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty. The inmates included in this series are Mumia Abu-Jamal, Delma Banks, Jr., Wilburn Dobbs, Reginald Clemons, Clarence Allen Lackey, T. Makawanyane and Mchunu, Kenneth Reams and Keith Versie.

The Abu-Jamal folders hold copies of court documents including a writ of certiorari and supplementary materials and a memorandum and order. This case is listed as Mumia Abu-Jamal v. Martin Horn and Connor Blaine, District Attorney for Philadelphia County, before the United States Court of Appeals.

The Delma Banks Jr. folders consist of court documents including: brief; petitioners proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law; Respondent Johnson's Original Answer; Motion for Summary Judgment, and Brief in Support; Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus By a Person in State Custody; Conclusions of Law; NAACP statistics sheet; NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorney work product memorandum; National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Perspective; anti-terrorism bill; "Innocence and the Death Penalty" Staff Report by the Subcommittee on Civil, and Constitutional Rights Committee on the Judiciary. This case is listed as Delma Banks, Jr. v. Gary Johnson, Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division, Civil Action NO. 6.96-CV-220.

The Reginald Clemons folder holds the court documents of Reginald Clemons v. State of Missouri Appellants statement, brief, and argument. The Clarence Allen Lackey folder also holds court documents including Clarence Allen Lackey v. State of Texas Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The Wilburn Dobbs folder holds a copy of a news clipping from the *Supreme Court Reporter* and a brief in opposition on behalf of respondent. The case is listed as Wilburn v. Walter D. Zant, Warden, before the Supreme Court.

The Kenneth Reams folders hold a memoranda, Motion for Leave to Proceed *in forma pauperis*, interviews, correspondence, case of Terry Sims v. State of Arkansas, Response to Petition for Rehearing, Motion for Entry of Appearance, Petition for Stay of Mandate, Arkansas Code of 1987, and Brief of Appellee for the Appellant.

The South African folders hold information about T. Makawanyane and Mchunu including a Memorandum of Law in Support of Appellants' Position in Makawanyane & Mchunu v. State submitted by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Funds and Human Rights Watch, as well as a copy of the South African constitution and applicable laws.

The Keith Versie folders are the most comprehensive of all of the case files. The folders include: witness and defendant statements and evidence; procedural history; statement of Viola Scott, mother of defendant; defendant statement; notes; state's order of proof list; witnesses; psychological report; information about the transfer from juvenile to adult court; Footlocker store information; Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure; viewing of evidence in property room; ballistics evidence; criminal court files including notes, obituary of victim, and floor plan of murder location; the statements of Henry Bridgeforth, Handel Durham, and Michael Cohan who were the attorneys and investigator; statements of witnesses Tony Lewis Harris and Dennie Wayne Dobbins; police investigation file; and the motion for continuance. Also included are investigator and witness statements for Michael Cohan, Sherre Brown, Officer Buchanan, Sgt. J.D. Carroll, George Coleman, Taffice Dodson, Chet Dunlap, Officer Michael R. Faulkner, Sgt. R.L. Franks, Chris Graves, Dorothy Gupton, Latonya Hardin, Tony Lewis Harris, J.B. Herin, Captain Hewlett, Officer Jackson, Debra Johnson, Sgt. J.D. Kelly, Laura Knipp, Sgt. C.E. Logan, R.D. Lomax, Dawn Lusk Eberle, Sgt. R.W. McWilliams, Mike Matthews, Genivieve Regina Mandamin, Leslie Mozingo, Lt. L.H. Nelson, Sgt. D.R. Peterson, David Raybin, Joe Rike, R.D. Roleson, Sgt. Roten, William Rouse, Viola Scott, Barry K. Schultz, Herschel Smith, Mary Louise Smith, Shannon Smith, Andre Stepter, Charles Sullivan, D.M. Swauncey, Wyley Taylor, Sgt. Tillman, Mary Walker, R.O. Watson, Elizabeth Wilbanks, L.A. Wilder, Howard Williams, Sgt. S. Williams, Charles Wilson, Michael Wofford, Martha Wofford, K. Wong, and Ron Yarbrough.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

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