

# Finding Aid for the Washington University in St. Louis Civic Education Center Papers

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Washington University Civic Education Center.

Title: Washington University in St. Louis Civic Education Center Papers.

Dates: 1955 – 1964.

Quantity: 3.0 linear feet.

Language: English.

## **Historical Note**

In 1958, Washington University in St. Louis established the Civic Education Center (CEC) to address the contemporary challenges of living in a progressive, modern, and ever-changing urban society.

Conceived as both a general public and adult higher education service, the Center hosted countless innovative television and telephone debate programs commonly called “Metroplex Assemblies.”

These programs enabled participants from a wide geographic area to assemble and actively explore important topics of the day in a communal fashion. This was accomplished by means of professionally moderated community “viewing posts” located throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

As the popularity of these programs mounted, “viewing posts” grew from meetings in private homes to community centers, hospitals, churches, police and fire stations, and schools.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

This collection is divided into two (2) series as follows:

Series 01: Subject Files – contains the records of the activities of the Civic Education Center, including programs and publications, specifically those relating to the Metroplex series of programming (arranged alphabetically).

Series 02: Media Materials – contains 16 mm reels from the Civic Education Center (arranged alphabetically). See also the Washington University Radio and Television Office finding aid for media relating

to the 'Metroplex Series', 'Search for America,' and 'Science and Human Responsibility' programs.

### **Administrative Information**

#### **Source of Collection**

This material was donated to the University Archives ca. 1963 (prior to 1966).

#### **Accruals**

There are no accruals.

#### **Processing Information**

Compiled by Jay Kempen in April 2003. Revised by Sarah Pabarcus in October 2006. Series 02 updated by Miranda Rectenwald in January 2009.

### **Restrictions**

#### **Access Restrictions**

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### **Collection Contents**

#### **Series 01: Subject Files** (arranged alphabetically)

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01	Administrative Details and History
	Alumni Institute, 1958
	Alumni Institute, 1959
	Alumni Institute, 1960

American Institute of Architects  
“An Artist Looks at His City” Program  
Architectural Roundtable Forum, 1962  
Audio/Visual Workshops  
Board of Religious Organizations  
“Borough Plan” Program, 1962  
Civil Defense Education Committee  
Community Decision Planning Committee  
Conference on Adult Education, 1961-62  
“Crime in a Changing City” Program, 1962  
Educational Council for Responsible Citizenship  
“Education for Family Living” Program  
“Effective Church” Program  
Federation of Block Units  
Health and Welfare Council of St. Louis  
“Hubert Humphrey” Program  
“Human Ecology” Program  
“Humane City” Program  
“International Security” Program  
Junior League of St. Louis  
Leadership Training, 1959  
“Lifeline of St. Louis” Program  
MASW

“Mathematics” Programs, 1955-60

Mayor Tucker TV Series, 1959

Metroplex, 1957 Correspondence

Metroplex, 1957 Handbook and Guide to Viewing Posts

Metroplex, 1957 “Operation St. Louis” Program

Metroplex, 1957 “Planning Better Communities” Program

Metroplex, 1957 Photos

Metroplex, 1957 Reports, Memos, Rosters, Media Coverage

Metroplex, 1957 Questions and Answers

Metroplex, 1958 Correspondence

Metroplex, 1958 Photos

Metroplex, 1958 Questions and Answers

Metroplex, 1958 Reports, Memos, Rosters, Media Coverage

Metroplex, 1958 “Search for America” Program

02 Metroplex, 1959 Correspondence

Metroplex, 1959 Handbook and Guide to Viewing Posts

Metroplex, 1959 “Humane City” Program

Metroplex, 1959 Photos

Metroplex, 1959 Questions and Answers

Metroplex, 1959 Reports, Memos, Rosters, Media Coverage (3 folders)

Metroplex, 1960 Correspondence

Metroplex, 1960 “Immigrants” Program

Metroplex, 1960 “Mirror for the Family” Program

Metroplex, 1960 Photos

Metroplex, 1960 Questions and Answers

Metroplex, 1960 Strategy Conference

Metroplex, 1961 "Berlin Crisis" Program

Metroplex, 1961 Correspondence

Metroplex, 1961 "New Immigrants" Program (2 folders)

Metroplex, 1961 Photos

Metroplex, 1962 "Borough Plan" Program

Metroplex, 1962 "Humphrey Address" Program

Metroplex, 1962 Photos

Metroplex, 1962 "Place to Live" Program (Published Material)

Metroplex, 1962 "Place to Live" Program (Video and Film)

Metroplex, 1962 "Place to Live" Program (Viewing Posts)

Metroplex, 1963 "Youth/Years Between" Program (folder 1)

03 Metroplex, 1963 "Youth/Years Between" Program (folder 2)

Metroplex, 1963 Photos

Metroplex, 1964 "Metropolis" Program

Metroplex, 1958-63 Five Year Report with Supporting Papers

Metropolitan Planning Conference, 1958

Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs

National Conference on Urban Life, 1962

National Defense Education Act, 1959

National Management Association

“Planning for the Development of St. Louis” Program, 1960

Political Matters

“Pursuit of Happiness” Program, 1958 (2 folders)

Radio-TV Workshop, 1960

Religious Programming

“School for Planning” Program

“Science and Human Responsibility” Program, 1960

St. Louis Regional Construction Foundation, 1958

United Campus Christian Fellowship

Urban Planning Conference, 1961

Washington University Motion Picture, 1958

“Youths in Trouble” Program

**Series 02: Media Materials** (arranged alphabetically)  
Items

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Metroplex Assembly Series:

Metroplex Assembly: The Dispossessed, Phase I  
Format: 16mm

Metroplex Assembly: The Dispossessed, Phase II  
Format: 16mm, b/w, sound

Metroplex Assembly: The Freeholder’s Choice  
Format: 16mm

Metroplex Assembly Series [Pilot]: Operation Greater St. Louis,  
[part 3, design of urban housing]. Format: 16mm

Metroplex Assembly Series: St. Louis Debates the Borough Plan  
Format: 16mm, 29:20