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## **Guide to the Records of the Urban Studies Center UA.01.013**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** La Salle University Archives  
**Title:** Records of the Urban Studies Center  
**Identifier:** UA.01.013  
**Date:** 1967-1997

**Physical Description:** 4.0 Linear feet

**Language of Materials:** English

## Scope and Content

This collection documents the activities of the Urban Studies Center from its inception in 1967 to the late 1990s, when it was combined with the Public Affairs Office and the Center for Community Learning to create the Center for Community Learning and Outreach. Administrative files include correspondence, minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and memos. Also included are annual reports and reports on individual initiatives undertaken by the Center, curriculum guides and other records related to the Center's education programs, and event programs and planning documents related to the annual awards dinner. The collection also contains flyers, programs, and other ephemera associated with the public programming organized by the Center.

## Arrangement Note

The records of the Urban Studies Center came to the Archives in multiple accessions and were subsequently separated and rearranged by subject. Original order was lost to such an extent that no attempt to reconcile it could be made. The collection was arranged in seven series that reflect the major composition of the collection.

I. Administrative files II. Board of Directors III. Reports IV. Programs V. Program Partnerships VI. Events VII. Publications

Files are arranged alphabetically within series or subseries and documents are arranged chronologically within each folder.

## Administrative History

The Urban Studies Center was founded in 1967 to form a partnership between La Salle University (then College) and its neighboring communities. These communities are often referred to as the GLOW area (Germantown-Logan-Olney-West Oak Lane). The Center was also referred to as the Urban Center and the Urban Studies and Community Service Center.

The self-defined goals of the Center were to "assist the empowerment of the community to influence the key economic, social, political, and cultural institutions which form the urban environment; to support efforts to challenge discriminatory policies and practices; to assist local developments toward economic justice for poor and moderate income residents; and to celebrate the strengths of our multi-racial, multi-ethnic urban

neighborhoods.”

The Urban Studies Center supported community development by providing cultural and educational programs, project and organizational development services, community service; and by partnering with other local community organizations to work towards shared goals.

The Center provided free, non-credit, college-level courses to community members through the Adult Learning Project. This program also provided adult basic education classes, GED classes and testing, and ESL classes.

Through its Communiversity program, the Center offered leadership development and a variety of cultural and personal enrichment courses at La Salle and in the community. It organized public lectures, seminars, film screenings, and discussion forums on community issues such as public education, adult literacy, and housing needs.

Also on offer to community organizations were courses on conflict resolution and mediation, fund raising, public relations, management skills, and community organizing through the Technical Assistance Program.

The Urban Studies Center partnered with local organizations to implement community-based programs, such as establishing town watches, training and organizing block captains, and providing crime prevention workshops.

La Salle University students were also involved with the Urban Studies Center. The Center coordinated internships for students enrolled in the Urban Studies minor. Students also volunteered with community organizations and helped to run neighborhood tutoring and the Summer Youth Education Program for local children.

The Urban Studies Center operated under the Vice President for Academic Affairs and was funded with a mix of institutional and grant funding. When a major operating grant was lost, the Urban Studies Center and the Public Affairs Office were combined with the Center for Community Learning in 1998 to create the Center for Community Learning and Outreach.

## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Related Collections**

Records of the Center for Community Learning (UA.01.037)

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## Controlled Access Headings

### Collection Inventory

Board of Directors

#### Scope and Content

This series is primarily composed of Board of Directors meeting minutes but also includes committee reports and information about individual board members.

Board Members

Box 1 (mixed materials)

Minutes & Enclosures,, 1975-1976

Box 1 (mixed materials)

Minutes & Enclosures,, 1976-1978

Box 1 (mixed materials)

Minutes & Enclosures,, 1979-1997

Box 1 (mixed materials)

Neighborhood Research Committee,, 1980

Box 1 (mixed materials)

Neighborhood Research Committee,, 1980-1982

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Herman C. Grady

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Administrative Files

#### Scope and Content

This series is composed of administrative records related to the daily operation of the Urban Studies Center and subject files.

Publicity-Clippings and Press Releases

Box 1 (mixed materials)

20th Street Closure

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Advisory Board

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Black Student League

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Certificates

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Community Relations

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Directors of Urban Studies Center

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Memos

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Mission Statements/General Info

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Newsletters Received

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Personnel-Job Descriptions

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Publicity-Requests for Donations/Volunteers

Box 2 (mixed materials)

## Reports

### **Scope and Content**

This series contains annual reports prepared by the Urban Studies Center from 1967-1992. It also includes reports of individual initiatives and studies performed by the Center.

#### Annual Reports

First Two Years of Operation,, 1967-1969

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Two and One-Half Year Report,, 1970

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Annual Report,, 1970-1971

Box 2 (mixed materials)

Annual Report,, 1971-1972	Box 2 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1972-1973	Box 2 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1973-1974	Box 2 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1974-1975	Box 2 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1975-1976	Box 2 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1976-1977	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1977-1978	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1978-1979	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1979-1980	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1980-1981	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1981-1982	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1982-1983	Box 3 (mixed materials)
End of Summer Report,, 1983	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1983-1984	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1984-1985	Box 3 (mixed materials)



Annual Report,, 1985-1986	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1986-1987	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1987-1988	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1990-1991	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1991-1992	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Annual Report,, 1993-1994	Box 3 (mixed materials)

#### Study and Survey Reports

"...A Case study of changes in LSC's Strategy of Urban Outreach, 1978-1982",, April 16, 1982	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Association for Community Based Education,, undated	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Baseline Study, the GLOW Area,, 1980	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Catalogue of Neighborhood Research Reports,, 1983	Box 3 (mixed materials)
La Salle College and Urban Improvement,, 1970	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Measures of Social Well-Being, Phila. SMSA & CBC,, 1981	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Neighborhood Directory, GLOW Area,, 1981	Box 3 (mixed materials)
Program and Accomplishments,, 1976-1983	Box 3 (mixed materials)

Pulaski Town: The Evolution of A Black Community,, 1980	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Report of the Urban Centers Conference at La Salle College,, 1968	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Status of Urban Center Activity at La Salle College,, 1969	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Survey of Community-Based Nonprofit Groups,, 1992	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Survey of Housing, Logan Neighborhood,, 1982	Box 4 (mixed materials)

Programs

**Scope and Content**

This series contains records of the Urban Studies Center's educational and outreach programs.

Adult Learning Project-General Information	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-GED	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-ESL	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-Grant Applications	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-Grant Proposals	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-Curriculum Guide - "What's On Your Mind" Reading and Language Activities,, 1982-1983	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-Curriculum Guide - "Where We Live": Materials that Address Housing Issues,, 1986-1987	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Adult Learning Project-Curriculum Guide - "Tell Me About It": Reading and Language Activities Around Multi-Cultural Issues,, 1985-1986	Box 4 (mixed materials)

Adult Learning Project-Students-Restricted	Box 4 (mixed materials)
Celebrating Our Diversity,, undated	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community College Dialogue Workshop Series,, Spring 1967	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community College Dialogue Workshop Series,, Spring 1967	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community Development Assistance Program, Proposal,, 1983	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community Health Education Program, Proposal,, 1983	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community Outreach in a Liberal Arts University: Beyond Altruism,, March 17, 1994	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community Outreach Partnership Center-Proposal Draft,, 1995	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Community Perspectives-Changes in the Area Since WWII,, circa 1966	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Communiversity	Box 5 (mixed materials)
"Continuing a Commitment to the Community," a Partial Survey of Current Programs at LSU,, 1989	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Glow Area Community Service Handbook-Grant,, 1992	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Open Houses, Seminars, Lectures, Other Public Programs,, 1960s-1990s	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Program For Disadvantaged Students, Proposal,, circa late 1960s	Box 5 (mixed materials)
Second Time Around	Box 5 (mixed materials)

Second Time Around-Grant Applications

Box 5 (mixed materials)

Student Community Service Program

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Summer Youth Education

Box 6 (mixed materials)

"Urbanization in International Perspective",, 1980

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Program Partnerships

**Scope and Content**

This series consists of files on Urban Studies Center programs which were developed and implemented in partnership with community organizations.

Belfield Area Neighbors Association

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Campus Boulevard Corporation

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Community Drug Prevention Network (CoDAAP)

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Community Outreach Partnership Center (Proposal)

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Fern Rock/Ogontz/Belfield Community Development Corporation

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Good Shepherd Neighborhood House

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Northwest Task Force

Box 5 (mixed materials)

Northwest Townwatch Council

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Philadelphia Prevention Partnership

Box 6 (mixed materials)

West Oak Lane Community Development Corporation

Box 6 (mixed materials)

Publications

**Scope and Content**

This series contains issues of the various newsletters and bulletins issued by the Urban Studies Center to La Salle and the wider community.

Campus Bulletin	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Community Forum	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Community Newsletter	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Communiversity News	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Quarterly Newsletter	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Urban Center Notes	Box 7 (mixed materials)

Events

**Scope and Content**

This Urban Studies Center held an annual Community Service Awards dinner that honored area residents for outstanding community service. This series contains programs from the awards dinners, event planning files, and information about the awardees.

Awards Dinner, Past Award Recipients,, 1973-1982	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Awards Dinner,, 1979	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Awards Dinner,, 1982	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Awards Dinner,, 1983	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Awards Dinner,, 1984	Box 7 (mixed materials)
Awards Dinner,, 1985	Box 7 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1986

Box 7 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1989

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Awards Dinner,, 1990

Box 7 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1991

Box 7 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1992

Box 7 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1993

Box 8 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1994

Box 8 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1995

Box 8 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1996

Box 8 (mixed materials)

Awards Dinner,, 1997

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