

Physical description:

.1 l.f. including 2 audio cassette tapes (TCA-0174A/B)

Dates:

26 January 1993.

Provenance:

The transcription of the lyrics and other handouts were prepared by Dr. Williams. The audio tapes were made by Center audio specialist Bruce Nemerov.

Biographical sketch:

Dr. Harry M. Williams, professor of history at Carleton College, delivered this lecture "Kickin' Butt With Sir Mix-a-Lot: Rap Music and the Use of Racial and Sexual Stereotypes" at Middle Tennessee State University Murfreesboro TN on 26 January 1993 as part of the university's celebration of African-American history month.

Scope and content:

In this lecture Dr. Williams explored the nineteenth century racial and sexual stereotypes of Afro-Americans which reappear in the lyrics and video of the song "Baby Got Back" performed by rap artist Sir Mix-a-Lot. His lecture included slides of nineteenth century portrayals of African-Americans and the video of "Baby Got Back". Prior to the lecture he distributed a transcription of the lyrics of "Baby Got Back" and a list of terms used in the song and in his lecture.

This group includes analog audio cassette tapes (TCA-0174A/B) of the lecture, copies of the handouts and a copy of a broadside flyer/poster promoting the lecture.

Location:

The handouts and broadside are filed by accession number with other manuscript groups. The audio tapes are filed first by format, then by tape number, in the audiovisual archives.