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Finding Aid for the Stuart Math Shaker Film Archives
2025.8.1

Date Range: 1966-1999

Bulk Dates: 1992-1999

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Stuart Math Shaker Film Archives

Repository: Elizabeth Nord Library & Archives, Shaker Historical Society, 16740 South Park Blvd, Shaker Heights, OH 44120

Identifier: 2025.8

Date Range: 1966-1999, undated (bulk 1992-1999)

Extent: 1.63 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Creator: Math, Stuart

Language: English

Administrative Information

Provenance: Gift of Stuart Math, 2025

Restrictions: Open for use by researchers

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Credit Line: Shaker Historical Society, Gift of Stuart Math

Related Materials: Local History Department, Shaker Heights Public Library

Processing Notes: The donation was received with the contents separated into four archival boxes. Original order was maintained. A finding aid was prepared by Executive Director Brianna Treleven in 2025.

Biographical/Historical

Stuart Math (1947-) is a documentary filmmaker who grew up in Shaker Heights, Ohio and now lives and works in New York City. He has produced and photographed films on a wide variety of subjects, from the history of the New York City subway (*River of Steel*) to the Lindy Hop (*Can't Top the Lindy Hop*); from race relations in the suburbs (*Shaker Heights: The Struggle for Integration*) to travelogues (*West Point: American Icon*). His work has been shown theatrically, broadcast nationally on PBS and cable TV, viewed in classrooms all over the country, and screened in film festivals worldwide.

Math's 1998 film *Shaker Heights: The Struggle for Integration* examines the Cleveland suburb's efforts to foster racial integration over four decades. The documentary highlights challenges such as the 1997 revelation of racial disparities in student test scores, prompting the community to reassess its commitment to equality.

Scope and Content

The Stuart Math Shaker Film archives measure 1.63 cubic feet and dates from 1966 to 1999 with the bulk of the collection dating from 1992-1999. The archives contain newspaper clippings, brochures, promotional materials, Ludlow Community Association reports, and city and school publications used in the research for the documentary.

Arrangement

The Stuart Math Shaker Film Archives are arranged as four series:

Series 1: Documentary and Integration Articles, 1961-1999, undated

Series 2: Race Relations Articles, 1991-1997, undated

Series 3: Shaker Promotional Materials, 1985-1996, undated

Series 4: LCA Materials & Achievement Gap Articles, 1966-1997, undated

Access Terms

Math, Stuart

Shaker Heights (Ohio)

Race relations

Educational equalization

Documentary films

Container List

Series 1: Documentary and Integration Articles, 1961-1999, undated

This series contains articles about Stuart Math and his documentary *Shaker Heights: The Struggle for Integration*, Shaker Heights, and integration in other Cleveland communities.

Box 1, Folder 1	<i>Plain Dealer</i> articles about Stuart Math and the documentary
Box 1, Folders 2-6	Articles about Shaker Heights
Box 1, Folder 3	Articles about integration in other Cleveland communities
Box 1, No Folder	Articles about race relations and the academic achievement gap

Series 2: Race Relations Articles, 1991-1997, undated

This series contains articles about race relations in Cleveland and nationally and general articles about Cleveland not related to race relations.

Box 2, Folder 1	Articles about race relations in Cleveland
Box 2, Folder 2	Articles about race relations in the United States
Box 2, Folder 3	Articles about Cleveland not related to race relations

Series 3: Shaker Promotional Materials, 1985-1996, undated

This series contains promotional materials, including brochures, advertisements, architectural tours, and publications (*Shaker Magazine*, *Shakerite*) for the City of Shaker Heights and Shaker Heights Schools.

Box 3, Folder 1	City of Shaker Heights
Box 3, Folder 2	Shaker Heights City Schools
Box 3, Folder 3	Student Group on Race Relations (SGORR) Literary Magazines
Box 3, Folder 4	<i>Reflections 1918-1985</i> , Journal about Woodbury Junior High School

Series 4: LCA Materials & Achievement Gap Articles, 1966-1997, undated

This series contains reports and correspondence related to the Ludlow Community Association (LCA) and articles related to the academic achievement gap.

Box 4, Folder 1	Ludlow Community Association Reports
Box 4, Folder 2	Ludlow Community Association News and Articles
Box 4, No Folder	Articles from <i>The New York Times</i> , <i>The Sun Press</i> , and <i>The Shakerite</i> about integration and the academic achievement gap