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Biographical Information


Lawson has been a consultant for the National Parks Service, the National Civil Rights Museum, and the award-winning documentary film series *Eyes on the Prize*. He served as managing editor and then associate editor of *Tampa Bay History* from 1979 to 1992 and as co-director of the North Carolina Politics Project at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill from 1995 to 1996. He has also been an expert witness in several court cases, including *Warren v. Krivanek* in 1985, *Concerned Citizens of Hardee County Florida v. County Commissioners of Hardee County* in 1989, *U.S. v. Georgia/ Brooks v. Miller* in 1996, and *United States of America vs. The State of North Carolina; The North Carolina State Board of Elections*; and *Kim W. Strach* in 2013.

Provenance of the Steven F. Lawson Papers

The items in this collection fall under Record Group 365 (History Department) of the USF St. Petersburg Archives. Special Collections and University Archives, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg. The library received these materials in 2017.
Preservation Note

The documents in this collection consist of correspondence, course materials, clippings and reprints of publications. Preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of items, but to prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures.

Scope and Contents

The materials in the Steven F. Lawson Papers occupy approximately 8 linear feet of shelf space. Materials fall into one of five broad categories: Biographical records, documents and clippings related to University Governance, syllabi and materials illustrating his Teaching, correspondence and articles illustrating his Scholarship, and General records or correspondence. Please note that some of the correspondence classified as General may also address his teaching activities or his scholarly research.
Box #1

Plaque: USF St. Petersburg 1977

Folder: Tampa At-Large Elections

Folder: Flyer: “History Society: Ballots or Bullets”

Folder: WEL [William E. Leuchtenburg]

Folder: WEL: [William E. Leuchtenburg] Correspondence

Folder: WEL: [William E. Leuchtenburg] Correspondence

Folder: Misc./Gelfand [Mark I. Gelfand]

Folder: Correspondence: School Years 1972-1975

Folder: Correspondence: School Years 1974-1975

Folder: Correspondence: School Years 1976-1977

Folder: Correspondence: September 1977-April 1978

Folder: Correspondence: March-June 1978

Folder: Correspondence: 1978-1979

Folder: Correspondence: 1979-1980

Folder: Correspondence: 1980-1981

Folder: Correspondence: 1981-1982

Folder: Correspondence: 1982-1983

Folder: Kissinger Teach-In 1984

Folder: SHA Meeting: November 2, 1984

Folder: Correspondence: 1983-1984

Folder: Correspondence: 1984-1985
Plaque: USF: “Most Outstanding Faculty / Staff Member
From The College Of Social and Behavioral Sciences” (no date)

Box #4

Folder: Correspondence: 2003-2004
Folder: Correspondence: 2004-2005
Folder: Correspondence: 2005-2006
Folder: Correspondence: 2006-2007
Folder: Correspondence: 2007-2008
Folder: Correspondence: 2008-2009
Folder: Correspondence: 2009-2010
Folder: Correspondence: 2010-2011
Folder: Correspondence: 2011-2012
Folder: Correspondence: 2012-2013
Folder: Photos

Box #5

Folder: Class Notes: AMH 2020: American History II
Folder: Class Notes: Development of the U.S. Since 1865
Folder: Class Notes: Overheads: U.S. History Survey
Folder: Class Notes: American Protective League
Folder: Class Notes: Survey 1865 –
Folder: Class Notes: Cold War and the 1950s
Folder: Class Notes: U.S. Since 1945 Part 1
Folder: Notes about Oral History interviews
Folder: 1993 conference in Madison, Wisconsin
Folder: History and Politics
Folder: Class Notes: 1960s
Audio Cassettes: Radio Show – Civil Rights

Box #7

Folder: Sayre School
Folder: Coalition Fortress America
Folder: Activism at USF 1980s
Folder: Syllabi / Exams Survey USF
Folder: Graduation Talk – Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro – 1994
Folder: Class Notes: 1877-1920
Notebooks (seven): Graduate School – Columbia
Plaque: USF – 20 Years of Service Certificate of Appreciation (1972-1992)

Box #8

Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century (Folder 1)
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century (Folder 2)
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century (Folder 3)
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – Affirmative Action
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – The Abrams Case
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – Sacco and Vanzetti
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – Scottsboro Trials
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – White Primary
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – Brown v. Board of Education
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – Rosenbergs Trial
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – My Lai Massacre
Folder: Famous Trials – 20th Century – Village of Skokie
Scrapbooks (five): USF St. Petersburg and USF – Tampa