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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator:	Pfeiffer, Fred
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Date [inclusive]:	1937-2001
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Abstract:	The Fred Pfeiffer Papers document Pfeiffer's work with labor unions and activist organizations in the Albany, NY, area from the mid-1970s to 2001.

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Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Fred Pfeiffer Papers 1937-2001 (APAP-139). M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Pfeiffer Papers).

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Biographical Sketch

Fred Pfeiffer has been involved in organized labor in the Albany, NY Capital District since the 1970s. He was a machinist at GE in Schenectady. He has worked with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, Labor Committee for Safe Energy, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage, and other national and local organizations. As a bargaining

advisor, he helped to organize hospital workers, Capital District Off-Track Betting (OTB) workers, Albany Public Library employees, janitors in Albany, and others. He has also worked on behalf of various causes, notably NL Industries and the impact of nuclear power during the 1980s, and Latin American labor organizing and refugee programs, especially El Salvador, during the 1980s and early 1990s. Pfeiffer served as coordinator at the Capital District Worker Center for the Building Skills Project in the 2000s. Pfeiffer remains a lively local activist, most recently demonstrating with the Occupy Movement.

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Scope and Contents

The Fred Pfeiffer Papers contain records resulting from his work with various unions and activist organizations in the Albany, NY area, as well as a collection of union-related materials such as contracts, newsletters, and publications that have historical significance. While all of the series include material directly related to Pfeiffer's work, Series 1 and 2 consist of the most substantial amount of Pfeiffer-related papers. In particular, please see the CSEA and SEIU folders in Series 1 and in the Labor Committee for Safe Energy folder in Series 2. Series 2 contains information on nuclear energy activism and organized labor's engagement with energy issues, mostly during the 1980s. Series 3 relates to labor organizing in Latin America during the 1980s and 1990s. Series 4 is a diverse set of published documents and artifacts (mostly buttons and pins) related to labor organizations, conventions, government reports, protests and marches.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

Encoded in EAD by Ben Himmelfarb 2013

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Acquisition Information

Fred Pfeiffer donated the papers to the M.E. Grenander Special Collections and Archives department.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Archivists transferred a monograph *An Organizer's Notebook on Public Utilities and Energy*, to the book division of Special Collections. The catalogue record for the monograph will be included in Minerva, the University Library Catalog.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Social Activists and Public Advocates
- Labor

- Conservation and the Environment
- Labor Unions--Organizing--New York(State)
- Labor Unions--Organizing--Latin America
- Nuclear Energy--New York (State)--Public Opinion
- New York (State)--Social conditions
- Clippings
- Minutes
- Files by subject
- Newsletters
- Artifacts
- Official reports
- Pfeiffer, Fred
- Civil Service Employees Association (N.Y.)
- AFL-CIO
- Service Employees International Union
- AFSCME
- Solidarity Committee of the Capital District

Collection Inventory

Union and Community Organizing, (1973-2001) Undated

Date [bulk]: 1973-2001

Date [inclusive]: Undated

Physical Description: 1.43 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series is composed of meeting minutes, personal notes, correspondence, newsletters, event plans, agendas, and other materials related to organizing efforts or union business. Fred Pfeiffer worked with CSEA, SEIU, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, and the Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage. The largest amount of material is from his experiences with AFSCME, CSEA and SEIU.

Title/Description	Instances	
CSEA Local 445, Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, Meeting Minutes <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1973-1977	Box 1 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 1
CSEA Local 445, ERDS, Newsletter <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1977	Box 1 (1- Union and	Folder 2

	Community Organizing)	
CSEA Local 445, ERDS, By-Laws and Budget <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1979 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 3
CSEA Local 445, ERDS, Disciplinary Hearing <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 4
ENYCOSH and Silkwood Project <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977-1983 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 5-6
Glass Bottle Blower Association <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1979 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 7
Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, Workers in Unions Film Series Posters <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1984 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Oversized 2	Folder 1
Solidarity Committee of the Capital District <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1984 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1986 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1994-1998	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 8
IUE, Brushworker <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1985-1986 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 9
SEIU, Local 200D <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1986-2000 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 10
SEIU, D Connect Newsletter <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1987-1989 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1995 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1998-2000 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1-Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 11
AFSCME, Council 66 News <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991-1994	Oversized 2	Folder 2

AFSCME, General Electric Taxes in Schenectady (1 of 2)

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 12
AFSCME, General Electric Taxes in Schenectady (2 of 2) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 1
AFSCME, Council 66 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 2
AFSCME, Regional Reports <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1992-1993 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 3
Albany Public Library Workers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993-1994	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 4
Capital District Off-Track Betting Workers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993-1994	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 5
Campaign for a Livable Minimum Wage <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1994-1997 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1999 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 6-7
Graduate Students <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1994 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1996-1997 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 8
AFL-CIO Poster about Governor Pataki's Budget <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> ca. 1996	Oversized 2	Folder 3
SEIU, Local 200-D, Minutes, Reports and Notes (2 folders of 3) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1998-2001	Box 2 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 9-10
SEIU, Local 200-D, Minutes, Reports and Notes (3 of 3) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1998-2001	Box 3 (1- Union and Community Organizing)	Folder 1
Fred Pfeiffer's Resume <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 3 (1- Union and	Folder 2

Community
Organizing)

SEIU, Local 200-D, T-Shirts

Oversized 1

Folder 1

Date [inclusive]: Undated[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Energy and Labor, (1962-1996) Undated**Date [bulk]: 1962-1996Date [inclusive]: UndatedPhysical Description: 1.14 cu. ft.**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series' biggest concentration of materials spans the late 1970s to the mid-1980s and contains Fred Pfeiffer's founding and organizing work with the Labor Committee for Safe Energy. The clippings, notes, publications, pamphlets, reports, official government documents, and flyers related to NL Industries are extensive. The folders for the PSC/CUB and GE PEP include materials related to Pfeiffer's work with the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE) Local 301.

Title/Description	Instances	
Pro-Nuke Unionism <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1977-1981 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 1
Peace and Conversion <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1977-1993 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 2
Labor Committee for Safe Energy <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1978-1983 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1986 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 3-4
NL Industries <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1978-1984 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 5-7
Capital District Anti-Nuclear Alliance (CDANA) <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1979-1982	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 9-12

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<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1980	Oversized 2	Folder 4
General Electric, PEP, IUE <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1980-1993 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 13
"Powerline" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1981	Oversized 2	Folder 5
Public Services Commission (PSC) and Citizens Utility Board (CUB) <u>Date [bulk]:</u> 1981-1996 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 14
IUE, Fuel Adjustment Clause, PSC Case #27741 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982-1983 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (2- Energy and Labor)	Folder 15
Earthroots Newspaper, "Northern Rights Southern Light" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991	Oversized 2	Folder 6
"Three Mile Island: One Year Later" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Oversized 2	Folder 7

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International Labor Organizing, (1980-1994) Undated

Date [bulk]: 1980-1994

Date [inclusive]: Undated

Physical Description: .74 cu. ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to labor organizing in Latin America, South America and the Caribbean, with a strong collection of correspondence, clippings, government documents, and organizing materials about El Salvador. The folder on Free Trade contains records on local organizing efforts. Pfeiffer was engaged with international labor organizing through unions and activist organizations in the Albany area.

Title/Description	Instances	
Cruzada Nacional de Alfabetizacion, Nicaragua Stickers <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1980	Box 1 (3- International	Folder 1

	Labor Organizing)	
El Salvador <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1981 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1988-1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 2-5
Central American Briefing Book <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1984	Box 1 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 6
Guatemala, Coca-Cola Display <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1984 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1986 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1990-1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993	Box 1 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 7
Nicaragua <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1987 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 8
Andean Focus, Labor Action, Newsletters <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1987-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 9
Puerto Rico <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1989-1991 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993-1994	Box 2 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 1
AFL-CIO News, "Jobs Exported To Mexico" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991	Oversized 2	Folder 8
Free Trade <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991-1993 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 2 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 2-3
Haiti <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993-1994	Box 2 (3- International Labor Organizing)	Folder 4
"Boycott Salvadoran Coffee" Poster	Oversized 2	Folder 9

Date [inclusive]: Undated

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Subject Files, (1937-1996) Undated

Date [bulk]: 1937-1996

Date [inclusive]: Undated

Physical Description: .98 cu. ft.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Contents

This series includes a box of pins and buttons related to political campaigns (including ones for Democratic U.S. Presidential candidates), union programs, protests and marches. Most of the buttons are undated, although some are stamped with the date of the election or related special event. There also is a collection of contracts and workers' agreements, historically significant publications from national AFL-CIO meetings, and U.S. Senate Reports related to organized labor.

Title/Description	Instances	
Violations of Free Speech and Rights of Labor "Harlan County," U.S. Senate Report <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1937	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 1
Textile Workers Union of America, Agreement, Constitution, Ethical Practices <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1946 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1953 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1957-1958 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1962	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 2
New York State Industrial Union Council <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 3
AFL, Proceedings of 74th Convention <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1955	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 4
AFL-CIO, Draft Constitution, IUD Digest <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1955 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1959	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 5
Hudson Valley Area Joint Board Sealy Mattress Strike by TWUA, Schenectady, Albany, Buffalo <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960s	Film 1	
Worker Alienation, U.S. Senate Report		

<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1972	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 6
International Association of Bridge, Structural, and Ornamental Iron Workers, Shopmens Local 534, Agreement <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 7
Glass Bottle Blower's Association, Local By-Laws, Contract, Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1977	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 8
United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers International Union, Agreement <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1978	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 9
United Mine Workers Association, Bargaining Bulletin <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1981	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 10
Public Employee Federation, Resolutions, Bulletin <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1981 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1995 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 11
Brushworkers Union, Contract <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 12
Report to Governor and Legislators on Garment Manufacturing Industry and Industrial Homework <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1982	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 1
A Report on the Plight of the Collective Bargaining System, NYS Assembly Report <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1984	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 2
Pins and Buttons from various demonstrations, labor unions, and political campaigns <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1983-1996 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated	Artifact-box 1	
Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers International Union, Constitution <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1988	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 3
Green Island Plant, "65 Years of Pride" <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1988	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 4
IUE Local 318, Agreement <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1989	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 5
James Joseph Roti, Award of Merit Dinner	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 6

Date [inclusive]: 1989

New York State Senator Franz S. Leichter, Reports on Corporate Welfare	Box 2 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 7
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1991		
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1995		
SENSES, Counterbudget	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 1
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1993-1994		
American Postal Workers Union, "The Albany Post"	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 2
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1998-2000		
AFSCEME Patch	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 3
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated		
AFSCEME Stickers Supporting Bill Clinton	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 4
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated		
Coalition for Public Higher Education Sticker Supporting SUNY	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 5
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated		
Lock Haven and the Dream Deferred	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 6
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated		
Stickers Protesting <i>USA Today</i> /Gannet Subsidiary	Box 3 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 7
<u>Date [inclusive]:</u> Undated		

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