

Guide to Black Women in the Academy: Defending Our Name, 1894-1994, Conference Records AC.0533

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Summary Information

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Abstract	<p>“Black Women in the Academy: Defending our Name, 1894-1994,” was a national conference convened to address historical and contemporary issues faced by African-American women in academia and to examine their role in public life. The conference, which took place January 13-15, 1994, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was attended by over 2,000 people. This collection comprises published conference material, including a call for papers, registration form, and conference attendee information packet; copies of articles from various newspapers and periodicals that document the conference; and videocassettes featuring conference remarks, keynote speeches, and the performance of Vinie Burrows.</p>

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The conference was planned and organized by two faculty members at MIT, Robin W. Kilson, professor in history and women’s studies, and Evelyn Hammonds, MIT professor in science, technology, and society. With Florence Ladd of Radcliffe College’s Bunting Institute, they constituted the Executive Committee. The conference Advisory Committee was made up of representatives from major colleges and universities, including Charles Vest of MIT, Linda Wilson of Radcliffe College, Neil Rudenstine of Harvard University, and Diana C. Walsh of Wellesley College.

“Black Women in the Academy: Defending Our Name, 1894-1994,” offered workshops, panels, and roundtables, and featured addresses by Angela Davis, Lani Guinier, and Johnnetta Cole. Performance artist Vinie Burrows presented her one-woman show, “Sister, Sister.”

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Corporate Name(s)

- Black Women in the Academy: Defending Our Name, 1894-1994 (1994 : Cambridge, Mass.)

Personal Name(s)

- Burrows, Vinie
- Cole, Johnnetta B.
- Davis, Angela Y. (Angela Yvonne), 1944-
- Guinier, Lani

Subject(s)

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology--History.

Collection Inventory

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Call for papers 1993	1
Registration form 1993	1
Conference program 1994	1
Conference packet 1994	1
Vinie Burrows performance program	1
Media coverage 1994	1
“Introductory remarks” 1994 January 13	1
“Keynote: Professor Lani Guinier, University of Pennsylvania Law School” 1994 January 13	1
“Keynote: Dr. Johnnetta Cole, president, Spelman College” 1994 January 14	2
“Keynote: Professor Angela Davis, University of California, Santa Cruz” 1994 January 15	2
“Vinie Burrows, performing Sister, Sister” 1994 January 14	2
“Closing plenary session” 1994 January 15	2