

Final Report

Curating the Brooklyn CORE
Oral History Exhibit

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Project Goals



Curate the collection in a way that makes it meaningful to end-users.



Create research materials around the collection (research the collection, people, events, etc.) and make it available to end-users online.

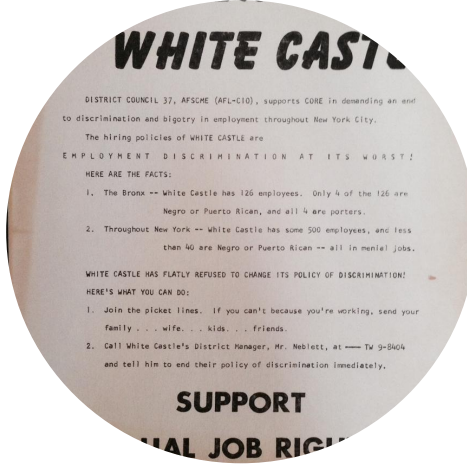


Find additional materials to augment the collection

Our Curation Process



Initial Exploration +
Research



Development +
Securing Materials



Design +
Finalizing content

Initial Exploration + Research



Project Plan/Workflow

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Person Assigned

Person Assigned	Task	Due Date	Status	Notes/Questions
	Read dissertation	03-04		75% done
	Email template to reach out to interview ppl and Brian Purnell	03-08	Sent to Anthony 3-22	asking him about subs
	Touch base with digitization team in class on 3/8 about plans	03-08	Done 3-22	
	Touch base with metadata team in class 3/8 about plans	03-08	Done 3-22	
	Touch base with design about 3/8 about when they need materials by	03-08	Completed	—make a plan to draw
	Identifying stories from materials that we have —Master List of materi	03-15	Completed	
	Email BPL in advance of visit	03-20	Completed	
	Going to BPL and identifying relevant materials	3-27	Completed	
	Email template for Diana at BPL about permissions	3-23	Completed	
	Give design team majority of content for the map w/placeholders	04-05	Completed	- allows them to know
	Wireframe for website/sketch?			Suggested Idea
	Look up GIS tools/design team			
	Listen to all audio/decide on audio clips			http
	Follow up on locations (bottom of "story" document)			http
	Finalize Permissions	April		
	Project Complete & Focus on Paper	05-03		
	Presentation	05-10		
	Look at interview release forms	2-15		Done
Tralyn	Make lists of people to reach out to (if needed)	2-15	Completed	Done - Link also has p
Mia & Tiffany	Scan rest of transcripts	2-10	Completed	Done
together in class	Look at floppy disk	2-15	Completed	Done
Tralyn	Make google doc list of people to organize sources	2-15		nvm http
	Make list of questions for BPL	2-27	Completed	Done
	Make list of sources for project	-	Completed	Done http
	Meeting on 3/3	3-3	Completed	Done
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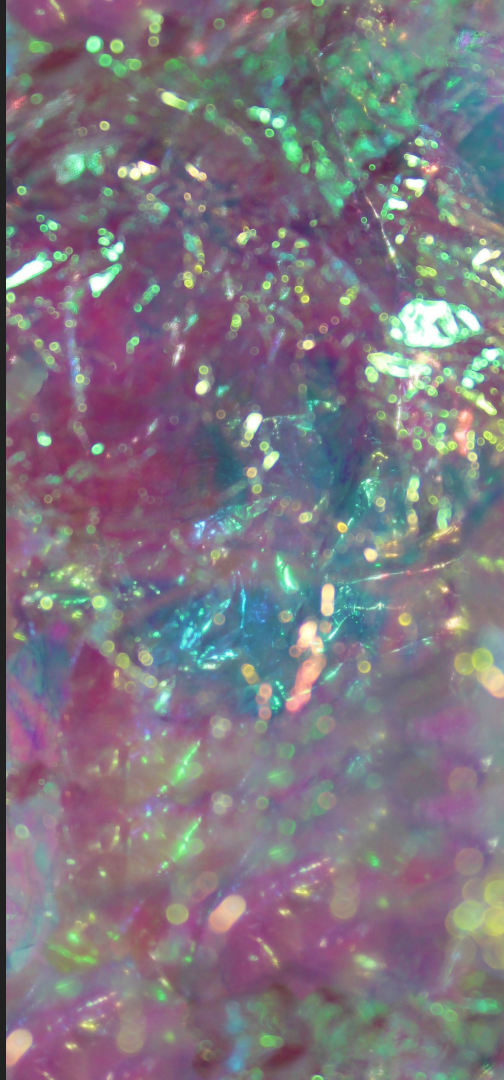
**Communication +
Workflow**

**Used shared documents
to keep track of**

progress

Command of the Material

Our initial challenge was to gain sufficient command of the historical material, contexts and perspectives that would give us an authoritative voice, enabling us to select and organize the information.



Challenges

- Absorbing content of 42x hours of interviews
- Becoming “experts” and absorbing information and context to present oral history narrative accurately and effectively (authoritatively)

Solutions

- divide the campaigns presented in 7 book chapters (presented in 6/7 chapters) among the four team members
- together we able to identify and highlight the significant events and locations related to the collection

Development + Securing Materials

Curatorial Team

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Find additional materials to augment the collection



DEFINING SCOPE

Key Campaigns

1. Campaign for Integrated Housing
2. Demonstrations @ Downstate Medical Center
3. Woolworth's Sympathy Strike
4. Operation Cleansweep
5. Ebinger's Bakery Boycott
6. Bibuld vs the Board of Education



Copyright

The collection contained interviews recorded in different years, without consistent releases

To address this, we included all tapes recorded after 2000 recordings in the exhibit and were able to include earlier recordings by using clips that met Fair Use Guidelines



Design + Finalizing Content



Images

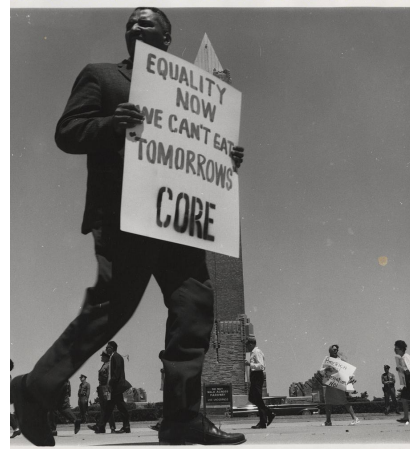
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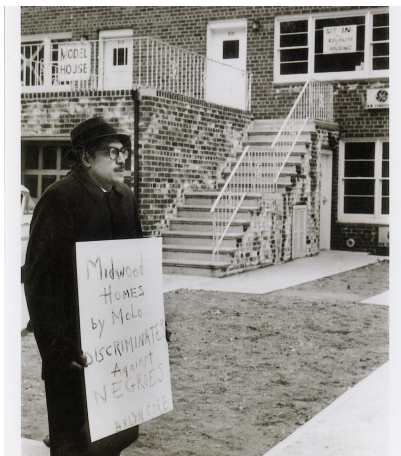




Images

Identified
images at BPL
to be digitized

We found images of flyers used by Brooklyn CORE, photographs of their campaigns, and articles which illuminated how they were discussed in the media.





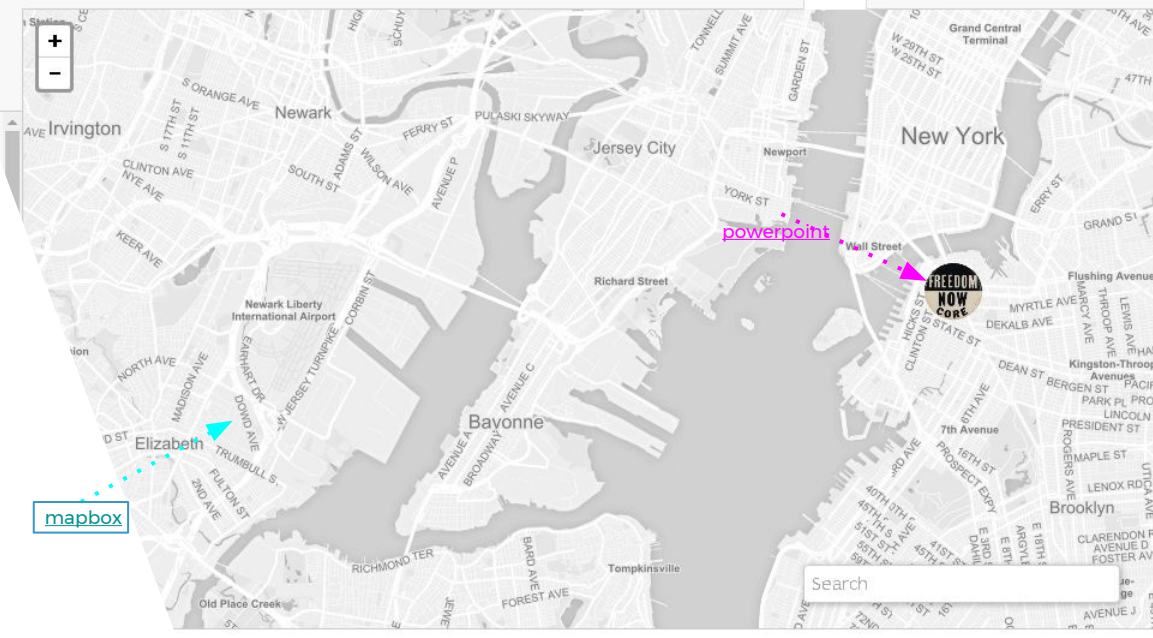
A Brooklyn CORE Map

Designing an interactive map as an entry point allows us to ensure the narratives told in this collection also require an awareness of where they happened.

Edit Preview

Building the Map

<https://storymap.knightlab.com/>



mapbox

Display **Sharing**

StoryMap Size Width 100% Height 600

Language English ?

Fonts Open Sans & Gentium I ?

Treat As Cartography Image

Call To Action Yes No ? Default: "Start Exploring"

Map Type Mapbox

Map ID mapbox.light

Access Token pk.eyJJIjoiibWlhc29sbyIsImEiOi...



<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/civil-rights-act/imag>

or Upload an Image

The Day They Changed Their Minds. New York:]

Caption

Woolworth

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On February 12, 1960, CC Woolworth stores in solic organizers, Marjorie Leec 1960, the group had form



Further Developments

- 1 Secure rights to release full interviews that are digitized
- 2 Photo Gallery
- 3 Expand interactive map
- 4 Digitize additional materials from Civil Rights in Brooklyn Collection
- 5 LibGuide



Thank you!