



Guide to the Lourdes Torres Papers



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Nota de resumen: Lourdes Torres es una activista comunitaria que ha pertenecido a organizaciones como: la Unión Estudiantil Pedro Albizu Campos (Queens College), National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights y el Committee Against Fort Apache. Esta colección es un recurso importante para estudiar las luchas por los derechos civiles de la comunidad puertorriqueña en Nueva York y la historia del National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, el Committee Against Fort Apache y el caso de discriminación racial en contra del Profesor Rafael Rivera García. La colección consiste de informes, volantes, correspondencia, comunicados de prensa, recortes de noticias y fotografías.

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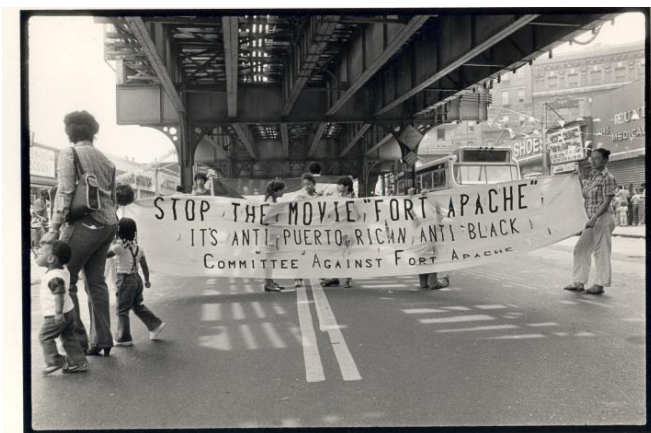
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LOURDES TORRES (1953-)

Biographical Note:

Lourdes Torres is a community activist from the South Bronx area of New York City. She was active in numerous organizations including Union Estudiantil Pedro Albizu Campos (Pedro Albizu Campos Student Union), the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights and the Committee Against Fort Apache. Currently she is the Director of the Office of Development and Grants Administration at Hostos Community College.



Torres was born on August 2, 1953, the fifth of seven children of Clorinda Valentín and Joaquín Torres Rivera who migrated to New York from Puerto Rico in the 1930s. Despite limited economic resources, her parents sent her to Catholic schools believing that this would give her a more solid education. From first to eighth grade, Torres attended St. Athanasius (1959-1964) and St. Thomas Aquinas (1964-1967) in the Bronx. When she started high school in the ninth grade, she received a scholarship to an all girls school, the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary in Manhattan (1967-1971). In her second year, she lost the scholarship and had to work in order to pay for tuition. At this point in her adolescent years, she formed a club of *Latina* students and began to more consciously identify herself as Puerto Rican. She also participated in meetings of ASPIRA that motivated her to pursue a college education and to develop personal goals. Torres was also inspired by the Young Lords Organization and although she was never a member, she learned from them to take pride in her Puerto Rican heritage.

In 1971, Torres entered Queens College for an undergraduate degree. It was during her college years that she became involved with the *Unión Estudiantil Pedro Albizu Campos*, an organization which aimed to unite Puerto Rican students through educational

Nota biográfica:

Lourdes Torres es una activista comunitaria oriunda del Sur del Bronx. Fue miembro de la Unión Estudiantil Pedro Albizu Campos (Queens College), el National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights y el Committee Against Fort Apache. Actualmente trabaja como directora de la Oficina de Desarrollo Institucional y Administración de Fondos (Office of Development and Grant Administration) del Hostos Community College.

Torres nació el 2 de agosto de 1953. Es la quinta hija de una familia de siete. Sus padres, Clorinda Valentín y Joaquín Torres Rivera, emigraron a Nueva York en los años treinta donde se conocieron y establecieron su hogar.

A pesar de provenir de una familia de escasos recursos, sus padres hicieron el esfuerzo y la matricularon en escuelas católicas porque creían que de este modo su hija obtendría una educación más sólida. De primer a octavo grado, Torres asistió a Santo Atanásio (1959-1964) y Santo Tomás de Aquino (1964-1967) en el Bronx. En el noveno grado obtuvo una beca de mérito para estudiar en el colegio de mujeres de la Academia del Sagrado Corazón de María (1967-1971) en Manhattan. Sin embargo, en su segundo año le quitaron la beca y tuvo que trabajar para pagar su matrícula. En este momento de su vida, Torres comenzó a organizar un grupo escolar de estudiantes latinas y a definirse como puertorriqueña. Participó en reuniones de ASPIRA que la motivaron a continuar su crecimiento personal y académico. Fue también en estos años que quedó impresionada con los Young Lords, aunque no militó en dicha organización, con ellos aprendió que “era apropiado decir a todas voces (sic) yo soy puertorriqueño” y con orgullo.

En 1971, Torres ingresó a Queens College para realizar sus estudios subgraduados. En sus años universitarios se involucró con la Unión Estudiantil Pedro Albizu Campos. Dicha organización tenía el propósito de agrupar a estudiantes puertorriqueños promoviendo programas educativos y conferencias. En la primavera del 1976 se graduó de Pedagogía Escolar y Lingüística. Viajó por primera vez a Puerto Rico en el verano de 1976. Ese mismo año, trabajó por seis meses como maestra de escuela pública, posición de la que fue despedida debido a la crisis fiscal que confrontaba la ciudad. Luego trabajó del 1977 al 1980 para el programa de estudios puertorriqueños de Queens College enseñando cursos sobre educación bilingüe y los niños puertorriqueños.

programs and conferences. Torres graduated in the spring of 1976 with a BA in Education and Linguistics.

It was in the summer of 1976 that she made a first and memorable trip to Puerto Rico. Upon her return to New York, she worked as a public school teacher for six months, but was dismissed due to the fiscal crisis in New York City and the lack of funds for her position. From 1977 to 1980 she taught classes on bilingual education and the Puerto Rican child in the Department of Puerto Rican Studies at Queens College. From 1977 to 1978 she completed a Masters degree in Bilingual Education at St. John's University.

As a community activist, Lourdes Torres played a leading role in several civil rights organizations. In 1981 she became active in the Committee Against Fort Apache which was created in protest to the film *Fort Apache: the Bronx*. The film, a negative portrayal of the South Bronx community, is filled with racist overtones. Around this same period, Torres joined an organizing committee for the creation of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, which became an important civil rights organization. She served as National Secretary, and as coordinator of the Puerto Rico chapter and the New York council.

During the 1980s, Torres worked for various institutions. She worked as a curator for the Bronx Museum of the Arts (1980-1982) and was a teacher trainer for the National Origins Desegregation Center (1982-1986) and for the Early Childhood Bilingual Multicultural Resource Center (1982-1986). Since 1987 she has been working at Hostos Community College of the City University of New York and has occupied the following positions: Director of the Office of Community and Continuing Education and the Adult Basic Education Program (1987-1997), Special Assistant to the President (1987-1992), lecturer in the Department of Health and Human Services (1992-1995) and more recently as the Director of the Office of Development and Grants Administration.

Lourdes Torres' papers complement the papers of Diana Caballero and Luis O. Reyes. They were all active in language rights and educational reform as well as in key civil rights organizations. Torres was part of an important generation of community leaders and her papers are a good resource for understanding the role of Puerto Rican activists in the decades of the 1980s and 1990s.

Además, estudió una maestría de Educación Bilingüe en St. John's University de 1977 al 1978.

En el campo de activista comunitario, Lourdes Torres se involucró en comités y organizaciones en defensa de los derechos civiles. Torres comenzó a trabajar en el Committee Against Fort Apache para el año 1981. Este comité luchó en contra de la filmación y promoción de la película *Fort Apache: The Bronx*, que presenta a los latinos y a la comunidad del South Bronx de manera despectiva y racista. A principios de los años ochenta, se unió al comité organizador que culminó en la creación del National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights. En esta organización, fungió como Secretaria Nacional, Coordinadora del Capítulo de Puerto Rico y el Concilio de Nueva York.

También, organizó el comité de apoyo al profesor universitario Rafael Rivera García, quién fue víctima de hostigamiento racial y tras enfrentarse a su agresor fue acusado con cargos criminales. El apoyo de dicho Comité y de varias organizaciones de la comunidad fue crucial para que Rivera García pudiera exponer su caso y eventualmente ser exonerado de los cargos de los que estaba acusado.

Durante sus años como activista Lourdes Torres trabajó como Curadora de Educación para el Bronx Museum of the Arts (1980-1982) y Entrenadora de Maestros para el National Origins Desegregation Assistance Center (1986-1987) y el Early Childhood Bilingual Multicultural Resource Center (1982-1986). Desde el 1987 hasta el presente, ha ocupado las siguientes posiciones en Hostos Community College (CUNY): Directora de la Oficina de Educación Comunitaria y Continuada y el Programa de Educación Básica para Adultos (1987-1997), Asistente Especial del Presidente (1987-1992), instructora en el Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos (1992-1995) y a partir del 1990 como Directora de la Oficina de Desarrollo Institucional y Administración de Fondos (Office of Development and Grants Administration).

Las colecciones de documentos de Lourdes Torres y Diana Caballero (ambas activistas) y la de Luis O. Reyes (representante del condado de Maniatan a la Junta de Educación) se complementan una a la otra debido a que ellos participaron en comités y organizaciones que tenía como objetivo movilizar a la comunidad latina en la lucha por sus derechos civiles, la educación bilingüe y contra la discriminación racial. La colección de Torres es un importante recurso para aprender sobre el rol de los activistas y sus comunidades durante este período histórico.

Scope and Content:

This collection is important for examining the struggles for civil rights of the Puerto Rican community in New York, the history of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights and the Committee Against Fort Apache. There is also information about bilingual education, and other organizations committed to civil rights goals.

The folders are alphabetical and the materials are organized in chronological order. The types of materials included are reports, flyers, letters and memoranda, press releases and news clippings as well as photographs.

The collection is divided into the following series:

- I. Biographical and Personal Information**
- II. Correspondence**
- III. Notes**
- IV. The National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights**
- V. The Committee Against Fort Apache**
- VI. Rafael Rivera García**
- VII. Organizations**
- VIII. Subject Files**
- IX. Clippings**
- X. Photographs**

Alcance y contenido:

Esta colección es un recurso importante para estudiar las luchas por los derechos civiles de la comunidad puertorriqueña en Nueva York y la historia del National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, el Committee Against Fort Apache y el caso de discriminación racial en contra del Profesor Rafael Rivera García. También contiene información sobre educación bilingüe y las organizaciones que estaban comprometidas con las luchas de la comunidad puertorriqueña y latina en dicho momento histórico.

Los cartapacios están organizados en orden alfabético y los documentos en orden cronológico. Entre los documentos hay: informes, recortes de periódicos, volantes, cartas, memorandos, comunicados de prensa y fotografías.

La colección está dividida en las siguientes series:

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- II. Correspondencia**
- III. Notas**
- IV. National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights**
- V. Committee Against Fort Apache**
- VI. Rafael Rivera García**
- VII. Organizaciones**
- VIII. Archivo de temas**
- IX. Recortes de periódicos**
- X. Fotografías**

Access Points / Términos de Acceso:

Name / Nombres

Caballero, Diana
López Antonetty, Evelina -- 1922-1984
Pérez, Richie (Richard) -- 1944-2004
Quiñones, Nathan
Rivera García, Rafael
Rodríguez Trias, Helen -- 1922-2001
Serrano, José E. -- 1943-
Velázquez, Nydia M. -- 1953-

Subject Organizations / Nombres Corporativos

Black and Latino Coalition Against Police Brutality
City University of New York
Committee Against Fort Apache
National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (U.S.)
Puerto Rican Council on Higher Education
Young Lords (Organization)

Subject Topics / Temas

Agricultural laborers, Puerto Rican
Education
Education -- New York (State) -- New York
Education, Bilingual -- New York (State) -- New York
Education, Higher -- New York (State) -- New York
English-only movement
Hispanic Americans -- Education -- New York (State) -- New York
Hispanic Americans -- Education -- United States
Human rights
Language and culture
Language and education
Language policy
Migrant labor
Multicultural education -- New York (State) -- New York
Organizations and Leaders
Police brutality -- New York (State) -- New York
Puerto Rican women -- New York (State) -- New York
Puerto Ricans -- Education -- New York (State) -- New York
Puerto Ricans -- New York (State) -- New York
Puerto Ricans -- New York (State) -- Social conditions
Social Reform
Sterilization (Birth control)
Sterilization of women

Document Types / Tipos de documentos

Clippings / Recortes de periódicos
Correspondence / Correspondencia
Flyers / Hojas sueltas
Memorandums / Memorandos
Photographs / Fotografías
Press Releases / Conferencias de prensa
Reports / Reportes

Series I: Biographical and Personal Information (1981-1990)

This series contains curriculum vitae, and a history of her work at Hostos Community College and at Queens College, mailing lists, and financial information.

Serie I: Información biográfica y personal (1981-1990)

Esta serie contiene información biográfica, curriculum vitae, listas de direcciones, estados financieros y su trayectoria profesional al servicio del Hostos Community College y Queens College.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
1	1	Biographical Information, undated
	2	Financial Statements, 1984–1985
	3	Job Related Information, 1983-1990
	4	Mailing Lists, undated, 1981

Series II: Correspondence (1975-2000)

Lourdes Torres maintained strong links with many of the activists of the New York community and this series contains a wealth of correspondence with community leaders. There is, for example, correspondence with Evelina López Antonetty, Executive Director of United Bronx Parents concerning, among other issues, the efforts to maintain bilingual education programs. Torres' interest in educational reform is evident in her communications with Nathan Quiñones, New York City School's Chancellor about the exclusion of Puerto Rican history from the public school curriculum. Letters on the case of Rafael Rivera García, a professor involved in a civil rights suit, are also included in the series.

Serie II: Correspondencia (1975-2000)

La serie consta de cartas enviadas y recibidas e invitaciones recibidas. Lourdes Torres mantuvo una gran comunicación con los activistas de la comunidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York. Cabe destacar la correspondencia sostenida con Evelina López Antonetty, Directora Ejecutiva de United Parents Inc., a la que le escribió el 3 de diciembre de 1982 con respecto a la necesidad de obtener su colaboración en la defensa de los programas bilingües. Otro ejemplo de su interés por la educación fue su carta del 12 de Julio de 1985 al canciller Nathan Quiñones, donde protestaba por la omisión de la historia de Puerto Rico en el curriculum escolar de la Ciudad. También hay correspondencia relacionada con su participación en el comité de apoyo a Rafael Rivera García (7 de Julio de 1982).

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
1	5-6	Incoming, undated, 1975–1991
	7	Invitations, 1980–1987
	8	Outgoing, undated, 1975–2000

Series III: Notes (1979-1991)

This series contains an abundance of notes about the meetings and activities in which Torres participated. It includes a notebook and writings on loose sheets of paper.

Serie III: Notas (1979-1991)

Estos documentos contienen sus apuntes sobre eventos y reuniones en las que participó. Además incluye una libreta y sus anotaciones en hojas sueltas.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
1	9	Notebook, undated
	10	Notes, undated
2	1-3	Notes, undated, 1979-1991

Series IV: The National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (1960-1992)

This series contains a significant amount of information on the establishment, goals, structure, and programs of this crucial civil rights organization. Included are the Bylaws and material about the various work groups. The Bylaws folder contains documents explaining the primary goal of the organization, which was to bring together at a national level people from all sectors of the community such as student groups, labor unions, professionals, artists, and politicians among others to work for improving the quality of life of Puerto Ricans in the United States. There are reports from organization presidents including a detailed one from Diana Caballero summarizing problems and issues raised at national conventions with suggestions and proposals for ways that the various Puerto Rican organizations could support each another. Torres' own work as National Secretary is amply documented.

Serie IV: National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights (1960-1992)

Esta serie documenta los distintos grupos de trabajo, reglamentos, actividades y trabajo comunitario de esta organización. En el cartapacio sobre los reglamentos explica que el objetivo principal del Congreso era unificar a nivel nacional los distintos grupos estudiantiles, sociales, sindicales, profesionales, artísticos y políticos que luchan por mejorar la calidad de vida de la comunidad puertorriqueña. Además, posee los informes del presidente e información sobre las convenciones nacionales. Diana Caballero escribió un resumen de las convenciones y presentó los problemas encontrados y sugirió posibles soluciones, programas y propuestas con la finalidad de que las organizaciones puertorriqueñas se apoyaran mutuamente. Por supuesto, tiene documentación sobre las actividades de Lourdes Torres como la Secretaria Nacional del Congreso en el año del 1981.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
2	4	Agendas, undated
	5	Bank Account, 1986
	6	Bilingual Education, undated
	7	Bylaws, undated, 1981–1985
	8	Caballero, Diana–President, 1984–1986
	9-10	Conventions–First National Convention undated
3	1	Conventions–First National Convention, 1977-1982
	2	Conventions–Second National Convention, 1983-1984
	3-4	Conventions–Third National Convention, undated, 1984–1985
	5	Conventions–Fourth National Convention, undated, 1986–1987
	6	Conventions–Fifth National Convention, undated, 1989
	7	Conventions–Sixth National Convention, undated, 1990–1991
	4	1-2
3		Cultural Issues, undated, 1983
4		Electoral Project, undated, 1985
5		Finances, 1983–1985
6		Financial Reports, undated, 1981–1983
7		Flyers, undated, 1983–1987
8		General Information, undated, 1981-1983
9		Health Task Force, undated, 1981–1982
10		Hoboken, undated, 1981–1985
11		Incorporation Records, 1981
12		Invitations, 1982
13		Justice Committee, undated, 1989–1991
14		Labor Task Force, undated
15		Labor Task Force–Puerto Rican Worker, undated, 1985
16		Latin American and Caribbean Task Force, undated, 1984
17		Long Island Chapter, undated
18		Mailing Lists and Phone Numbers, undated, 1990
19		March on Washington, undated, 1983–1986

- 20 Marroquín, Héctor-Deportation Case, undated, 1985

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 - 1 Meetings, 1981–1985
 - 2-3 Membership, undated, 1981–1983
 - 4 Memoranda–Incoming, 1981–1991
 - 5 Memoranda–Outgoing, 1980–1983
 - 6 Moving of Mountains–A Leadership Manual, 1986
 - 7 National Board, undated, 1983–1985
 - 8 National Executive Committee, 1981-1983

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 - 1 National Executive Committee, 1984-1985
 - 2 National Investigation Commission, undated, 1983-1984
 - 3 National Labor Task Force, 1988
 - 4 National Puerto Rican March for Justice, undated, 1981–1986
 - 5 National Puerto Rican Women’s Task Force, 1981
 - 6 National Task Force, 1984
 - 7 New Jersey State Council, 1983
 - 8 Newsletters, 1981–1990
 - 9-10 New York City Chapter, undated, 1981–1992
 - 11 New York Committee to Free the Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners, 1979
 - 12 New York State Assembly, undated, 1982
 - 13 New York State Council, undated, 1983–1984

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 - 1 Olmo, Robert III–U. S. Army Discharge Case, 1987
 - 2 Organizational Structure, undated
 - 3 Organizing, undated
 - 4 Padres Unidos, 1983
 - 5 Pennsylvania State Chapter, undated, 1987
 - 6 Pérez, Richie, 1987
 - 7 Pledge Drive, undated, 1985–1986
 - 8 Press Releases, 1986–1991
 - 9 Presser, Jackie–President, Teamster’s Union, 1984
 - 10 Proposal to Continue the Basic Program of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, undated
 - 11 Proposals, undated, 1987
 - 12 Proposed National Task Forces, 1983
 - 13 Puerto Rican Council on Higher Education, undated, 1990
 - 14 Puerto Rican Politics, undated, 1960–1978
 - 15 Puerto Ricans in the United States, undated, 1971–1987
 - 16 Racial Attacks, undated, 1989
 - 17 Reports, 1983–1985
 - 18 Speeches and Statements, undated, 1981–1988
 - 19 Stationary, undated, 1981
 - 20 Status of Puerto Ricans in the United States-Report, 1987–1991
 - 21 Solidarity Day, undated, 1981

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 - 1 United Nations, undated, 1981–1983
 - 2 Washington Information Resource Center, 1983
 - 3 Women’s Task Force, undated, 1983 –1986
 - 4 Work Plan Resolution, undated
 - 5 Work Team on Political Development, 1986
 - 6 Youth Project, 1980–1982

Series V: The Committee Against Fort Apache (1981-1987)

There is a good deal of material documenting the work of the Committee Against Fort Apache particularly local and national articles about the debate sparked by the film *Fort Apache: the Bronx*. Included is a letter to Norman Levy, President of FOX studios from Congressman William Grey protesting the film's stereotypical depiction of Puerto Ricans and other Latinos.

Box	Folder	
Caja	Cartapacio	
8	7-10	General, undated, 1980-1987

Series VI: Rafael Rivera García (1988-1990)

The documents in this series concern the case against Prof. Rivera García who was brought up on charges in a shooting incident where he claimed he was defending his civil rights. There are news articles, reports and petitions in support of Rivera García.

Box	Folder	
Caja	Cartapacio	
9	1-2	General, undated, 1988-1990
	3	Petitions to Dismiss Charges, 1989

Series VII: Organizations (1969-1990)

Most of the materials document diverse Puerto Rican and Latino organizations in New York. In the area of educational reform there are organizations such as the Puerto Rican Council on Higher Education (undated, 1980-1990) whose goal it was to increase the presence of Puerto Ricans in the CUNY colleges and to advocate for equal educational opportunities. Torres was the coordinator of this council. There is information about the Puerto Rican Socialist Party notably a document titled "The Political Declaration of the United States Branch of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party" and also about the Young Lords Organization. Among the documents are some related to US English, an offshoot of the English Only movement.

Serie V: Committee Against Fort Apache (1981-1987)

Esta serie comprende algunos de los documentos generados por el Committee Against Fort Apache. Torres conservó un gran número de artículos locales y nacionales sobre la polémica que creó la película *Fort Apache: The Bronx*. Entre los documentos hay una carta enviada al Presidente de la compañía cinematográfica Fox, Norman Levy. En dicha carta William Grey, un congresista de los Estados Unidos protesta por la presentación de los estereotipos latinos en dicha película.

Serie VI: Rafael Rivera García (1988-1990)

Los documentos giran en torno al caso legal en contra de Rafael Rivera García, profesor visitante de Hostos Community College, acusado de cargos criminales como resultado de sus esfuerzos por defenderse del hostigamiento racial del cual fue víctima en 1989. Los cartapacios reúnen los artículos periodísticos, informes y peticiones con firmas apoyando a Rivera García.

Serie VII: Organizaciones (1969-1990)

La mayoría de los documentos corresponden a diversas organizaciones latinas y puertorriqueñas en Nueva York. Las organizaciones son de tipo educativo, comunitario y político. En el campo educativo hay documentos de entidades como el Puerto Rican Council for Higher Education, una organización que respalda los derechos y asegura la igualdad y oportunidad de los puertorriqueños y latinos en las instituciones universitarias de la cual Lourdes Torres fue coordinadora. También contiene documentación sobre la organización US English impulsadora del "English-Only" movement. En el área política existe un cartapacio del Partido Socialista Puertorriqueño con un documento titulado "The Political Declaration of The United States Branch of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party" (1973) y otro de los Young Lords Party, una organización de los años setenta inspirada en el Black Panther Party.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio		
9	4	All People's Congress, undated, 1981	
	5-6	Asociación de Trabajadores Agrícolas, undated, 1973–1975	
	7	ASPIRA–New York, undated, 1983	
	8	Coalition for Racial Justice, undated	
	9	Coalition in Defense of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Rights, undated, 1981	
	10	Centro de Juventud Latinoamericana, undated	
	11	Comité de Madres, undated	
	12	Comité en Defensa del Idioma, 1990	
	13	Comité Pro Libertad de los Presos Nacionalistas Puertorriqueños/Committee for the Freedom of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners, undated	
	14	Comité Regional de Pastoral Hispana del Noroeste de Estados Unidos, undated, 1974–1976	
	15	Committee of Solidarity for Puerto Rican Liberation, undated	
	16	Concilio Pastoral Juvenil, undated, 1974–1975	
	10	1	Congreso Boricua de New Jersey–Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey, undated, 1979–1981
		2	Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc., 1989
		3	Educadores del Pueblo, undated
		4	Ejército Popular Boricua/ Macheteros, 1981
5		Hispanic Political Contributions, 1984	
6		Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, Inc., 1986	
7		Junta de Acción Puertorriqueña, undated	
8		Juventud Independentista Universitaria (JIU), 1972	
9		Latin American Community Center, undated	
10		Liga Socialista, 1977–1978	
11		Language Rights Coalition, 1990	
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15		Movimiento Pro Independencia (MPI), 1969	
16		Mujeres Latinoamericanas de New Haven, Inc., 1981	
17		Museo del Barrio, undated	
18		National Conference for Puerto Rican Women, Inc., 1981	
19		New Rican Village, undated, 1978–1980	
20		New York Coalition for Bilingual Education, undated, 1983	
21		New York Committee to Free the Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners, 1977–1982	
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26		People Against White Supremacy, undated	
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28		Puerto Rican Alliance, undated, 1981	
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- 5 Taller Latinoamericano, undated
- 6 The Puerto Rican Family Institute, 1979
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- 8 Union for Puerto Rican Students Northeastern Illinois University, 1975
- 9 United Bronx Parents, Inc., undated, 1983
- 10 U. S. English, undated, 1983–1987
- 11 Young Lords Party , 1971-1972

Series VIII: Subject Files (1967-1991)

Some of the topics included here are bilingual education: the English Only Movement, police brutality, and the sterilization of women of color. There are presentations, notes, and declarations of various kinds. One example is “A Declaration of the International Community about the Crime of Genocide Against the Puerto Rican People.” Included is a presentation titled “Women and Health Care System Sterilization Abuse” by Dr. Helen Rodríguez, an outspoken critic of sterilization practices, (Nov. 10, 1976).

Serie VIII: Archivo de temas (1967-1991)

Los temas tratados incluyen la educación bilingüe, “English Only” y la esterilización de mujeres de grupos minoritarios. Además de las monografías, notas y propagandas de protestas, existe un documento sin fecha y titulado “Declaración a la comunidad internacional en relación al crimen de genocidio contra el pueblo puertorriqueño”. En el mismo se mencionan los distintos mecanismos que Estados Unidos utiliza para subyugar a Puerto Rico. Contiene una ponencia titulada “Women and Health Care System Sterilization Abuse” (10 de noviembre de 1976), sobre el tema de la esterilización y escrita por la Dra. Helen Rodríguez Trías, la que posteriormente publicó en el periódico *The Women’s Center* de Barnard College en 1978.

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Series IX: Clippings (1977-1992)

Here are gathered articles about the many issues and problems confronting *Latinos* in the U.S. There are items on bilingual education and language rights, police brutality, violence, student strikes, and Puerto Rico's political status.

Serie IX: Recortes de periódicos (1977-1992)

Esta serie es una recopilación de los artículos de prensa sobre los siguientes temas que conciernen a la comunidad latina: educación bilingüe, violencia en las comunidades, huelgas estudiantiles en la Universidad de Puerto Rico, protestas a favor de independencia de Puerto Rico y brutalidad policiaca.

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Series X: Photographs (undated)

Most of the photographs reflect activities in which Torres took part such as the Committee Against Fort Apache and the Rafael Rivera García case. There are negatives as well.

Serie X: Fotografías (sin fecha)

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