

## **Carolyn Jones Collection**

### **Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library Denver Public Library 2001**

**Provenance:** The collection was donated to the African American Research Library, The Denver Public Library by Carolyn Jones.

**Ownership:** Literary and copyrights have been assigned to the Denver Public Library.

**Call Number:** MS-ARL22

**Size:** 2 boxes, 1 (flat) oversize w/ two items

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#### **Autobiographical Information**

The following traits describe Dr. Carolyn Jones: Friendly, outgoing, smiles constantly, hardworking, and possesses much empathy for others. I was born and reared in Savannah, Georgia. Though I came from a two-parent home, my mother was the greatest influence in my life. My sister and I share [our] daily experiences [on a] weekly [basis], although we live many miles apart. I try not to give any thought as to what life would be like without her. I'm sure she shares the same sentiments.

My mother, Evelyn Jones, worked as a domestic and was a shining example of "When there's a will, there's a way." She raised a family and often had to discontinue college to make ends meet, but she never gave up her dream of becoming a teacher. She passed her determination and value of education on to me.

Elementary and middle public school years for me were fun. I attended boarding school throughout middle and high school. The years at Boggs Academy in Keysville, Georgia provided opportunities to develop understanding and appreciation of similarities and differences between people. This experience also fostered independence and the ability

to get along with others.

Secondly, my college years were spent at Savannah State University majoring in elementary education. Third, I pursued a Master's of Education, specializing in curriculum instruction and finally earned a Doctorate of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Sarasota.

Although my roots were in education and having taught for 34 years, I joined my then spouse, John Mitchell, in the discovery of the need for a magazine in the Denver community. *Odyssey West Magazine* focused on the accomplishments and contributions of Afro-Americans in the urban west. As one of the founders of *Odyssey West* and the owner of *New Odyssey Magazine*, I contributed my zest for teaching and related self-discovery to the magazine and provided opportunities for young writers and photographers to launch literary careers and internship opportunities for journalism students.

My employment years consisted of teaching in the Overseas Dependent Schools, Aurora Public Schools, Department of Commerce, Los Angeles Unified Schools, and Denver Public Schools.

The reality that a world existed beyond my humble beginning came into full fruition while living and teaching in Europe.

Some describe me like the month of March, entering like a lion and leaving like a lamb. I prefer to be known as a strong, courageous woman who has the warmth and peacefulness of a dove.

- Carolyn Jones

### **Scope and Content**

The bulk of the Carolyn Jones Collection (1978-1994) relates to *Odyssey West Magazine*. This material includes photographic files, award certificates and plaques, and publications of *Odyssey West*. The photograph files consist of many figures throughout the African American community, both at the national and local level. In addition there exists information (publications, art, and covers) that pertains to *Odyssey*, *Afro-Denver*, *Afro Colorado*, and *Colorado Lifestyle* - - publications for which Jones played a role.

### **Series**

#### **Series I: Photograph Files**

*Material from: circa 1978-1980s*

*Box 1*

The photograph files are organized alphabetically. They document the African American community. Jones used these photographs for her magazine articles.

## **Series II: Publications**

*Material from: 1978-1994*

*Box 2*

The publications are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. The magazine titles include: *Odyssey West*, *Odyssey*, *Colorado Lifestyle*, *Afro Colorado*, and *Afro-Denver*.

## **Series III: *Odyssey West* Covers**

*Material from: 1984-1990*

*Box 2*

The Carolyn Jones Collection houses a run of covers from *Odyssey West*. They are arranged chronologically.

## **Series IV: Papers**

*Material from: 1984-1990*

*Box 2*

The papers series houses miscellaneous items that are arranged alphabetically. Highlights include correspondence from Pat Schroeder, an Executive Order, and numerous articles concerning *Odyssey West*.

## **Series V: Memorabilia**

*Material from: 1984-1990*

*Box 2*

The collection contains several certificates and plaques. They are arranged alphabetically and consist of a membership certificate, recognition certificate, and a proclamation from the City and County of Denver.

## **Series VI: Art**

*Material from: 1984-1990*

*Box 2*

The Carolyn Jones Collection contains a small amount of artwork that is arranged alphabetically by artist. The work of two different artists, Raen and Ragland, comprises

the art series.

## Container Listing

### Series I: Photograph Files

#### Box 1 - 2

Box 1	FF1	Architecture	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF2	Artist	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF3	Black Cowboys	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF4	Community	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF5	Coors	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF6	Cover Story	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF7	Education	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF8	Entertainment	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF9	Fashion Photographs - Ron Steele	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF10	Features	March/April 1983
Box 1	FF11	Features	May/June 1983
Box 1	FF12	Juneteenth	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF13	Juneteenth	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF14	Lifestyle	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF15	March on Washington	Sept./Oct. 1983
Box 1	FF16	Name Change Contest / Mr. Greene	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF17	National Association of Black Journalists	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF18	New and Film Service, Inc.	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF19	On Your Way Up	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF20	Opinion	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF21	Piton Meeting	April 1983
Box 1	FF22	Political Figures	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF23	Political Figures	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF24	Reaganomics	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF25	Religion	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF26	Pat Schroeder	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF27	O.J. Simpson	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF28	Sports	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF29	Sports	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF30	Staff Photographs - Odyssey West	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF31	Students, Metro	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF32	Talk Talk	circa 1978-1980s
Box 1	FF33	Thanksgiving - Daddy Bruce	circa 1978-1980s
Box 2	FF1	Theatre / Entertainment	circa 1978-1980s
Box 2	FF2	Travel	circa 1978-1980s
Box 2	FF3	Unidentified	circa 1978-1980s

## Series II: Publications

### Box 2

Box 2	FF4	<i>Afro Colorado Magazine</i>	Summer 1981
Box 2	FF5	<i>Afro Colorado Magazine</i>	November 1981
Box 2	FF6	<i>Afro Colorado Magazine</i>	April 1982
Box 2	FF7	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	September 1978
Box 2	FF8	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	August 1979
Box 2	FF9	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	September 1979
Box 2	FF10	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	November 1979
Box 2	FF11	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	January 1980
Box 2	FF12	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	February 1980
Box 2	FF13	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	May 1980
Box 2	FF14	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	October 1980
Box 2	FF15	<i>Afro-Denver</i>	November 1980
Box 2	FF16	<i>Colorado Lifestyle</i>	Jan. / Feb. 1983
Box 2	FF17	<i>Colorado Lifestyle</i>	March / April 1983
Box 2	FF18	<i>Odyssey</i>	Spring 1992
Box 2	FF19	<i>Odyssey</i>	Fall 1982
Box 2	FF20	<i>Odyssey</i>	Winter/Spring 1993
Box 2	FF21	<i>Odyssey</i>	Summer 1993
Box 2	FF22	<i>Odyssey</i>	Summer 1994
Box 2	FF23	<i>Odyssey West</i>	May / June 1983
Box 2	FF24	<i>Odyssey West</i>	August 1985
Box 2	FF25	<i>Odyssey West</i>	December 1985
Box 2	FF26	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Jan. / Feb. 1986
Box 2	FF27	<i>Odyssey West</i>	March / April 1986
Box 2	FF28	<i>Odyssey West</i>	July / August 1986
Box 2	FF29	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Sept. / Oct. 1986
Box 2	FF30	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Nov. / Dec. 1986
Box 2	FF31	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Jan. / Feb. 1987
Box 2	FF32	<i>Odyssey West</i>	July/August 1987
Box 2	FF33	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Nov. / Dec. 1987
Box 2	FF34	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Jan. / Feb. 1988
Box 2	FF35	<i>Odyssey West</i>	May / June 1988
Box 2	FF36	<i>Odyssey West</i>	Jan. / Feb. 1989
Box 2	FF37	<i>Odyssey West</i>	May / June 1989
Box 2	FF38	<i>Odyssey West</i>	July / August 1989

## Series III: *Odyssey West* Covers

### Box 2

Box 2	FF39	Volume 2, #4	June / August 1983
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Box 2	FF40	Volume 2, #5	Sept. / Oct. 1983
Box 2	FF41	Volume 3, #1	Jan. / Feb. 1984
Box 2	FF42	Volume 3, #2	March / April 1984
Box 2	FF43	Volume 3, #3	May / June 1984
Box 2	FF44	Volume 3, #4	July / August 1984
Box 2	FF45	Volume 3, #5	Sept. / Oct. 1984
Box 2	FF46	Volume 3, #6	12/1984
Box 2	FF47	Volume 4, #1	02/1985
Box 2	FF48	Volume 4, #2	04/1985
Box 2	FF49	Volume 4, #3	06/1985
Box 2	FF50	Volume 4, #4	08/1985
Box 2	FF51	Volume 4, #5	11/1985
Box 2	FF52	Volume 4, #6	12/1985
Box 2	FF53	Volume 5, #1	02/1986
Box 2	FF54	Volume 5, #2	March / April 1986
Box 2	FF55	Volume 5, #4	July / August 1986
Box 2	FF56	Volume 5, #5	Sept. / Oct. 1986
Box 2	FF57	Volume 5, #6	Nov. / Dec. 1986
Box 2	FF58	Volume 6, #1	Jan. / Feb. 1987
Box 2	FF59	Volume 6, #2	March / April 1987
Box 2	FF60	Volume 6, #3	May / June 1987
Box 2	FF61	Volume 6, #4	July / August 1987
Box 2	FF62	Volume 6, #5	Sept. / Oct. 1987
Box 2	FF63	Volume 6 #6	Nov. / Dec. 1987
Box 2	FF64	Volume 7, #1	Jan. / Feb. 1988
Box 2	FF65	Volume 7, #2	March / April 1988
Box 2	FF66	Volume 7, #5	Oct. / Nov. 1988
Box 2	FF67	Volume 7, #6	12/1988
Box 2	FF68	Volume 8, #2	March / April 1989
Box 2	FF69	Volume 8, #3	May / June 1989
Box 2	FF70	Volume 8, #6	Nov. / Dec. 1989
Box 2	FF71	Volume 8, #5	Sept. / Oct. 1989
Box 2	FF72	Volume 9, #1	Jan. / Feb. 1990
Box 2	FF73	Volume 9, #2	March / April 1990
Box 2	FF74	Volume 9, #3	May / June 1990
Box 2	FF75	Cover	Fall 1992
Box 2	FF76	Cover	Summer 1994

#### Series IV: Papers

##### Box 2

Box 2	FF77	Articles	n.d.
Box 2	FF78	Correspondence: Pat Schroeder	2/2/83

Box 2      FF79      Executive Order: Odyssey West Day      1/7/84

**Series V: Memorabilia**

**Box 2**

Box 2      FF80      Autobiography and photo      n.d.

*Congressional Record*  
(Black American West Museum)      12/17/85

Membership Certificate for the National  
Association of Black Achievers and  
Comer Publishing Company      02/1990

Proclamation from City and County of  
Denver - Odyssey West Day in  
Denver - Peña      1/7/84

First Annual Unity Ball - Marketing  
Consultants Unique - Community Service  
Recognition Award to  
Odyssey West Magazine      4/12/86

Box 2      plaque      Esquires, Inc. Community Service Award      2/16/85

Box 2      plaque      Certificate of Appreciation from the  
Marketing Consultants Unique (Unity Ball)      1987

**Series VI: Art**

**Box 2**

Box 2      FF81      Sketches: Herbert Hancock,  
Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis  
(Raen)      n.d.

Box 2      FF82      Posters  
(Ragland)      n.d.



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Posters - CSU 4H Extension  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Football Clinic

n.d.