Reference Code (2.1): 41-43

Name and Location of Repository (2.2): Special Collections, Lane Library, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA, 31419

Title (2.3): Discovering Desegregation at Armstrong: Records and Papers

Date(s) (2.4): Inclusive dates: 1966-1982
Bulk dates: 1974-1978

Extent (2.5): Three boxes equaling 2.5 cubic feet and containing a total of 34 folders. Folder 17 is split into 17 A and 17 B, the same for folder 28 and folder 29 is divided into A-D which makes for numbered folders up to 29 but a total of 34 folders. Material includes correspondence, memorandums, official documents, newspapers, pamphlets, minutes, statistics, court documents and various versions of the desegregation plan.

Name of Creator(s) (2.6): Office of the President, Ashmore

Scope and Content (3.1): The Discovering Desegregation at Armstrong collection is material related to the process of desegregation at Armstrong State College from 1966 to 1982. Savannah State College, the historically African-American college of Savannah, is mentioned in tandem with ASC. The records and papers include correspondence, memorandums, official documents, newspapers, pamphlets, minutes, court documents, statistics and various versions of the desegregation plan. ASC and SSC of Savannah, Georgia are most prevalent but other University System of Georgia schools are mentioned as well. Influential people include Henry Ashmore, David Tatel, George Simpson and Peter Holmes.

Conditions Governing Access (4.1): Open

Language and Scripts of Material (4.5): English

Administrative/Biographical History (2.7): Records accumulated by the Office of the President, Ashmore and transferred to the University Archives upon his retirement. The Civil Rights movement of the 1950’s and 60’s prompted the desegregation schools in the U.S. The records indicate that ASC and SSC of Savannah, Georgia spent over a decade revising and considering a course of action in order to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Box 600-Records of the Dean of Joint Graduate Program, 1973-1985, Joseph Adams
Box 751-President, May 1978-May 1979, John Opper

Access Points:

African-American Universities and Colleges
Armstrong State University—History
Ashmore, Henry Ludlow  
Civil Rights—Georgia—Savannah  
Race Relations—Georgia  
Savannah State University—History  
School Integration—Georgia—Savannah—History—Sources  
Segregation in Higher Education—Georgia  

**System of Arrangement (3.2):** One series arranged chronologically from 1966-1982. Briefly described below.

Folder 1: HEW Correspondence (1966-73)  
-Letters between Ashmore and Simpson-multiple programs/finances discussed

Folder 2: Civil Rights (1969-75)  
-Letters between Ashmore and Dewey Dodd (Chief of education branch for OCR)  
-compliance reports

-Letters to Ashmore from professors and students pertaining to African-Americans on ASC campus

Folder 4: Desegregation Info (1972-73)  
-Joint Graduate program for SSC and ASC/Correspondence about the desegregation PLAN (Simpson & Holmes)

Folder 5: Plan for further Integration (!) of University system of GA (June 11, 1973)  
Folder 6: Desegregation Correspondence (1974)  
-Ashmore, Holmes and Simpson

Folder 7: Propst/Ashmore Memo (May 6, 1974) et.al  
-Revision of PLAN/Duplicate Programs @ ASC & SSC.

Folder 8: Duplication committee report (no date, 1974)  
-Assessment of duplicate programs between ASC & SSC.

Folder 9: The PLAN (June 1, 1974) Parts A & B  
-Desegregation Plan-discussion of image change for colleges

Folder 10: The PLAN (Feb 13, 1974)  
-Reports on minority enrollment and duplicate programs

Folder 12: Description of ASC/SSC Academic Division (June 1974)  
-Inventory of program offerings and curriculum for each

Folder 13: Visiting committee (July 17-18, 1975) Sub-committee on non-resident Four-Year Colleges of University system.  
-Progress for desegregation assessment

Folder 14: Chronicles of Higher education 1974  
-News articles

Folder 15: Duplication and Recruitment Information (1974-75)  
-Minority recruitment reports/duplication reports

Folder 16: OCR response to the Plan (Aug 4 1975)  
-Ashmore memos about desegregation progress, 1977 OCR letter to several states including Georgia stating Plan does not comply with Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Folder 17 A-B: The Plan 1977(Sept)
-Revised Plan from above. Letter from Simpson to Tatel regarding the revised Plan.
Folder 18: US District Court Documents (August 1977)
Folder 19: Clarification of September 1977 PLAN (December 1977)
- Special attention to ASC and SSC. Letters between school presidents.
Folder 20: Clarification of September 1977 PLAN (March 1978)
- Overall timeline of the Plan. Letters to Tatel from Simpson.
Folder 21: Fourth Segment of the PLAN (Oct 1978)
- Copy of a Plan with notes on it.
Folder 23: Minutes from Work study groups on desegregation (1978)
- Work study groups for desegregation options.
Folder 24: Savannah Community Liaison Committee and work study groups (1978)
- Large folder, multiple memos and minutes about desegregation options, letters from students at SSC and ASC, public hearing minutes.
Folder 25: Plan for SSC Desegregation (June 26, 1978)
- Concise Plan
Folder 26: Progress report on the implementation of the PLAN (August 15 1979)
- Vernon Crawford letter to Tatel introducing first progress report, statistics included.
Folder 27: Statistical data for liaison committee
- Survey of students, questionnaire, teacher/student race statistics.
Folder 28 A-B: Liaison committee and work study groups (May, June 1978)
- Statements from persons about desegregation options.
Folder 29 A-D: Final Report from Savannah Community Liaison Committee to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on the desegregation of Armstrong State College and Savannah State College. (July 5, 1978)