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**Faculty Diversity  
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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Faculty Diversity Oral History Interviews Collection

**Collection Number:** 2004-29

**Creator:** Special Collections & Archives.

**Extent:** .1 cu.ft. (1 audiotape box).

**Abstract:** Audiotapes of interviews for the article “The Race Politics of Hiring” Published in *The Wesleyan Argus Magazine* (May 14, 2001, p.15-17)

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** Edmond Wu, Class of 2004.

**Access Restrictions:** Only tapes with interviewee permission are available for listening.

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## Scope and Contents Note

In 2001, Ed Wu wrote an article titled “The Race Politics of Hiring” which was published in the May 14 issue of the Wesleyan Argus Magazine. In this article, he interviewed various students, faculty, and administration about hiring and retention rates for faculty of color, as well as responses by student of color activist groups at the University. Though informal, these interviews provide an important glimpse into the state of student activism and administrative policies from a variety of perspectives.

The collection contains eleven taped interviews (some individual, some in groups) ranging in length between twenty-five minutes and one hour. Some tapes are restricted; and others there is no permission on file.

## ***Interview Subjects***

### *Administration/Faculty*

- Doug Bennet, President (tape restricted)
- Freddy Hill, Dean of the College
- Kathryn Friedman, Director, Office of Affirmative Action ☺ (open, permission on file)
- J. Kehaulani Kauanui, Professor

### *Students*

- Sajjadur Rahman, Student Unity Network – Class of 2003
- Jahi Lake, Student of Color activist – Class of 2001
- Devyani Srinivasan, Shakti (South Asian/American Organization) - Class of 2001 ☺ (open, permission on file)
- Faika Farzana, Shakti – Class of 2003
- Hema Prabhu, Shakti – Class of 2003
- Michael Lewis, vice president of WSA, member of Ujaama – Class of 2003 ☺ (open, permission on file)
- Ellen Guidone, SADS (Students of Asian Descent Surviving in America) – Class of 2001
- Jarrett Cobbs, Black and Latino Brotherhood (BLB) – Class of 2002
- Justin Weir, BLB – Class of 2002 ☺ (open, permission on file)
- Terrance Williams, BLB – Class of 2002
- Jason Forde, BLB, Ujaama – Class of 2001

☺ - denotes permission already granted for use of tape

## **Related Materials**

Academic Affairs Faculty Files, Collection 2004-93.  
Archives Vertical Files, Faculty Files.

## **Contents List**

Tape 1: Doug Bennet (restricted)  
Tape 2: Freddy Hill  
Tape 3: Kathryn Friedman (open, permission on file)  
Tape 4: J. Kehaulani Kauanui  
Tape 5: Devyani Srinivasan (open, permission on file), Faika Farzana, Hema Prabhu (open, permission on file)  
Tape 6: Michael Lewis (open, permission on file)  
Tape 7: Sajjadur Rahman  
Tape 8: Jarrett Cobbs, Justin Weir, Jason Forde, Terrance Williams  
Tape 9: Jarrett Cobbs, Justin Weir, Jason Forde, Terrance Williams  
Tape 10: Ellen Guidone

Tape 11: Jahi Lake