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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Frank Espada Photographs
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1395
Date:	1962-2008
Extent:	17 Cubic feet (52 boxes)
Creator:	Espada, Jason Espada, Frank, 1930-
Language:	English Some materials in Spanish.
Summary:	Collection consists of photographic materials taken by Frank Espada, mostly images from the Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project, which documents these communities across the United States. In addition, there are materials relating to his earlier work documenting civil rights activities, also in the United States during the 1960s and 1970s.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Archives Center in 2016, by Frank Espada's son, Jason Espada.

Materials at Other Organizations

Duke University Libraries

[Frank Espada papers and photographs, 1946-2010 and undated, bulk 1975-2010](#)

The Frank Espada Papers and Photographs collection consists largely of photographic prints, contact sheets, proofs, and negatives, chiefly dating from the mid-1970s through 2010, relating to Espada's Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project, his project work on indigenous Chamorro communities in Micronesia, primarily in Guam, Tinian, and Saipan, and his work documenting HIV/AIDS outreach and education in San Francisco. The largest body of materials, which includes photographs as well as manuscripts and recorded interviews, derives from Espada's work with the Puerto Rican communities which spanned several decades. A smaller group of materials, nineteen prints, associated contacts and negatives and several folders of documents, were created through Espada's activism in the Civil Rights Movement for voter registration and school desegregation in New York City from 1962-1970.

Other materials include research files on documentary topics he was currently investigating; materials used in preparation for his many photography project exhibits, large and small;

teaching syllabi and notes from his photography courses; awards and memorabilia; and other manuscript and printed materials from his career in photography.

Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs

The Puerto Rican diaspora, between 1979 and 1981

83 photographic prints

Detroit Institute of Arts Research Library and Archives

[Frank Espada: artist file]

1 folder. Folder may contain clippings, press releases, brochures, reviews, small exhibition catalogs, resúmenes, other ephemera.

Available Formats

Oral history interviews in Subseries 4.1) are available digitally. See repository for details.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Francisco Luis Espada Roig, commonly known as Frank Espada, was born in Utuado, Puerto Rico in December of 1930. Espada and his family migrated to New York City in 1939. He attended public school and after high school briefly attended City College of New York. In 1949 he joined the Air Force. After serving in the Air Force, he began his career in documentary photography.

In 1951 or 1952 he began attending the New York Institute of Photography on the GI Bill. Influenced by important New York-based photographers Dave Heath and Gene Smith, Espada became intent on pursuing what he called his "first love"- documentary photography. He specialized in photographing the Puerto Rican diaspora.

In 1952 he married his wife, Marilyn. They had three children, Lisa, Jason, and Martin. Espada began working for an electrical contractor to provide for his family, a job he would have for ten years. During

this time, Espada became heavily involved in the New York community and the Civil Rights Movement, organizing voter registration drives, rent strikes, and marches for civil rights.

In the 1970s, he was a Fellow with the Ford Foundation working with the Drug Abuse Council, where he created a large body of work. In 1979 he received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which allowed him to pursue his "life-long dream of shooting a major documentary." He began working on his book, *The Puerto Rican Diaspora: Themes in the Survival of a People*, where he documented Puerto Rican communities and the Puerto Rican experience around the United States, including Hawaii and Guam.

In 1985 he moved to San Francisco and was given the opportunity to teach at the UC Berkeley Extension Program. He discovered that he loved to teach, which resulted in what he referred to as "eighteen of the best years of my life."

In 1989 he joined forces with the Youth Environment Studies (YES), documenting the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic. In 2005 he retired from teaching and continued working on his book. In 2007, his book, *The Puerto Rican Diaspora: Themes in the Survival of a People*, was published.

In his later years, he turned to color photography and landscapes. He passed away in February of 2014 from a heart problem.

Scope and Contents

Photographs and negatives taken by Frank Espada, mostly images from his most well-known body of work, The Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project, which consists of several hundred prints and thousands of negatives of Puerto Rican communities across the United States. The purpose of the project was to establish the national presence of Puerto Ricans in the United States, to celebrate Puerto Rican culture and Latinidad, and to make a political statement.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into three series.

Series 1: Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project, 1962-2008

Sub-Series 1.1: Photographic and Digital Prints, 1962-1986

Sub-Series 1.2: Proofs, 1979-1986

Sub-Series 1.3: Contact Sheets and Negatives, 1964-1987

Sub-Series 1.4: Interviews, 1980-1982

Sub-Series 1.5: Site Notebooks, 1981-1985

Sub-Series 1.6: Exhibition Materials, 1967-2008

Sub-Series 1.7: Newspaper Clippings, 1983-2007

Series 2: Civil Rights Era Materials, 1963-1974

Sub-Series 2.1: Black and White Prints, 1963-1974

Sub-Series 2.2: Proofs, Negatives, and Contact Sheets, 1963-1968

Sub-Series 2.3: Slides, 1969

Sub-Series 3: Personal Papers, 1966-2007

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Documentary photography
- Immigrant communities
- Immigrants -- Puerto Rican -- 20th century
- Photographers
- Photography of immigrants

Types of Materials:

- Awards
- Catalogs -- 20th century
- Contact sheets -- 20th century
- Digital images -- 20th century
- Interviews -- 20th century
- Negatives -- 20th century
- Newsletters -- 20th century
- Notebooks -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Posters -- 20th century

Container Listing

Series 1: Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project, 1962-2008, 1962-2008, 1962-2008

Consists of photographic materials including black and white prints, proofs, contact sheets, and negatives taken by Frank Espada at various locations with community leaders such as the Director of El Museo del Barrio Jack Agüeros, activist Manny Diaz and Director of the Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre Miriam Colón, among others. Also included are community organizations and scenery with numerous individuals who reside within these communities. While many remain unidentified, those that are identified document Puerto Ricans primarily in New York, California, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, among other places. Also documented are Puerto Rican events such as the San Juan Day Festival at Cabrillo Beach, California, Three Kings Day Parade in East Harlem and a Solidarity Demonstration in Washington, DC, during the Reagan administration. Also included among the materials are interviews conducted by Espada of Puerto Rican community leaders and residents. Additionally, there are site notebooks kept and used by Frank Espada on his travels. Finally, there are materials from previous exhibitions showcasing Espada's work, as well as additional photographs taken by Espada, but used in other formats such as catalogues, calendars and brochures. The materials in this series are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 1.1: Photographic and Digital Prints, 1962-1986, undated

Contains photographs of different sizes, both published and unpublished, from Frank Espada's Puerto Rican Diaspora Project. It also contains large photographs that have been used for exhibitions. This subseries is arranged first by size and then in chronological order, state and city.

Box 1, Folder 1	California, Cabrillo Beach, 1981, 1986 - 1986
Box 4, Folder 1-4	California, Cabrillo Beach, 1981 - 1981
Box 5, Folder 1	California, Cabrillo Beach, 1981 - 1981
Box 33, Folder 1	California, Cabrillo Beach, 1981 - 1981
Box 24, Folder 1-3	California, 1986 - 1986, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982, 1990 - 1990, 1976 - 1976, 1987 - 1987, 1974 - 1974
Box 1, Folder 2	Chicago, 1982, 1985 - 1985
Box 5, Folder 2	Chicago, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982
Box 25, Folder 1	Chicago, 1982 - 1982
Box 24, Folder 4	Chicago, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981
Box 33, Folder 2	Chicago, 1982 - 1982
Map-case 1	Chicago
Box 5, Folder 3	Cleveland, 1979

Box 1, Folder 3	Connecticut, 1981 - 1981, 1980, 1982 - 1982
Box 5, Folder 4	Connecticut, 1982 - 1982, 1981, 1980 - 1980, undated
Box 25, Folder 2-3	Connecticut, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981, 1980 - 1980
Map-case 2	Connecticut
Box 25, Folder 4-5	Connecticut, Hartford , 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981, 1980 - 1980
Box 26, Folder 1	Connecticut, Hartford, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981
Box 1, Folder 4	Hawaii, 1981 - 1981, 1985 - 1985, 1983 - 1983, 1980
Box 6, Folder 1	Hawaii, 1980 - 1980, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 26, Folder 2-3	Hawaii, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982, undated
Box 26, Folder 4	Hawaii, Honolulu, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 27, Folder 1	Hawaii, Waienia, 1983 - 1983
Box 6, Folder 2	Massachusetts, 1979 - 1979, 1980 - 1980
Box 27, Folder 2	Milwaukee, 1982 - 1982, 1983 - 1983
Box 1, Folder 5	New Jersey, Glassboro, 1981
Box 6, Folder 3	New Jersey, 1980 - 1980, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982, undated
Box 27, Folder 3	New Jersey, 1980 - 1980, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 33, Folder 3	New Jersey, 1981
Box 1, Folder 6	New York (East), 1980 - 1980, 1962, 1974 - 1974, 1972 - 1972, 1964 - 1964, undated
Box 1, Folder 7	New York, 1978, undated
Box 1, Folder 8	New York, United Bronx Parents (UBP) , 1980
Box 1, Folder 9	New York, Ballet Hispanico, 1981
Box 8, Folder 2	New York, Bronx , 1981 - 1981
Box 27, Folder 6	New York, Bronx, 1974 - 1974, 1977 - 1977, 1980
Box 28, Folder 1-3	New York, Bronx, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982, 1974 - 1974, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	New York, Brooklyn, 1981
Box 1, Folder 11	New York, Miriam Colon, Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre (PRTT), 1981

Box 1, Folder 12	New York, Promesa , 1981
Box 1, Folder 13	New York, Three Kings Day at El Museo del Barrio, 1981
Box 1, Folder 14	New York, undated
Box 6, Folder 4	New York, 1964 - 1964, 1968 - 1968, 1982 - 1982, 1970 - 1970, 1963 - 1963, 1981 - 1981
Box 7, Folder 1-3	New York, 1965 - 1965, 1980 - 1980, 1964 - 1964, 1982 - 1982, undated
Box 8, Folder 1	New York, 1981 - 1981, 1965 - 1965, 1972 - 1972, undated
Box 27, Folder 4	New York, 1979 - 1979, 1975 - 1975, 1981 - 1981, 1964 - 1964, 1965 - 1965
Box 27, Folder 5	New York, 1965, 1974 - 1974, 1980 - 1980, 1984 - 1984, 1982 - 1982, undated
Box 33, Folder 4	New York, 1964 - 1964, 1963 - 1963
Box 33, Folder 5	New York, 1979 - 1979, 1974 - 1974, 1972 - 1972, 1980 - 1980
Box 34, Folder 1	New York, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981, undated
Map-case 3	New York
Box 34, Folder 2	New York, Manhattan, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982
Box 34, Folder 3	New York, South Bronx, 1980 - 1980, 1978 - 1978, 1974 - 1974
Box 1, Folder 15	Pennsylvania, Kenneth Square, 1981
Box 1, Folder 16	Pennsylvania, Lancaster Welding, 1981
Box 1, Folder 17	Pennsylvania, undated
Box 8, Folder 3	Pennsylvania, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 29, Folder 1	Pennsylvania, 1981 - 1981
Box 29, Folder 2	Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, 1981 - 1981, 1979 - 1979
Box 29, Folder 3-4	Pennsylvania, Kenneth Square, 1981 - 1981
Box 29, Folder 5	Pennsylvania, Lancaster, 1981 - 1981
Box 29, Folder 6	Pennsylvania, Reading, 1981 - 1981
Box 34, Folder 4	Pennsylvania, 1981 - 1981
Map-case 4	Pennsylvania

Box 1, Folder 18	Puerto Rico, Barrio Tokio, 1981, undated Image(s)
Box 8, Folder 4	Puerto Rico, 1978 - 1978, 1985 - 1985, 1981 - 1981
Box 8, Folder 5	Puerto Rico, Las Piedras, 1981 - 1981
Box 8, Folder 6	Puerto Rico, Salinas, undated
Box 30, Folder 1-3	Puerto Rico, 1976 - 1976, 1981 - 1981, 1985 - 1985, 1974 - 1974, undated
Map-case 5	Puerto Rico
Map-case 6	Puerto Rico
Box 30, Folder 4	Puerto Rico, Juncos , 1981 - 1981
Box 30, Folder 5	Puerto Rico, Las Piedras, 1981 - 1981
Box 30, Folder 6	Puerto Rico, Luquillo, 1981 - 1981
Box 31, Folder 1	Puerto Rico, Humacao, 1981 - 1981
Box 31, Folder 2	Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, 1984 - 1984, 1981 - 1981
Map-case 7	Washington, District of Columbia
Box 9, Folder 1	Washington, District of Columbia, 1983 - 1983, undated
Box 1, Folder 19	Washington, District of Columbia, 1981
Box 31, Folder 3-4	Washington, District of Columbia, 1983 - 1983, 1981 - 1981
Box 34, Folder 5	Washington, District of Columbia, undated
Box 31, Folder 5	Unidentified children, 1989 - 1989, undated
Box 9, Folder 2	Unidentified children, undated
Box 35, Folder 1	Unidentified places, undated
Box 31, Folder 7	Unidentified places , undated
Box 1, Folder 20	Unidentified people, 1968, undated
Box 31, Folder 6	Unidentified people, undated
Map-case 8	Unidentified
Map-case 9	Unidentified
Map-case 10	Unidentified

Subseries 1.2: Proofs, 1979-1986

Contains test prints, both published and unpublished, from Frank Espada's Puerto Rican Diaspora Project. They provide multiple views and angles for different scenes, events, and people. These test prints give more details that help contextualize the spaces and people that Frank Espada photographed. The materials are arranged in order by state.

Box 10, Folder 1	California, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 10, Folder 2	California, San Francisco, Baptism in the Mission, 1986
Box 10, Folder 3	Chicago, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 10, Folder 4	Cleveland, 1979 - 1979
Box 11, Folder 1	Connecticut, 1982 - 1982, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 12, Folder 1	Hawaii, 1981 - 1981, 1982 - 1982, 1983 - 1983, undated
Box 12, Folder 2	Massachusetts, Boston , 1979 - 1979, 1980 - 1980
Box 13, Folder 1	Milwaukee, 1982 - 1982, 1983 - 1983, undated
Box 13, Folder 2	New Jersey, 1981 - 1981, undated Image(s)
Box 14, Folder 1	New York, 1981 - 1981, 1980 - 1980, 1982 - 1982, undated
Box 14, Folder 2	New York, Legal Defense, Williamsburg Housing, East Harlem Bilingual Program, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 14, Folder 3	New York, Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre, 1981 - 1981
Box 15, Folder 1	Pennsylvania, 1981 - 1981
Box 16, Folder 1	Puerto Rico, 1984 - 1984, 1981 - 1981, undated
Box 17, Folder 1	Barrio Tokio, Puerto Rico, 1985
Box 17, Folder 2	Puerto Rico, Returning Migrants, 1979 - 1980
Box 18, Folder 1	Washington, District of Columbia, 1981 - 1981, 1983 - 1983
Box 18, Folder 2	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, 1983
Box 18, Folder 3	Various locations, undated
Box 18, Folder 4	Unidentified locations, undated

Subseries 1.3: Contact Sheets and Negatives, 1964-1987, undated

Contains published and unpublished materials from Frank Espada's Puerto Rican Diaspora Project. Some of the negatives and contact sheets in this series do not have printed versions. The materials are arranged first by size and then in alphabetical order by state.

Box 1, Folder 21	Cabrillo, California and Los Angeles Bay Area , 1981
Box 1, Folder 22	California, Los Angeles , 1981
Box 1, Folder 23	California, Puerto Rican Diaspora Moises Rodriguez, 1981
Box 1, Folder 24	California, Puerto Rican Diaspora Reverend, Sonnx Arguinzoni, 1981
Box 1, Folder 25	California, Bautismo, 1986
Box 1, Folder 26	California, Carnaval San Francisco , 1987
Box 19, Folder 1	California, San Francisco, 5 de Mayo, 1986
Box 19, Folder 2	California, San Francisco, Baptism in the Mission, 1986
Box 36, Folder 1	California, negatives
Box 36, Folder 2	Chicago, negatives
Box 37, Folder 1	Chicago, negatives
Box 37, Folder 2	Cleveland, negatives
Box 2, Folder 1	Connecticut, Hartford, Eugenio Caro, 1982
Box 20, Folder 1	Connecticut, Hartford, The Puerto Rican Diaspora, 1982
Box 21, Folder 1	Connecticut, Hartford, 1982
Box 37, Folder 3	Connecticut, negatives
Box 2, Folder 2	Hawaii, 1981
Box 2, Folder 3	Hawaii, George and Carmen Caraballo, 1983
Box 2, Folder 4	Hawaii, Honolulu, At the Souzas, 1983
Box 2, Folder 5	Hawaii, Honolulu, Puerto Rican Diaspora, 1981
Box 2, Folder 6	Hawaii, Salomon, 1983
Box 2, Folder 7	Hawaii, Waienia, Confy's Family, 1983
Box 2, Folder 8	Hawaii, 1983, 1985 - 1985
Box 2, Folder 9	Hawaii, 1985, undated

Box 21, Folder 2	Hawaii, 1983 - 1983, 1981 - 1981
Box 37, Folder 4	Hawaii, negatives
Box 38, Folder 1	Hawaii, negatives
Box 2, Folder 10	Milwaukee, Tony Baez and Sons, 1983
Box 21, Folder 3	Milwaukee, 1983
Box 38, Folder 2	Milwaukee, negatives
Box 2, Folder 11	New Jersey, Glassboro, Comite de Apoyo a Trabajadores Agricolas (CATA), 1981
Box 2, Folder 12	New York, Pentecostal Service, 1964
Box 2, Folder 13	New York, Boricua , 1981, 1985 - 1985
Box 38, Folder 3	New Jersey, negatives
Box 2, Folder 14	New York, East Harlem, Puerto Rican Diaspora Boricua College, 1981
Box 2, Folder 15	New York, Puerto Rican Diaspora Manhattan Valley, 1981
Box 2, Folder 16	New York, Promesa, 1983
Box 2, Folder 17	New York, Felix and Teena at Promesa, 1985
Box 2, Folder 18	New York, Promesa Graduation, 1986
Box 21, Folder 4	New York, Boricua, 1980, 1985 - 1985, 1981 - 1981
Box 21, Folder 5	New York, Museo Del Barrio, 1980
Box 21, Folder 6	New York, Pentecostal Service, 1965
Box 38, Folder 4	New York, negatives
Box 39, Folder 1	New York, negatives
Box 40, Folder 1	New York, negatives
Box 41, Folder 1	New York, negatives
Box 42, Folder 1	New York, negatives
Box 43, Folder 1	New York, negatives
Box 2, Folder 19	Pennsylvania, Harrisburg and Kennett Square , 1981

Box 2, Folder 20	Pennsylvania, Kennett Square and Lancaster , 1981
Box 2, Folder 21	Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Guardian Angels and Juan Gonzalez , 1982
Box 2, Folder 22	Puerto Rico, Dueno de La Plaza, 1978
Box 2, Folder 23	Puerto Rico, Las Piedras, Avelino Reyes, 1981
Box 2, Folder 24	Puerto Rico, Returning Migrants, 1981
Box 2, Folder 25	Puerto Rico, Barrio Tokio, Luis Hernandez, 1984
Box 21, Folder 7	Pennsylvania, Kennett Square , 1981
Box 43, Folder 2	Pennsylvania, negatives
Box 44, Folder 1	Pennsylvania, negatives
Box 22, Folder 1	Puerto Rico, Barrio Tokio, Luis Hernandez, 1984
Box 22, Folder 2	Puerto Rico, Barrio Tokio , 1985
Box 22, Folder 3	Puerto Rico, San Juan, Festival de Los Que Han Regresado, 1983
Box 22, Folder 4	Puerto Rico, Returned Migrants, 1981, undated
Box 23, Folder 3	Puerto Rican Diaspora Negatives (various locations)
Box 23, Folder 4	Puerto Rican Diaspora, Unidentified Locations, 1979, 1980 - 1980
Box 44, Folder 2	Puerto Rico, negatives
Box 45, Folder 1	Puerto Rico, negatives
Box 22, Folder 5	Washington, District of Columbia, Solidarity Day, 1981
Box 23, Folder 1	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, 1983
Box 23, Folder 2	Washington, District of Columbia, Willie Vasquez, 1981
Box 45, Folder 2	Washington, District of Columbia, negatives
Box 2, Folder 26	Unidentified , 1979
Box 2, Folder 27	Unidentified , undated
Box 45, Folder 3	Unidentified, negatives

Subseries 1.4: Interviews, 1980-1982

25 cassette tapes

Contains thirty interviews (digitized and in cassette form) conducted by Frank Espada of community leaders and residents. These interviews span between 1980-1982. Most are dated and document the lives and experiences of the people he interviewed such as Jack Agüeros, Juan Gonzalez, and Willy Vasquez. Some of the interviews are in Spanish. The purpose of the interviews was to give the Puerto Rican community a platform where their voices could be heard and later shared. The interviews are arranged in numerical order.

- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0001 Agueros, Jack, New York, 1980
Director of El Museo del Barrio. Agueros provides his life story, future plans for the museum, and his perspective on being Puerto Rican in the United States. Additionally, Agueros discusses the pros and cons of political activism, what the Puerto Rican community has accomplished and what it continues to lack.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0002 Bejances, Samuel, Chicago, 1982
Bejances provides his life story in full detail and discusses what it is like being Puerto Rican and growing up in the United States. Bejances covers a range of topics, including: racism, discrimination, poverty, violence, civil rights, relationships, religion, employment, community activism, politics, and education.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0003 Bejances, Samuel, Chicago, 1982
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0004 Borero, Maria, Hartford, Connecticut, 1981
Executive Director of the Hispanic Health Counsel (HHC). Borero discusses racism and discrimination in Hartford, Connecticut, as well as health issues affecting the Hispanic community and barriers preventing Hispanics from receiving quality health care. Additionally, Borero describes the goals and objectives of the HHC and research being conducted in order to change health legislation.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0005 Castro, Ada, Puerto Rico, undated
A mother of two, Castro describes her experience as a returning migrant in Puerto Rico. Castro discusses the pros and cons of living in the United States as opposed to Puerto Rico. Castro also provides a critique of the Puerto Rican government and their politics and gives her opinion as to why Puerto Rico should not be an independent nation.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0005 Castro, Janet and Castro, Orlando (Ada's children), Puerto Rico, undated
Ada Castro's children. Both discuss their experiences of living in Puerto Rico and how it differs from their previous lives in the United States.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0006 Chevere, Tommy, California, 1981
Auto Body shop owner. Chevere provides his life story in full detail and discusses the difficulties and experiences he has encountered as a Puerto Rican in California. Despite these difficulties, however, Chevere describes the strength he gained from overcoming these difficulties and the level of success one can attain in the United States by being persistent.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0007 Colon, Miriam, New York, 1981

- Founder and Director of the Puerto Rican Traveling Theatre (PRTT). Colon provides her life story and recounts how she became involved in theatre. Colon also discusses her goals and objectives for the PRTT and where she sees herself in the future.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0008 Colon, Johnny , undated
Director of the East Harlem Music School. Colon provides his life story and describes his involvement with music at an early age. Colon also discusses his goals and objectives for the East Harlem Music School and areas where he would like to see the school progress.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0009 Diaz, Manny, 1980 - 1980
A university professor. Diaz provides his life story and describes the difficulties of being Puerto Rican in New York.
- Box 52, Item AC1395-OT0010 Dominguez, Angel, 1980 - 1980
Executive Director of the Farm Worker's Corporation.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0011 Hernandez, Max, Hartford, Connecticut, 1981
Director of the San Juan Center, a social service agency. Hernandez discusses the social issues he has encountered since he started working at the center. He focuses on housing in particular.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0012 Fernandez, Ricardo, Cleveland, undated
Unable to identify speakers' order on cassette.

The geographic dispersal of Puerto Ricans in the United States, and in Cleveland, Ohio, specifically, is discussed. Also discussed is the uniqueness of the Puerto Rican community in Cleveland.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0012 Pineiro, Carlos, Cleveland, undated
Unable to identify order of speakers on cassette.

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- Box 52, Tape OT0012 [Pedro 'Lar], undated
Unable to identify order of speakers on cassette.

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- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0013 Garcia, Alberto, New York, undated
Garcia provides his life story and describes his past drug addiction. Garcia also discusses the drug rehabilitation program known as "Promesa."
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0014 Gonzalez, Juan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1982
The President of El Congreso Nacional Por Derechos de Puerto Ricanos. Gonzalez discusses navigating the US racial hierarchy as a Puerto Rican and his involvement with The Young Lords. Gonzalez also discusses different

movements during the 1960s such as the Puerto Rican Movement, the Black Movement, and the Youth Movement.

- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0015 Laboy, Roberto, Hartford, Connecticut, undated
Laboy discusses the Puerto Rican identity and what it means to be Puerto Rican. Laboy also discusses gang life and his past experiences of being in a gang.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0016 Molina, Ricardo, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1981
Molina discusses welding and why he chose to live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as opposed to another city or state.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0016 Exia, Gando, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1981
Instructor of a welding training program that is part of the Centro Hispano in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Exia discusses the demographics of the program and social work being conducted.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0016 Carrion, Clara, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1981
Carrion discusses the Curso Secretarial en El Centro Hispanico and information provided by the course. Carrion also discusses why she chose to live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as opposed to another city or state.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0017 Morales, Rodney and his fiance, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1981, 1980 - 1980
Morales discusses being Puerto Rican in Hawaii and what it means to preserve Puerto Rican culture so far away from home. His wife, on the hand, discusses preserving Okinawan culture in Hawaii.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0018 Perales, Cesar, New York, 1982 - 1982
Director of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Education Fund. Perales discusses the importance of bilingual education for the Puerto Rican community and the importance of bilingual ballots. Additionally, Perales discusses getting social services to Puerto Ricans and incorporating more Puerto Ricans in government in order to build political power. Finally, Perales discusses the barriers keeping the Puerto Rican community behind other communities.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0019 Ponce, Carlos, Reading, Pennsylvania, undated
Safety Manager for General Battery and community activist. Ponce discusses community activism in Pennsylvania during the 1960s as well as Puerto Rican employment and discrimination.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0020 Rodriguez, Tommy, New Jersey, 1980
Candidate for mayor. Rodriguez discusses the discrimination and inequality experienced by Puerto Ricans and Latinos.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0020 Roman, Alfonso, New Jersey, 1980
Executive Director of the New Jersey Puerto Rican Congress and Minister of U.S. Church of Christ . Roman discusses Puerto Rican and Latino representation in U.S. government and politics.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0021 Roman, Alfonso, New Jersey, 1980

- Executive Director of the New Jersey Puerto Rican Congress and Minister of U.S. Church of Christ. Roman discuss the importance of Puerto Ricans collaborating with other groups and communities.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0022 Rosario, Jose, Newark, New Jersey, 1980
Director of F.O.C.U.S, a social services agency that provides programs and financial aid to the Puerto Rican community. Rosario discusses why the Puerto Rican community needs these services and why they are at the bottom of the U.S. social hierarchy. Finally, Rosario provides his opinion on the future of the Puerto Rican community.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0022 Rivera, Eliud, 1980
Director of P.A.C.O (Puerto Ricenos Acoasiados for Community Organization Inc.). Rivera discusses housing issues for low-income families, education programs, and senior citizen programs.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0023 Rios, Tana and Rios, Ralph, Hawaii, undated
Tana and Ralph Rios discuss intermarriage and the preservation of Puerto Rican culture. Additionally, they provide a compare and contrast of Puerto Rico and Hawaii and discuss the generational differences among different groups. Finally, they discuss the loss/denial of culture.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0024 Santiago, David, Los Angeles, California, 1981
Chairperson of El Dia de San Juan and a military veteran. Santiago discusses discrimination in California from a GI perspective and the growth of the Puerto Rican community in California. Santiago also discusses the creation and history of the festival and the impact it has had on the Puerto Rican community in California. Additionally, Santiago describes the relationship between the Puerto Rican community and the Mexican community. Finally, Santiago discusses the importance of preserving Puerto Rican culture and the uniqueness of the Puerto Rican community in California.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0025 Souza, Blase, by telephone, undated
A phone call between Frank Espada and Blase Souza to decide a time and place to meet.
- Box 53, Tape AC1395-OT0026 Soto, Tommy, Hartford, Connecticut, undated
Executive Director of La Casa de Puerto Rico. Soto discusses his experiences with racism in the United States. Additionally, Soto discusses the creation of La Casa de Puerto Rico and its objectives. Finally, Soto discusses studies conducted by La Casa and issues faces when attempting to work within the community.
- Box 53, Tape AC1395-OT0027 Soto, Tommy, Hartford, Connecticut, undated
Executive Director of La Casa de Puerto Rico. Soto discusses Hispanic health.
- Box 53, Tape AC1395-OT0028 Vasquez, Willy, Washington, District of Columbia, undated
Director of the Office of Latino Affairs. Vasquez provides his life story in full detail. Additionally, Vasquez discusses how he is working to improve the Latino community with regard to political involvement and social services.
- Box 53, Tape AC1395-OT0029 Yiangts, Raquel, Reading, Pennsylvania

Director of the Bilingual Program. Yiengts discusses how the Bilingual Program was established and the issues that the program has faced.

- Box 53, Tape AC1395-OT0030 Young people in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1980
Participants of the Centro de Vida Program. They describe what it is like to be a young Puerto Rican in Harrisburg. Topics discussed include: their social lives, school and where they see themselves in the future. Finally, they provide their opinions on racism and discrimination in Harrisburg.
- Box 52, Tape AC1395-OT0025 Unidentified person by telephone, undated

Subseries 1.5: Site Notebooks, 1981-1985, undated

Contains addresses, phone numbers, contacts and notes related to the places that Frank Espada visited while working on the Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project. Arranged in chronological order, state and city.

- Box 2, Folder 28 New York and Pennsylvania , 1981
- Box 2, Folder 29 Hartford, Connecticut , 1983
- Box 2, Folder 30 Hawaii, 1983
- Box 2, Folder 31 Milwaukee, 1983
- Box 3, Folder 1 Pennsylvania, 1983
- Box 3, Folder 2 Puerto Rico, 1984
- Box 3, Folder 3 Puerto Rico, 1985
- Box 3, Folder 4 California, undated
- Box 3, Folder 5 Glassboro, New Jersey , undated
- Box 3, Folder 6 Puerto Rico, undated
- Box 3, Folder 7 Unidentified location, undated
- Box 3, Folder 8 Unidentified location, undated
- Box 3, Folder 9 Unidentified location, undated

Subseries 1.6: Exhibition Materials, 1967-2008, undated

Contains materials related to Frank Espada's photographic work done for several organizations and communities. Some of the photographs that Espada took were utilized in informational brochures. Also contains newsletters, exhibitions announcements, magazines, post cards, awards, calendars and exhibition labels.

- Box 3, Folder 10 New York, Puerto Rican Community conference program, 1967

Box 3, Folder 11	Washington, District of Columbia, "First Annual National Drug Conference," program, 1979
Box 3, Folder 12	Hawaii, "Puerto Rican: One Identity From a Multi-Ethnic Heritage" , 1980
Box 3, Folder 13	Exhibition labels, 1981 - 1981, 1980, undated
Box 3, Folder 14	Annual report, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, 1981
Box 3, Folder 15	Newsletters, 1981, 1982 - 1982
Box 3, Folder 16	Washington, District of Columbia, Magazine, <i>Perspectives</i> , 1982
Box 3, Folder 17	New York, catalogue, <i>The Puerto Rican Diaspora: Themes in the Survival of a People</i> , 1983 - 1984
Box 3, Folder 18	Exhibition announcements, 1984 - 1984, 1983, 1985 - 1985, undated
Box 3, Folder 19	Magazine, <i>Nuestro</i> , 1984
Box 3, Folder 20	Hawaii, calender, "Calendario Cultural Bilingue", 1986
Box 32, Folder 1-3	Exhibition Materials, 1993, undated
Box 3, Folder 21	American Graphic Design Award, 2008
Box 3, Folder 22	New York, brochure, <i>The Puerto Rican Diaspora Documentary Project</i> , undated
Box 3, Folder 23	New York, PROMESA, undated
Box 3, Folder 24	Postcards, The Puerto Rican Diaspora Project, undated
Box 35, Folder 2	Exhibition labels, 1983 - 1983, 1990 - 1990, undated

Subseries 1.7: Newspaper Clippings, 1983-2007

Contains newspaper clippings related to Frank Espada's Puerto Rican Diaspora Project. The newspaper clippings discuss aspects of Espada's work and praise him for his unique contributions to photography and art.

Box 3, Folder 25	Newspaper clippings, 1983 - 2007
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Series 2: Civil Rights Era Materials, 1963-1974

Image(s)

Consists of photographic materials including black and white prints, proofs, contact sheets, negatives, and slides taken by Frank Espada. The photographic materials were taken primarily in New York and Washington, DC during the 1960s and early 1970s, with exception to the slides, which are of different countries that Espada visited. The majority are identified and document a 1964 school boycott, rallies by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Malcolm X, and the March on Washington. Also documented are organizations such as the New York East Action, the Puerto Rican Community Development Project and the Young Lords, among others. The materials are arranged in chronological order.

Subseries 2.1: Black and White Prints, 1963-1974

Contains photographs of different sizes from Frank Espada's earlier work during the 1960s and early 70s. This includes several significant events in United States history such as the 1964 school boycott, the 1963 March on Washington and several other events and activities related to the Civil Rights Era. Arranged in chronological order.

Box 27, Folder 7	Brooklyn, New York, School Boycott "Listening to Malcom" , 1964
Box 35, Folder 3-5	Brooklyn, New York, School Boycott, 1964
Box 46, Folder 1-3	School Boycott, 1964
Box 46, Folder 4	East Harlem, New York, The Young Lords, Denise Oliver, 1968
Box 49, Folder 2	New York, East New York Action, 1964
Box 49, Folder 3-4	New York, School Boycott, 1964
Box 49, Folder 5-6	New York, Voter Registration, 1964
Box 35, Folder 6	East Harlem, New York, The Young Lords, Denise Oliver, 1968
Box 49, Folder 8	New York, Young Lords, 1968
Box 49, Folder 9	New York, Young Lords' Breakfast Program, 1968
Box 35, Folder 7	South Bronx, New York, Lincoln Hospital, Acupuncture Detox Clinic, 1973
Box 49, Folder 10	New York, Lincoln Hospital Detox, 1974
Box 27, Folder 8	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Convention, A. Phillip Randolph, New York, undated
Box 49, Folder 11	New York, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Convention: "Racist College Students, Albany Business College", undated
Box 49, Folder 12	New York, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Convention, undated

Box 35, Folder 8	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, 1963
Box 9, Folder 3	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, 1964 - 1964, 1963
Box 49, Folder 1	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, 1964, 1964 - 1964
Box 49, Folder 7	The Puerto Rican Development Project, 1967
Box 49, Folder 13	Urban Coalition Meeting, undated Image(s)
Box 35, Folder 9	Unidentified person, 1964
Box 35, Folder 10	Unidentified people, 1964, undated

Subseries 2.2: Proofs, Negatives, and Contact Sheets, 1963-1968

Contains test prints, negatives and contact sheets from Frank Espada's earlier work during the 1960s and early 70s. They provide multiple views and angles of different scenes, events, and people. These test prints give more details that help contextualize the events and people that Frank Espada photographed and provide a perspective on Espada's earlier days as a documentary photographer. Arranged in chronological order.

Box 49, Folder 14	Albany, New York, contact sheets, 1965, 1967 - 1967
Box 49, Folder 15	Puerto Rican Community Development Project (PRCDP) picnic, contact sheets, 1966
Box 49, Folder 16	Wednesday Night Group Conference, New York, contact sheets, 1967
Box 49, Folder 17	Young Lords, New York, contact sheets, 1968
Box 49, Folder 18	Young Lords' Breakfast Program, New York, contact sheets, 1968
Box 47, Folder 2	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, contact sheets, 1963
Box 47, Folder 1	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, proofs, 1963
Box 50, Folder 1	School boycott, proofs, 1964 Image(s)
Box 51, Folder 1	Frank Espada and Richard Cloward, Welfare Reform, proofs, 1966
Box 51, Folder 2	Voter Registration, proofs, 1964 - 1964
Box 51, Folder 3	NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), proofs, undated
Box 51, Folder 4	Lincoln Hospital Detox, proofs, 1974
Box 47, Folder 3	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, negatives, 1963

Box 51, Folder 5	Voter Registration, negatives, 1964
Box 51, Folder 6	Young Lords' Breakfast Program, New York, negatives , 1968
Box 51, Folder 7	Albany, New York, negatives, 1967
Box 51, Folder 8	Lincoln Hospital Detox, Negatives, 1974
Box 51, Folder 9	Puerto Rican Community Development Project (PRCDP) Picnic, negatives, 1967
Box 54, Folder 1	Washington, District of Columbia, March on Washington, negatives, 1963
Box 54, Folder 2	School Boycott, East New York, negatives, 1964 - 1964
Box 54, Folder 3	Voting Machine Demo, East New York, negatives, 1964 - 1964
Box 54, Folder 4	Albany, New York, negatives, 1967 - 1967
Box 54, Folder 5	Puerto Rican Community Development Project (PRCDP) picnic, negatives, 1967 - 1967
Box 54, Folder 6	Wednesday Night Group Conference, negatives, 1967
Box 54, Folder 7	Young Lords Breakfast Program, East Harlem, negatives, 1968 - 1968

Subseries 2.3: Slides, 1969

Contains slides from Frank Espada's work related to the New Towns Project, where Espada traveled to different countries and photographed urbanized cities. The materials are arranged in alphabetical order by country.

Box 48, Folder 1	Helsinki, ?, 1969
Box 48, Folder 4	London, England, 1969
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Box 48, Folder 3	Russia, 1969
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Box 47, Folder 5	Stockholm, Sweden, 1969 - 1969

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Series 3: Personal Papers, 1966-2007

Consists of articles, newspaper clippings, and correspondence that provide context for Frank Espada's work between 1963 and 1974. This includes a biographical essay about Frank Espada's life by his son, Jason Espada, an article on A. Phillip Randolph and an article on the Black-Puerto Rican Coalition. The materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 49, Folder 19	Correspondence , 1967 - 1967, 1966
Box 49, Folder 20	Newspaper clippings, 1968, undated
Box 49, Folder 21	Manny's Epithap, 1999
Box 49, Folder 22	Correspondence , 2007
Box 49, Folder 23	A. Philip Randolph, 2007
Box 49, Folder 24	"I Was the One Percenter...", 2007
Box 49, Folder 25	Biography, undated
Box 49, Folder 26	Essays from Jason Espada: Iglesia and East New York Action , undated
Box 49, Folder 27	The Lincoln Story, undated
Box 49, Folder 28	Ken Opprann, business card, undated
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