Guide to the Papers of

Thomas G. Robischon

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**Collection Summary**

**Creator:** Tuskegee University Archives

**Title:** Guide to the Papers of Thomas G. Robischon

**Dates:** 1964-2003

**Quantity:** 1.332 cubic feet

**Identification:**

**Abstract:** Thomas (Tom) G. Robischon was a philosophy professor at Tuskegee University in the 1960s. His papers and materials cover his own lecture notes, speeches, and Tuskegee University administrative materials as well as Civil Rights materials of the time. He was active in both the Tuskegee Institute Advancement League (TIAL) and the Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County.

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**Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation**

Guide to the Papers of Thomas G. Robischon

**Acquisition Information**

No information available

**Processing Information**

The papers were received for processing in an archival storage container, with the documents in their original folders. In processing the collection, original folders were replaced with acid-free folders. Folders were labeled, either following the original labeling, or in the case of missing or incorrect labels were assigned folder titles. All metal fasteners were removed.

**Index Terms**

The papers are indexed under the following headings in the Tuskegee University Library’s online catalog. Researchers seeking materials about related subjects, persons, organizations or places should search the catalog using these headings.

**Subjects:**

Civil rights

Civil rights movements

State action (Civil rights)

Civil rights demonstrations

Civil rights workers : race relations reformers

African American civil rights workers

Civil rights workers, Black

**Persons:**

# Robischon, Thomas G. (Thomas Gregory)

# Sammy Younge, Jr.

Amerson, Lucius D., 1933-

Almena Lomas

Rev. John H. Scott

Carmichael, Stokely, 1941-1998

**Biography**

Born in Kalispell, Montana on December 6, 1924, Thomas G. Robischon enlisted in the navy right after high school and served as a radio engineer during the Battle of Tarawa in WWII. He later became an ardent war resister. An early opponent of red-baiting, his editorials in the local newspaper led to interest from the FBI and lost him a job at the local radio station. After attending Montana State University in Bozeman on the G.I. bill, Tom earned his PhD at Columbia University. He went on to teach philosophy at Amherst, Vassar, and Tuskegee University where he became active in the civil rights movement and joined the Selma to Montgomery marches. After moving to Los Angeles to teach at UCLA, he was involved with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and other social justice movements. He became a founding faculty member of Antioch University Los Angeles, where for many years he taught classes on the philosophy of death and dying as well as on the philosophy of love and sexuality. Many students praised him for changing the ways they thought about their lives, and teaching them new ways of thinking. He died on September 24, 2014 at 89 years old. ("Thomas G. Robischon." Thomas G. Robischon. Accessed November 10, 2015. http://www.antiochcollege.org/news/obituaries/thomas-g-robischon.)

**Scope and Contents**

The Papers of Thomas G. Robischon include copies of the “The Tribune,” Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County materials, Tuskegee Institute Advancement League (TIAL) materials, administrative papers of the Tuskegee Institute, class records and notes, civil rights papers, newspapers and analyses.

**Arrangement**

The papers are arranged into one series:

**Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access**

There are no restrictions on access to these papers.

**Restrictions on Use**

Researchers are responsible for addressing copyright issues on materials not in the public domain.

**Inventory**

**Series I:**

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1 1 Robischon and the Tuskegee Institute Mar. 15th, 1965-Sept. 20th, 1998

1 2 Tuskegee Institute Classes 1964-1965 (A)

1 3 Tuskegee Institute Classes 1964-1965 (B)

1 4 Tuskegee Institute Classes 1964-1965 (C)

1 5 Robischon Newspaper Clippings and Related Material Jan 1st, 1965-June 27th, 1965

1 6 Philosophy (Feb. 1965- Nov. 22nd, 1965) (A)

1 7 Philosophy (Dec. 1st, 1965- Jan. 14th, 1966) (B)

1 8 Philosophy (Ethics) (C)

1 9 Philosophy (Paper Topics and undated material) (D)

1 10 Humanities Lessons 1965

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1 13 Freshman Experimental Program (Appendices) 1965-1967 (B)

1 14 Freshman Experimental Program (Miscellaneous) 1965-1967 (C)

1 15 Notes 1966

1 16 Critical Thinking Tuskegee Pre-Freshman Program 1967

1 17 Almena Lomas Materials 1985-2011

1 18 Miscellaneous Notes and Correspondence April 7th, 1964-April 26th, 1966; Nov. 2003

1 19 Faculty Meeting Minutes, Reports, and Proposals Sept. 1964-July 1967

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2 1 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 1 Oct. 10th, 1964

2 2 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 2 Oct. 17th, 1964

2 3 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 3 Oct. 24th, 1964

2 4 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 4 Oct. 31st, 1964

2 5 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 5 Nov. 7th, 1964

2 6 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 6 Nov. 14th, 1964

2 7 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 7 Nov. 21st, 1964

2 8 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 8 Nov. 28th, 1964

2 9 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 9 Dec. 5th, 1964

2 10 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 10 Dec. 14th, 1964

2 11 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 11 Dec. 21st-28th, 1964

2 12 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 12 Jan. 4th-11th, 1965

2 13 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 13 Jan. 18th-25th, 1965

2 14 The Tribune Vol. 1 No. 15 Mar. 15th, 1965

2 15 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Miscellaneous) 1964-1966

2 16 TIAL Materials 1965-1966

2 17 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Newspaper Clippings and Campus Digest)

1965-Dec. 9th, 1966

2 18 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Reports) Vol. 1 No. 1-4, 6-11 Jan.-May, 1966

2 19 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Sammy Younge, Jr. Materials) Jan. 6th, 1966-

Dec. 11th, 1966

2 20 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Statements, Proposals, and Memos) Jan. 6th,

1966-May 23rd, 1966; 2004

2 21 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Correspondence) 1966

2 22 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Notes) 1966

2 23 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Lucius Amerson Materials) 1966-1967

2 24 Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in Macon County (Statements, Proposals, and Memos) undated

**Box Folder**

3 1 Newspaper Clippings Oct. 8th, 1964-July 31st, 1965

3 2 “Sigma Xi Science Mis-Education” Notes Jan. 12th, 1965

3 3 Selma Newspaper Clippings Feb. 4th, 1965-Nov. 27th, 2003

3 4 1000 Stage March Newspaper Clippings Mar. 1965

3 5 Tuskegee Rotarian Oct. 1965

3 6 Civil Rights Talks and Writings 1966

3 7 Civil Rights History (Newspaper Clippings) Nov. 24th, 1975-July 28th, 2003

3 8 Printouts 2000-2003

3 9 Miscellaneous Materials

3 10 Booker T. Washington and Tuskegee Memorial Materials

3 11 Telephone Directory, Tuskegee, AL (Southern Bell) 1964

3 12 Telephone Directory, Tuskegee, AL (Southern Bell) Nov. 1965

3 13 Telephone Directory, Tuskegee, AL (Southern Bell) Dec. 1966

3 14 Tuskegee Institute Centrex Telephone Directory Sept. 1966

3 15 Parody, “The Image of Tuskegee”

3 16 Correspondence with Editor of the New York Times Nov. 1964-Nov. 1965

3 17 Rev. John H. Scott Newspaper Clippings Nov. 1964-Mar. 1965

3 18 Institute Council on Campus Life 1965

3 19 “Philosophy and Higher Education” Paper 1965

3 20 University of California, The Academic Senate Mar. 1965

3 21 Tuskegee Institute Summer Education Program (TISEP) School Evaluations July-Aug. 1965

3 22 Notes on Higher Education and Student Unrest

3 23 Tuskegee University Student Employment

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4 1 Civil Rights History (“Abolitionists and Freedom Fighters; the Tactics of Agitation”) 1964

4 2 Appointment Book 1964

4 3 At Home and Abroad 1965

4 4 “Can Participation in Civil Rights Demonstrations Interfere with Attainment of Academic Goals?”

Jan. 31st, 1966

4 5 Westminster Youth Fellowship Feb. 3rd, 1966

4 6 Report on Alabama Justice Vol. 1 No. 5 Feb. 3rd, 1966

4 7 Vietnam Mar. 13th, 1966

4 8 Kothari’s Class: Galileo and Modern Science Nov. 21st, 1966

4 9 U.S. Student Press Association Southern 1966

4 10 Papers/Manuscripts (Tom Robischon) 1966-1967

4 11 Black Thesis Feb. 11th, 1967

4 12 Minutes of the March Faculty Meeting of the College of Arts and Science May 15th, 1967

4 13 Civil Rights History (Stokely Carmichael Materials) 1968-1998

4 14 Peace Calendar 1965

4 15 Peace Calendar 1966

4 16 Peace Calendar 1967

4 17 About Father Murphy