
Summary Information

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Abstract: The Black Justice League (BJL) is a coalition of undergraduate students at Princeton University with the stated purpose of standing in solidarity with Ferguson (Missouri) and dismantling racism on the Princeton University campus. The collection consists of two of the organization's social media webpages as well as an online petition that states the organization's demands.
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Biography/History

The Black Justice League (BJL) is a coalition of undergraduate students at Princeton University with the stated purpose of standing in solidarity with Ferguson (Missouri) and dismantling racism on the Princeton University campus. Princeton students created the organization, which is neither registered with nor funded by the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students, in the fall of 2014 as a response to the August 9, 2014, shooting death of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri, police officer Darren Wilson and spent part of its first year organizing direct actions on campus, including die-ins and #BlackBrunch initiatives at local Princeton businesses.

On November 18, 2015, BJL organized and led a two-day sit-in at Nassau Hall in which student members occupied the office of University President Christopher L. Eisgruber. The sit-in was a protest of, among other things, the use of Woodrow Wilson’s image and name on campus, for which the group began a poster campaign earlier in the Fall 2015 semester. Other significant points of emphases for BJL in the fall 2015 semester, which the group highlighted in its petition and negotiations with President Eisgruber, included the push for mandatory competency training for all faculty and staff, amendment to the distribution requirement that would require students to take a class about a marginalized group, and dedicated cultural affinity spaces.

Description

The collection consists of the organization's Google Drive, two of the organization's social media webpages as well as an online petition that states the organization's demands.

Access and Use

Access

The collection is open for research use.

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Other Finding Aid(s)

Full text searching of the Black Justice League archived websites is available through the Archive-It interface.
Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

The social media websites were captured in November of 2015 (Crawl ID 185189 and Crawl ID 184674) as part of the Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) initiative. The online petition was captured in January of 2016 (Crawl ID 190840). The Google Drive was transferred to Mudd Library in 2018 (AR.2019.072).

Appraisal

No materials were separated from the collection at the time of accessioning.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

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Encoding

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Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

• African Americans -- Civil rights.
• Minorities -- Education -- Social aspects.
• Web sites.
• Princeton University
Facebook Page, 2014-2015

Size: 1 website

Description: This page provides information, photographs, and posts about and by the Black Justice League, an organization of Princeton University students that formed in the fall of 2014 in response to the August 9, 2014 shooting death of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri, police officer Darren Wilson. Full text searching of the Black Justice League archived websites is available through the Archive-It interface.

Medium Page, 2015-2016

Size: 1 website

Description: This page, which is intended for the general Princeton community, contains blog posts written by the Black Justice League pertaining to the group’s #OccupyNassau protest and the university’s response regarding the status of several buildings named for Woodrow Wilson. Also included is an open letter to black students of the Class of 2020, published on the occasion of their first week on campus. Full text searching of the Black Justice League archived websites is available through the Archive-It interface.

#OccupyNassau Petition, 2015

Size: 1 website

Description: This petition, published in November of 2015, states the demands of the Black Justice League as students occupied the office of Princeton University President Christopher L. Eisgruber on November 18, 2015, and November 19, 2015. Full text searching of the Black Justice League archived websites is available through the Archive-It interface.

Twitter Feed, 2014-2015

Size: 1 website

Description: This page provides streamed Twitter content shared by the Black Justice League, an organization of Princeton University students that formed in the fall of 2014 in response to the August 9, 2014 shooting death of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri, police officer Darren Wilson. Full text searching of the Black Justice League archived websites is available through the Archive-It interface.

Google Drive Files, 2014-2018

Size: 20.7 GB
Description: These are the administrative files of the BJL. They include planning documents, meeting minutes, video of meetings and events, and photographs.