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**Guide to the Nethula Journal Records
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Summary Information

Repository	DC Africana Archives Project
Title	Nethula Journal Records
Date	1973-1986
Extent	10.0 Cubic feet
Location note	This collection is part of the holdings of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University, 500 Howard Place, NW, Washington, DC 20059. Please contact them for information on accessing these materials.
Language	English
Abstract	<p><i>The Nethula Journal of Contemporary Literature</i> was founded and edited by Essex Hemphill, a poet and writer from Washington, D.C. Published from 1979-1980, the <i>Nethula Journal</i> was a bi-monthly piece dedicated to a new era of black poets and writers. The Nethula Journal records document the day-to-day business of the periodical and contain correspondence, business files, financial and budget information, fundraising documents, mailing lists, submissions, and drafts of journal volumes.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Nethula Journal of Contemporary Literature was founded and edited by Essex Hemphill, a poet and writer from Washington, D.C. The oldest of five children, Hemphill was born on April 16, 1957 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Mantalene and Warren Hemphill. Although he was born in the Midwest, he was raised in Washington, D.C during his formative years. Published from 1979-1980, the *Nethula Journal* was a bi-monthly piece dedicated to a new era of black poets and writers. He co-founded *Nethula* with two young women, Kathy Anderson, whom he'd known at the University of Maryland, and Cynthia Lou Williams. Both Sterling Brown and E. Ethelbert Miller of the older group of black writers were among the journal's five contributing editors. Miller especially — a poet on staff at the Howard University library — served as an important bridge between the generations.

Scope and Contents note

The Nethula Journal records document the day-to-day business of the periodical and contain correspondence, business files, financial and budget information, fundraising documents, mailing lists, submissions, and drafts of journal volumes.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Kathy Anderson, 1987.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
1979 business letters 1979	4	13
1982 acceptance letters 1982	7	11
1983 business correspondence 1983	4	29
501 (c) (3) papers 1982	8	1
930 F St business records 1983-1984	4	14
addresses of Nethula journal undated	4	1
advertising Nethula journal circa 1980	4	2
African Poety: the modern writer and the organization 1983	4	3
Africobra 1973	4	4
Alexis De Veaux Blue Heat 1985	4	37
Ambrosia 1980	4	5
art essays Volume III circa 1980	1	22

art material: background for unpublished Volume III, Issue I 1985	7	1
art work, Volume II Issue II circa 1980	1	8
assorted printed materials, letters, and notes circa 1980	1	34
author payment/CCLM grant 1982	4	6
author's works 1982-1983	7	6
Black Market press 1979	4	7
black organizations and art directories 1982-1985	7	10
Blue line and dummy Volume II, Issue II circa 1980	1	18
board meeting minutes 1982	4	8
book sales records 1980-1981	4	9
bookstores/distribution circa 1980	4	10
Budget 1983 1983	4	12
budget and bills circa 1980	3	9
cash request forms undated	3	1

Charles Nathanel Suggs show 1982	7	17
Chismearte magazine undated	4	15
clippings circa 1980	4	40
Commission on arts and humanities 1981	4	16
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complimentary review copies undated	4	18
consignment sales (bookstores and galleries) 1983 1983	4	22
consignment material 1979 1979	4	23
contributing writers Volume III circa 1980	1	21
contributors/ Volume II, Issue I circa 1980	1	12
coordinating council of literary magazines 1982	4	19
coordinating council of literary magazines 1980 1980	4	20
coordinating council of literary magazines 1984 1984	4	25
copies of Nethula Journal 1979-1982	6	18

copyright of issues, volumes 1979-1980	4	24
correspondence circa 1980s	1	36
correspondence 1980-1986	7	20
correspondence 1979 1979	4	34
correspondence 1981 1981	4	27
correspondence 1983 1983	4	30
correspondence 1985 1985	4	28
correspondence between literary magazines 1984	4	26
correspondence circa 1980 circa 1980	7	2
correspondence with writers 1978 1978	4	35
correspondence with writers 1980 1980	4	33
correspondence with writers 1981 1981	4	32
correspondence with writers 1982 1982	4	31
cross cultural communication 1980-1983	7	12

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David Nicholson undated	3	3
DC commission grant 1982 1982	7	14
dissolution papers 1981	8	25
drafts and submissions, assorted circa 1980	1	32
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Eve Ferguson writing samples 1984	4	39
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Highwire piece undated	8	13
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inventory Nethula Journal undated	8	15
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Lotus press 1980	8	17
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mailing lists undated	8	18

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Marvin Kelley writing samples circa 1980	1	26
media fact book/national alliance DC third world journalists undated	8	22
Memoriam for Robert Hayden/Meridith Volume II, Issue II 1980 1980	1	3
Michael Weaver essays circa 1980	1	27
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misc items Volume III, Issue I 1985	5	9
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miscellaneous circa 1980	7	13
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National Endowment for the Arts correspondence 1982-1984	8	23
Nethula advertising circa 1980-1985	7	23
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Nethula classics/requests and answers 1979-1980	8	24
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R.R. Bowker company 1984	4	11
Randall Kennedy "Speaking for Blacks" Harper's 1980	7	15
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Volume II, Issue I artwork circa 1980	1	11
Volume II, Issue I biographies circa 1980	1	4
Volume II, Issue I bios circa 1980	2	30
Volume II, Issue I Thurlow Evans-Tibbs articles circa 1980	1	25
Volume II, Issue II circa 1980	1	7

Volume III artwork circa 1980	1	31
Volume III concept for Nethula classics and manuscripts for consideration circa 1980	1	20
Volume III Issue I papers circa 1980	1	33
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Volume III, Issue I unpublished 1985	5	2
Winnie Owens Hart artist, Volume III circa 1980	1	24
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