



Guide to the Joseph Monserrat Papers



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Abstract: A government official and community leader. Collection contains correspondence, speeches, manuscripts, subject files, information about community organizations, and materials related to his positions on the Board of Education of the City of New York, the Migration Division of the Government of Puerto Rico and the Department of Community Affairs in the United States.

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Abstracto: Joseph Monserrat fue un destacado oficial de gobierno y líder comunitario. Su colección incluye correspondencia, discursos, manuscritos, archivo de temas, organizaciones comunitarias y documentos relacionados a su trabajo en la Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York, la División de Migración y el Departamento de Asuntos de la Comunidad Puertorriqueña en Estados Unidos.

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JOSEPH MONSERRAT (1921-2005)

Biographical Note:

Joseph Monserrat has had a long and distinguished career in public service. He was mostly recognized for his leadership as director of the Migration Division (1951-1969), an agency of the Government of Puerto Rico, which played a significant role in the migration and settlement of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. From 1969-1970 he served as member and president of the Board of Education of the City of New York. Monserrat's papers are important for understanding the relationship of the Puerto Rican community to these two agencies from the 1950s through the 1970s and the impact of the Puerto Rican migration on New York City.



Left to right: Joseph Monserrat and Governor Luis Muñoz Marín

José Francisco Monserrat Figueroa was born on September 17, 1921 in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. In 1924, when he was three years old, his parents, Rafael Monserrat, a tobacco worker, and his wife Cruz Figueroa migrated to New York City. Following the death of his mother the young Monserrat and his sister spent seven years in foster care in Long Island. In 1931, his father remarried and the family was reunited and went to live on 108th St. in East Harlem, also known as “*El Barrio*.”

Between the ages of ten and twelve, Monserrat attended school at *La Liga Puertorriqueña* in East Harlem where he relearned Spanish and completed grade school. He went on to Benjamin Franklin High School where he was mentored and greatly influenced by its principal, Leonard Covello, who encouraged him to continue his studies and work on behalf of the Puerto Rican community. They forged an important friendship and

Nota biográfica:

Joseph Monserrat fue un destacado funcionario público que ocupó posiciones directivas (1951-1969) en la División de Migración, agencia del gobierno de Puerto Rico que intentó influir el proceso migratorio y asentamiento de los puertorriqueños en Estados Unidos. También fue miembro y presidente de la Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York del 1969 al 1970. La colección de Monserrat es importante para conocer como la comunidad puertorriqueña impactó a estas dos organizaciones y a Nueva York durante las décadas de los cincuentas a los setentas.

Nació el 17 de septiembre de 1921 en Bayamón, Puerto Rico con el nombre de José Francisco Monserrat Figueroa. A los tres años de edad, sus padres, Rafael Monserrat (tabaquero) y Cruz Figueroa emigraron a Nueva York. Al fallecer su madre, él y su hermana pasaron a residir en hogares de crianza en Long Island por siete años. La familia volvió a reunirse en 1931 cuando su padre se casó nuevamente y estableció su residencia en la calle 108 del East Harlem conocido como “el Barrio”.

A los diez ó doce años, Monserrat asistió a la escuela de La Liga Puertorriqueña con el propósito de terminar la escuela elemental y reaprender el idioma español. Realizó sus estudios de escuela superior en la Benjamín Franklin dirigida en ese entonces por el Dr. Leonard Covello, quien le exhortó a que continuara sus estudios y que ayudara a otros puertorriqueños. Años más tarde, Covello fue uno de sus colaboradores en la División de Migración. En sus años escolares Monserrat mostró interés artístico como cantante y bailarín, además de organizar una orquesta conocida como “Rumba Band”. No obstante, para el 1938, encontró su verdadera vocación cuando trabajó para el Goddard Neighborhood Center en el área de servicios sociales.

Durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial ingresó en la Fuerza Aérea donde se especializó en ingeniería de aviación. Al terminar la guerra y con el dinero que había ahorrado, regresó a Nueva York y abrió una fábrica de utensilios de madera. Abandonó esta empresa y decidió estudiar en la Universidad de Columbia y posteriormente en el New School for Social Research.

Su primer empleo como organizador comunitario fue en

later Covello was to work and collaborate with him at the Migration Division. During his high school years, Monserrat nurtured his artistic talents and organized a musical group called the Rumba Band aspiring to become a singer and dancer. However, by 1938 he had chosen a different path and began his career in the social services working for the Goddard Neighborhood Center.

During World War II, Monserrat joined the Air Force and served four years as an aviation engineer. Once the war ended, he returned to New York and used his savings to open a factory, which manufactured wooden household implements. Some time later, he gave up his business and decided to return to school, choosing to pursue studies at Columbia University and the New School for Social Research (now known as The New School University).

Monserrat gained experience in community work primarily through his jobs in settlement houses. His first job as a community organizer was with Madison House on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Subsequently he served as Director of the Melrose House Community Center in the Bronx and the Good Neighbor Federation Settlement. He also served as the first coordinator of the Street Gang Project of the Board of Education of the City of New York.

In 1951, Monserrat was named Director of the New York office of the Migration Division of the Department of Labor of Puerto Rico. In 1960, he was appointed by Governor Luíís Muñoz Marín as National Director of the Division. He became its third director succeeding Clarence Senior and served in that position for almost a decade. As National Director he was responsible for administering sixteen offices throughout the Northeastern and the Midwestern United States. These offices were charged with helping migrants adjust to their new surroundings and, to this end, operated programs in numerous social service areas such as employment, identification, education and community organization. Through the Migration Division, the government of Puerto Rico operated a major program to contract migrant farm laborers. The regional offices also became involved in community activities, formed coalitions with other ethnic groups, and advocated on behalf of civil rights. Although Monserrat left his post at the Division in 1969, he returned in 1989 as a consultant and participated in transforming it into the Department of Community Affairs in the United States. On May 20, 1969, Herman Badillo, then Bronx Borough President, appointed him to the Board of Education. Shortly thereafter he became the first Puerto Rican to be elected president of the Board, serving in that position

el Madison House en el Bajo Este de Manhattan (Lower East Side). Posteriormente, fue nombrado Director del Melrose House Community Center en el Bronx y del Good Neighbor Federation Settlement. Además, fue el primer Coordinador del Street Gang Project de la Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York.

Monserrat fue nombrado Director de la Oficina de Nueva York de la División de Migración del Departamento del Trabajo de Puerto Rico en 1951. Nueve años más tarde, el entonces gobernador Luis Muñoz Marín le nombró como sucesor de Clarence Senior, convirtiéndose en el tercer Director Nacional de la agencia por casi una década. Durante esos años, su responsabilidad era la administración de las dieciséis oficinas en Estados Unidos y sus programas de empleo, servicios sociales, organización de la comunidad, servicios de identificación y documentación, educación, trabajo agrícola, relaciones públicas y orientación al migrante. Como ejecutivo de dicha agencia también estuvo involucrado en actividades y en la creación de coaliciones con otros grupos étnicos, además participó en campañas contra la brutalidad policíaca y a favor de los derechos civiles. Más tarde, regresó en el 1989, en calidad de consultor y participó en la conversión de la División en el Departamento de Asuntos de la Comunidad Puertorriqueña en los Estados Unidos.

El 20 de mayo de 1969 fue nombrado por Herman Badillo, entonces Presidente del Condado del Bronx, como su representante a la Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York. Una vez en la Junta, fue electo el 11 de junio de 1969 como el primer presidente puertorriqueño/latino, cargo que retuvo hasta el 1 de julio de 1970. Ese mismo año, logró firmar un convenio colectivo con la unión de maestros, United Federation of Teachers, evitando una huelga y convirtiendo a los maestros de Nueva York entre los mejores pagados de la nación. Además, enfrentó cambios significativos en el sistema escolar de la Ciudad, como lo fueron: la postergación de las elecciones en las juntas escolares comunitarias, los problemas presupuestarios a consecuencia de la descentralización de las escuelas y el impacto de las medidas de integración de las razas y de los distritos escolares.

En el período de 1976 al 1980, Monserrat participó en innumerables actividades y trabajó para diversas organizaciones. Fungió como Director Ejecutivo a nivel nacional de la National Puerto Rican Business and Marketing Association, Inc., una organización dedicada al desarrollo económico de la comunidad puertorriqueña. También fundó y fue Presidente de su compañía de consultoría y relaciones públicas Monserrat Associates,

from June 11, 1969 until July 1, 1970. In that time period, he helped to successfully negotiate a contract with the United Federation of Teachers, which averted a strike and made New York City teachers among the highest paid in the nation. Also during his tenure, he was confronted with issues surrounding school decentralization, segregation and desegregation measures and budgetary crises.

From 1976 until 1980 Monserrat was active on many fronts and worked for various organizations. He was executive director of the National Puerto Rican Business and Marketing Association Inc., an economic development organization. He also founded and was president of his own company, Monserrat Associates, a consulting and public relations firm. He participated in numerous activities and organizations. Among them were: The Puerto Rican and Hispanic Council of Organizations, the Leonard Covello Senior Center for East Harlem Inc., the New York Advisory Committee on Civil Rights to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and the New York Civil Liberties Union. In 1970, Mayor John Lindsay appointed him to the Knapp Commission, which was investigating police corruption in the New York Police Department. In that same year, he was Grand Marshall of the Columbus Day Parade in New York. These and other services won him awards such as the Pan American Award and the Martin Buber Award.

Monserrat wrote numerous pamphlets published through the Migration Division, contributed to journals and collaborated in book projects on subjects such as the education of children and the history of the migration. During the 1970s, for example, he produced a column in English for the newspaper *el diario/La Prensa* devoted to issues concerning the living conditions of Latinos as well as providing information about reforms and programs benefiting the community. Among his publications are *The Puerto Rican Market: Its Growth and Value* and *The Education of Puerto Rican Children in New York City (1954)*. He participated in the production of *Puerto Ricans: Immigrants and Migrants, a Historical Perspective (1990)*, which was part of a curriculum series titled *Americans All*. Monserrat also taught courses at Hunter College, New York University, the New School for Social Research and the University of Puerto Rico.

Currently Monserrat resides in New York and continues to work as a consultant for various organizations. He is also finishing a book about Hispanics in the United States.

Inc. Fue organizador y Presidente del Puerto Rican and Hispanic Council of Organizations. Formó parte de la Junta de Directores del Leonard Covello Senior Center for East Harlem, Inc., el New York World's Fair y del Fashion Institute of Technology. Fue miembro de organizaciones que abogaban por los derechos civiles, laborales (e.g. New York Advisory Committee on Civil Rights to the United States Civil Rights Commission, New York Civil Liberties Union, Mayor's Committee on Exploitation of Workers, AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee) y en el área de la vivienda el Puerto Rican Housing Committee. Es importante destacar que el alcalde John V. Lindsay lo nombró en mayo del 1970 como miembro de la Comisión Knapp responsable de investigar las acusaciones de corrupción policíaca.

Entre los galardones que recibió podemos mencionar el Pan American Award en 1959 y el Martin Buber Award en 1970. El 11 de octubre del 1970, fue Mariscal del Desfile de la Raza en Nueva York.

Monserrat publicó un sin número de artículos (e.g. *La emigración: realidad y problema en la Ciudad de Nueva York*, La Torre, 1956) y sirvió como columnista para diferentes medios periodísticos. En los años setentas escribió artículos en inglés en la columna titulada "A Hispanic Viewpoint" y luego en "Hispanic Perspective" en *el diario/La Prensa*. En esta columna, Monserrat expresó sus preocupaciones e interés por mejorar las condiciones de vida de los latinos, además de mantener a sus lectores informados sobre conferencias, reformas gubernamentales y programas de asistencia comunitaria. Como Director de la División de Migración participó y escribió muchos de los panfletos publicados por la agencia, como: *Background and General Information on Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rican Migrant* (sin fecha) y *School Integration: a Puerto Rican View (1965)*. El escribió para la National Puerto Rican Business and Marketing Association la publicación: *The Puerto Rican Market: Its Growth and Value*. Fue editor de *Education of Puerto Rican Children in New York City (1954)*, para el *Journal of Educational Sociology* dedicado a la situación educativa de los estudiantes puertorriqueños en los Estados Unidos. Contribuyó a la preparación del fascículo escolar *Puerto Ricans: Immigrants and Migrants, a Historical Perspective (1990)* de la serie educativa *Americans All*. Además ha dictado cursos en Hunter College, New York University, New School for Social Research y la Universidad de Puerto Rico.

Monserrat ofreció sus servicios de consultoría a diferentes organizaciones y trabajó aunque no logró su sueño de terminar la preparación de su libro sobre los hispanos en Estados Unidos. Después de una larga

enfermedad, falleció en la Ciudad de Nueva York el 13 de noviembre de 2005.

Scope and Content:

The Joseph Monserrat Papers document his role and that of the Migration Division in the formation and implementation of the policies of the government of Puerto Rico regarding the migration of Puerto Ricans to the U.S. They also shed light on Monserrat's contributions as a member and President of the Board of Education of the City of New York and on the issues confronting public education at the time. The materials are valuable for research in the areas of community development, bilingual education, school decentralization, civil rights, electoral politics, police brutality and corruption, community organizations, farm labor, inter-group relations and the internal workings of the Migration Division and the Board of Education of the City of New York. Among the personalities represented in the collection are Luis Muñoz Marín, Herman Badillo, Rafael Hernández Colón, Robert García, Leonard Covello and Nydia Velázquez.

The documents described here represent only a portion of Joseph Monserrat's papers and consequently of his life activities. The bulk of the materials pertain to the 1970s and particularly the years from 1969 to 1973. The records consist primarily of personal documents, correspondence, writings, appointment books, directories, reports, news clippings, programs and photographs. The folders are arranged alphabetically and chronologically, with some exceptions.

Alcance y contenido:

La colección de Joseph Monserrat es un valioso recurso para documentar como él en su rol de Director y la División de Migración contribuyeron e implantaron las políticas del gobierno de Puerto Rico respecto a la migración de los puertorriqueños a Estados Unidos y como en su calidad de Presidente y miembro de la Junta de Educación influyó en la educación de los puertorriqueños en el sistema escolar de la ciudad. Estos documentos son una fuente de información para aquellos que están interesados en los siguientes temas: trabajadores agrícolas, la política electoral, eventos culturales, las relaciones entre los diferentes grupos étnicos y raciales, la educación bilingüe, la descentralización escolar, los derechos civiles, las campañas de inscripción electoral, la brutalidad y la corrupción policíaca, las organizaciones comunitarias y los asuntos administrativos de la División de Migración y de la Junta de Educación.

Estos documentos complementan las colecciones de las Oficinas del Gobierno de Puerto Rico en Estados Unidos (OGPR) y las colecciones personales de Luis O. Reyes y Diana Caballero. Algunas de las personalidades que aparecen con frecuencia en la colección son: Luis Muñoz Marín, Herman Badillo, Robert García, Rafael Hernández Colón y Nydia Velázquez.

Los documentos procesados son sólo una tercera parte de la totalidad de la colección de Joseph Monserrat. La mayoría de los documentos corresponden a la década de los setenta con énfasis en los años del 1969 a 1973. La mayoría de los cartapacios están organizados en orden alfabético y los documentos están ordenados cronológicamente. Esta colección incluye sus documentos personales, correspondencia, escritos, recortes de periódicos, diarios, directorios, anuncios de eventos, programas de actividades, informes y fotografías.

The collection has been organized into the following ten series:

- I. Biographical and Personal Information**
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- III. Writings**
- IV. Board of Education of the City of New York**
- V. Organizations**
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- VII. Photographs**
- VIII. Appointment Books**
- IX. Directories**
- X. Plaques**

Addition:

- XI. Scrapbook**
- Also Series: I and IV

La colección esta dividida en las siguientes diez series:

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- II. Correspondencia**
- III. Escritos**
- IV. Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York**
- V. Organizaciones**
- VI. Archivo de temas**
- VII. Fotografías**
- VIII. Agendas**
- IX. Tarjeteros**
- X. Placas de reconocimiento**

Ingreso:

- XI. Scrapbook**
- También para las series I y IV

Access Points/ Términos clave:

Name/ Nombres:

Badillo, Herman, -- 1929-
Covello, Leonard, -- 1887-1982.
García, Robert, -- 1933-
Hernández Colón, Rafael. -- 1936-
Montserrat, Joseph, -- 1921-
Muñoz Marín, Luis, -- 1898-1980.
Velázquez, Nydia M. -- 1953-
American Civil Liberties Union.
Council of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Organizations of the Lower East Side of Manhattan, Inc.
Good Neighbor Federation Settlement.
Leonard Covello Senior Center for East Harlem, Inc.
Madison House on the Lower East Side of Manhattan
Melrose House Community Center in the Bronx
National Puerto Rican Business and Marketing Association Inc.
New York Civil Liberties Union
New York (N.Y.). -- Knapp Commission.
New York (N.Y.). -- Board of Education.
New York City Public Schools.
United States Commission on Civil Rights. -- New York State Advisory Committee.

Subject Topics/ Temas:

Agricultural laborers, Puerto Rican
Civil rights
Community and school -- New York (State) -- New York.
Puerto Rico. Departamento del Trabajo. División de Migración
Puerto Rico. Dept. of Labor. Migration Division.
Education, Bilingual -- New York (State) -- New York.
Hispanic Americans -- New York (State) -- New York.
Migrant labor.
Minorities -- United States.
New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government.
New York (N.Y.) -- Social conditions.
Police brutality -- New York (State) -- New York.
Puerto Rico -- Emigration and immigration.
Public schools -- New York (State) -- New York.
Puerto Ricans -- Education -- New York (State) -- New York
Puerto Ricans in New York (City)
Puerto Ricans -- New York (State) -- Social conditions
School integration -- New York (State) -- New York.
Schools -- Decentralization -- New York (State) -- New York.
Segregation in education -- New York (State) -- New York.

Subject Places/ Materia de lugares:

East Harlem (New York, N.Y.)
New York (N.Y.) -- Emigration and immigration.
Puerto Rico -- Politics and government.

Document Types/ Tipos de documentos:

Appointment books/ Libros de citas.
Clippings/ Recorte de periódicos.
Correspondence/ Correspondencia.
Directories/ Directorios.
Photographs/ Fotografías.
Programs/ Programas.

Series I: Biographical and Personal Information (1955-2005)

This series contains official documents such as a birth certificate, obituary, and property titles, financial information, curriculum vitae, radio and television interviews, airline tickets, awards and materials about the activities of his consulting firm.

Serie I: Información biográfica y personal (1955-2005)

Esta serie contiene documentos de carácter personal como lo son su certificado de nacimiento, obituario, curriculum vitae, títulos de propiedades, información financiera, sobre su empresa de consultoría, documentos relacionados a sus posiciones de trabajo, entrevistas en radio y televisión, boletos de viajes, listas de direcciones y premios recibidos. Entre ellos hay una carta de Herman Badillo fechada el 15 de octubre del 1969 al entonces gobernador de Puerto Rico, Luis A. Ferré, invitándolo a un homenaje en reconocimiento a Joseph Monserrat por su labor como Director Nacional de la División de Migración. También, contiene información sobre investigaciones, encuestas y evaluaciones de su compañía de consultoría Monserrat Associates, Inc.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
1	1	Agenda, 1960
	2	Airline Tickets, 1969-1976
	3	Articles Related to Joseph Monserrat, undated, 1960-1969
	4	Biographical Information, undated, 1959-2005
	5	Birth Certificate, 1957
	6	Business Cards, undated
	7	Certificate, 1976
	8	Financial Records, undated, 1973-1974
	9	Interviews, 1970-1972
	10	Job Related Information-Board of Education, undated, 1969-1974
	11	Mailing Lists, undated
2	12-14	Monserrat Associates Inc., undated, 1955-1973
	1	Notes, undated, 1969-1974
	2	Property Title, 1980-1982
	3	Stationery, undated
	4	Telephone Numbers, undated
	5	Television and Radio Appearances, 1972-1973

Series II: Correspondence (1960-1991)

The series is organized into incoming and outgoing correspondence, personal letters, congratulatory messages, invitations and memoranda. The bulk of the correspondence dates from 1968-1973 primarily from his tenure on the Board of Education. There are numerous congratulatory letters upon his appointment as President of the Board of Education from politicians,

Serie II: Correspondencia (1960-1991)

La correspondencia está dividida en enviada y recibida, personal, felicitaciones recibidas, invitaciones y memos. La mayoría de la correspondencia es de los años del 1968 al 1973, específicamente del período en que formó parte de la Junta de Educación. Contiene también los documentos de los años previos en que trabajó en la División de Migración e inclusive de su rol coordinando

school principals, Mayor John V. Lindsay and from various organizations. Evidence of issues he confronted as Board President appears in letters to such individuals as Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller where Monserrat advocates for legislation to decentralize the schools. The documents also encompass his work in the Migration Division and detail, among other matters, the coordination of visits from Governor Luis Muñoz Marín and invitations to community events.

las visitas del gobernador Luis Muñoz Marín a Estados Unidos. Hay cartas de principales de escuelas, personalidades de la política, del alcalde de la Ciudad, John V. Lindsay, de catedráticos y maestros y de organizaciones. Entre la correspondencia enviada, hay una carta enviada al entonces gobernador de Nueva York, Nelson A. Rockefeller exhortándole a que propusiera una ley de descentralización escolar (23 de diciembre del 1969).

Box	Folder	
Caja	Cartapacio	
2	6	Congratulatory Messages, undated, 1972-1973
	7	Correspondence Log, undated
	8	Greeting Cards, undated, 1969-1977
	9-12	Incoming, undated, 1960-July, 1972
3	1-4	Incoming, August, 1972-1991
3-5		Invitations, May 1969-May 1977
6	1-2	Memoranda-Incoming, 1968-1977
	3-4	Memoranda-Outgoing, undated, 1969-1973
6-7	1-4	Outgoing, undated, June, 1969-1983

Series III: Writings (1953-1979)

Among the writings are articles from the column “A Hispanic Viewpoint” from *el diario/La Prensa*, speeches, and the manuscript for his as yet unpublished book *Hispanics-USA*. Of particular note is one speech in which he protests against District 25’s banning of the book *Down These Mean Streets* by Piri Thomas.

Serie III: Escritos (1953-1979)

Esta serie incluye sus escritos personales, entre los que se encuentran artículos de su columna “A Hispanic Viewpoint” de *el diario/La Prensa*, discursos como el que realizó protestando la prohibición del libro de Piri Thomas, *Down These Mean Streets* y el manuscrito de su libro *Hispanics-USA*.

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Caja	Cartapacio	
7	5	General, undated, 1959-1979
	6	Hispanics-USA-Manuscript, undated, 1978-1979
8	1	The So Called Puerto Rican Problem, undated, 1953-1958
	2-4	Statements, Speeches, and Presentations, undated, 1960-1978

Series IV: Board of Education of the City of New York (1963-1991)

The documents in this series consist of administrative records. They include agendas, reports of audits and investigations, receipts, press releases, budgets, demographic data and plans and programs of the Board. Main subject areas are the decentralization of schools, school security and projects such as the City Wide Umbrella Program, the Office of Career Education, Open Doors, and Plan for Integration.

Serie IV: Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York (1963-1991)

Los documentos en esta serie son de carácter administrativo y tratan sobre el funcionamiento de la Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York. Incluye sus agendas, los informes de auditorías e investigación, los comprobantes de gastos, los comunicados de prensa, presupuestos, datos demográficos de la población escolar, planes y programas. Entre los temas más frecuentes están: la descentralización escolar, la seguridad en las escuelas, los distritos escolares y proyectos de la agencia (e.g. City Wide Umbrella Project, Office of Career Education, Open Doors y Plan for Integration), entre otros.

Box	Folder		
Caja	Cartapacio		
8	5	Agenda, 1976	
	6	Audit Reports, undated, 1969	
	7	Bethlehem Area School District-Staff Meeting on Human Relations, 1969	
	8	Big Six Cities, 1970	
	9	Board of Ethics Statement, undated, 1973	
	10	Board of Retirement, 1969-1974	
	11	Budget, undated	
	9	1	City Wide Umbrella Program, undated, 1975
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	4	Student Unrest, undated	
	5	Vouchers and Meal Allowance, 1972-1975	

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Series V: Organizations (1963-1990)

This series documents national as well as New York based organizations of different types. Represented are educational organizations such as *Amanece* and *ASPIRA*, political organizations such as *La Cruzada Anti-Comunista Internacional* and Hispanic- American Democrats, cultural institutions like the *Ballet Folklórico Puertorriqueño* and the Puerto Rican Parade and religious institutions such as the Northeast Regional Pastoral Center for Hispanics. Monserrat's interest in bilingual education is also reflected in a number of these records.

Serie V: Organizaciones (1963-1990)

En esta serie están documentadas organizaciones en algunas de las cuales Joseph Monserrat participó activamente a nivel nacional y local. Entre ellas, organizaciones educativas como *Amanece* y *ASPIRA*; políticas como la *Cruzada Anti-Comunista Internacional* y la *Hispanic American Democrats*; culturales como el *Ballet Folklórico Puertorriqueño* y el *Desfile Puertorriqueño*; y religiosas como el *Northeast Regional Pastoral Center for Hispanics*. Una vez más, hay documentos que confirman su gran interés en la educación bilingüe.

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10		High School Parents and Principals Committee, undated, 1973	
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- 15 Institute of Man and Science, undated, 1970
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 23 Luis Muñoz Rivera Memorial Association, undated, 1971
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- 1 National Association of Inter-Group Relations Officials, undated, 1970
 2 National Federation of Settlements of Neighborhood Centers, undated, 1962-1973
 3 National Puerto Rican Business and Marketing Association, undated, 1976-1980
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 16 School Fund for Roberto Clemente Elementary School, 1973
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 18 Service for Education and Rehabilitation in Addiction, undated, 1971-1972
 19 Spanish-American Community Club, 1971-1972
 20 United Bronx Parents, Inc., undated, 1971
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- 1-2 United Federation of Teachers, undated, 1969-1975

- 3 United Services Organizations of New York City, 1970
- 4 United Parents Association, 1969-1975
- 5 University of Hartford, Connecticut-Seminar on the Puerto Rican in American Culture, 1970
- 6 Urban Fellows Program-New Haven, Connecticut, 1969
- 7 Urban Planning Studio, 1969

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Series VI: Subject Files (1955-1992)

These files contain information about bilingual education, agricultural laborers, migrant education, and various subjects related to Puerto Ricans in the U.S. The files contain different types of documents such as reports, clippings, announcements and correspondence. There are, for example, materials about educational television programs such as Sesame Street and *Qué Tal Amigos*. Monserrat's participation in the Knapp Commission's investigation into police corruption is also documented. In addition there is information about his role in the Department of Puerto Rican Community Affairs in the U.S. (the agency which replaced the Migration Division) directed by Nydia Velázquez and particularly *Atrévete*, its voter registration program.

Serie VI: Archivo de temas (1955-1992)

Esta serie tiene información sobre: la educación bilingüe, los medios de comunicación educativos, la educación al migrante, los trabajadores agrícolas, los puertorriqueños en Estados Unidos, conferencias, desfiles, Luis Muñoz Marín, la política y la brutalidad policíaca. Entre los tipos de documentos hay correspondencia, informes, avisos y recortes de periódicos. Sobresalen los documentos de educación bilingüe, de programas televisivos como *Sesame Street* y *Que tal amigos* y de su participación en la investigación del Departamento de la Policía de la Ciudad de Nueva York por la Comisión Knapp. Además, contiene información sobre el rol que desempeñó en el Departamento de Asuntos de la Comunidad Puertorriqueña en los Estados Unidos (agencia puertorriqueña que reemplazó a la División de Migración) dirigido por Nydia Velázquez y Atrévete, su programa de inscripción electoral.

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- 4 City University of New York-Afro American Studies,
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- 5 Commission on Population Growth and the American
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- 6 Committee on Equal Education Opportunity, undated,
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- 7 Community News Service Inc.- Servicio Noticiero de
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- 8 Conference at Mercy College-Problems in Urban
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- 9 Conference on Health Manpower, 1964-1972
- 10 Conferences on Puerto Rican Communities, undated,
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- 11 Crime Related, 1992
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- 6 Departamento de Asuntos de la Comunidad
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- 17** 1 Desfile de la Hispanidad, 1973
- 2 Development Growth and Decline of the Puerto
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- 4 Eastern Connecticut State College, 1969
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- 12 Event Programs, 1970-1976
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- 14 Fifth Century Anniversary of Columbus’ Arrival in
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- 15 Fordham University, 1968-1969
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- 2 Galaxy Conference- Council of National
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- 6 Migrant Education Study Proposal, undated, 1971-
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- 7 Minority Business Development and Marketing
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- 8 Model Cities of Spanish Conference, 1970
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- 1 Muñoz Marín, Luis-Speeches, undated, 1956-1962
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- 8 Newspaper Clippings-General, undated, 1969-1992
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- 10 NOAH Production Company, undated, 1972-1977
- 11 "Open Sesame," undated
- 12 Phi Delta Kappa Biennial Conference, 1972
- 13 Police Brutality, undated, 1991-1992
- 14 Police Brutality-Raymond Lavon, Death in the
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- 15 Police Students Guide-Ethnic Groups, 1988
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	17	Problems of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Communities in New York-Conference, 1977
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	5	Puerto Ricans in Urban Connecticut, 1969
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Series VII: Photographs (1967-1993)

The images in this series document Monserrat's private and public life showing his participation in a range of social, cultural and political activities. Contained are photos related to Board of Education events, public hearings from the Department of Puerto Rican Community Affairs in the United States, and public events during his tenure as Director of the Migration Division. There are also photos of activities of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico in New York.

Serie VII: Fotografías (1967-1993)

La serie de fotografías documentan la vida personal y pública de Joseph Monserrat en actividades sociales, culturales y políticas. Están agrupadas en actividades de la Junta de Educación, los actos públicos en que participó como Director de la División de Migración, las vistas públicas relacionadas con el funcionamiento del Departamento de Asuntos de la Comunidad Puertorriqueña en los Estados Unidos y el Partido Nacionalista de Puerto Rico en la Ciudad.

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Series VIII: Appointment Books (1969, 1975)

Included are appointment books from the years 1969 and 1975. They record Monserrat's daily activities. Among the notable people that appear are Albert Shanker, Marta Valle, Robert García, Franklin Delano López, Gilberto Gerena Valentín, Bobby Capó and Ruth Fernández.

Serie VIII: Agendas (1969, 1975)

Esta serie consiste de dos libros de agendas correspondientes a los años 1969 y 1975 donde anotó sus citas, llamadas, invitaciones, actividades y reuniones. Entre las personalidades mencionadas en sus diarios están Albert Shanker, Marta Valle, Robert García, Joseph Erazo, Franklin Delano López, Gilberto Gerena Valentín, Bobby Capó y Ruth Fernández.

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Contained here are two rolodexes with names and addresses of various individuals, organizations, businesses, and government officials from Puerto Rico and the U.S. They are significant because they demonstrate Monserrat's extensive contacts and his public prominence.

Serie IX: Tarjeteros (Sin Fecha)

Se compone de dos tarjeteros con direcciones de políticos, miembros de la prensa, organizaciones comunitarias, empresas, oficiales y agencias gubernamentales y asociaciones profesionales en Estados Unidos y Puerto Rico. Esta serie es importante porque muestra la extensa red de contactos de Monserrat.

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Series X: Plaques (1969-1983)

This series consists of four plaques awarded to Monserrat in 1969, 1973 and 1983.

Serie X: Placas de Reconocimientos (1969-1983)

Consiste de cuatro placas de reconocimiento otorgadas a Joseph Monserrat en los años de 1969, 1973 y 1983.

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	4	Presented to Joseph Monserrat by the Puerto Rican Committee for Better Human Relations, 1969

Addition (Available in microfilm format only)

Series I: Biographical and Personal Information (1955-2005)

Consists of an obituary, a resume and some invitations to ceremonies and conventions related to Joseph's Monserrat personal and professional life.

Serie I: Información Biográfica y Personal (1955-2005)

Esta serie incluye un artículo de periódico, una hoja de vida, y algunas invitaciones a ceremonias y convenciones relacionadas a la vida personal y profesional de Joseph Monserrat.

Series IV: Board of Education of the City of New York (1963-1991)

This addition contains a scrapbook with newspapers clippings about Joseph Monserrat as a member and President of the Board of Education dating from May 1969 to May 1970. It also includes four issues of *The New York Teacher* (September 9- December 7, 1973

Serie IV: Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York (1963-1991)

Consiste de recortes de periódicos sobre la participación de Joseph Monserrat como integrante y Presidente de la Junta de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York durante el período de Mayo del 1969 hasta Mayo del 1970. También contiene copias de cuatro ejemplares de la revista *The New York Teacher* del 9 de septiembre al 7 de diciembre del 1973.