The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in 1910 to promote the legal and political rights of African-Americans.

The Papers of the NAACP document the structure, activities and development of the association and provide information on every aspect of American race relations. The collection contains materials dating from 1909 to the 1960s and is filmed from materials in the Library of Congress and certain private collections including:

- Meetings of the Board of Directors, records of annual conferences, major speeches, and special reports.
- Legal and subject files related to the Voting Rights Campaign from 1916-1950: white primary cases, the grandfather clause, literacy tests, registration abuses, intimidation and violence, poll taxes, legislative apportionment in the South and women’s suffrage.

This collection is useful for scholars of African-American Studies, Political Science, Sociology and History.