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# Guide to Photographs of the Garment District in New York City

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 998

**CREATOR:** Halverson, Karen, 1941-

**TITLE:** Photographs of the Garment District in New York City

**DATES:** 1976–2013

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 30 Photographic Prints (3 boxes) : black-and-white ;; 28.0 x 35.8 cm

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 30 linear feet (3 boxes) : inkjet, color ;; 28.0 x 35.8 cm

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (1 box 1.93 gigabytes, 95 files) ; 3/4 in.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Street photographs that document people, urban scenery, and activity in the Garment District in the Manhattan borough of New York City, 1977-1978. Images include couriers carting clothing on racks, pedestrians, vehicles, and buildings.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Karen Halverson on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2013.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 4: Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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## Preferred Citation

Karen Halverson, Photographs of the Garment District in New York City. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Karen Halverson

Karen Halverson is a documentary landscape photographer. Born in Syracuse, New York, Halverson received a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University and Masters of Arts from Brandeis University and Columbia University. In 1975, she made her first photographic project, which documented the Garment District in New York City. Much of her work documents the tension between the natural and cultural landscapes of the American West. She is the author of *Downstream: Encounters with the Colorado River* (University of California Press, 2008), which retraces the route of John Wesley Powell's expeditions and explores what contemporary Americans have made of the waterway.

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## Scope and Contents

Street photographs that document people, urban scenery, and activity in the Garment District in the Manhattan borough of New York City, 1977-1978. Images include couriers carting clothing on racks, pedestrians, vehicles, and buildings.

The collection includes a DVD with digital images created in 2013 of 95 original contact sheets from negatives used to create the black-and-white photographs.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three groupings: Black and White Photographs (Boxes 1-3), DVD (Box 4), and Color Inkjet Prints (Boxes 5-7).

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## Collection Contents

b. 1 (Oversize) Black and white photographs

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b. 2 (Oversize) Black and white photographs

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b. 3 (Oversize) Black and white photographs

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Computer media

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b. 4 Halverson Garment District, New York, B/W Contact Sheets  
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1 DVD-R

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b. 5 (Oversize) Color inkjet prints

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b. 6 (Oversize) Color inkjet prints

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b. 7 (Oversize) Color inkjet prints

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Clothing trade -- New York (State) -- New York  
-- Pictorial works  
Street photography -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Geographic Names**

Garment District (New York, N.Y.) -- Pictorial works  
Manhattan (New York, N.Y.) -- Pictorial works  
New York (N.Y.) -- Pictorial works

### **Genres / Formats**

Born digital  
Digital images  
DVDs  
Inkjet prints  
Photographic prints

### **Names**

Halverson, Karen, 1941-