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Abstract:	The Umbra Poets were a group of young black artists who met in New York City to discuss writing and politics beginning in 1962. Early leaders of the group included Tom Dent, Calvin Hernton, and Askia Muhammad Toure. The Umbra Poets Workshop Collection consists of oral history interviews with fourteen of the poets, conducted by Michel Oren with one exception, Amiri Baraka, who was interviewed by, fellow Umbra member, Lorenzo Thomas. There is also a grouping of letters from: Tom Dent to Michel Oren relating to the interviews conducted; Raymond Patterson regarding poetry readings which led to the formation of Umbra; and Dr. Joseph Burke pertaining to Hernton, 1982-2002. Lorenzo Thomas' manuscript, "Annotated Bibliography of the Umbra Workshop 1962-1982" is included in the collection.
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