



# **Ford Foundation records, Developing Countries Program, Office Files of Mary Elen (Michele) Heisler**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center   |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Heisler, Michele   |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Ford Foundation  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Ford Foundation records, Developing Countries Program, Office Files of Mary Elen (Michele) Heisler |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | FA526  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1987-1990  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1.31 Cubic Feet 1 standard record storage box.   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .  |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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Michele Heisler is a doctor, human rights advocate, and former program officer at the Ford Foundation. Heisler initially worked as an Assistant Program Officer in the Ford Foundation's Developing Country Programs. Following a change in the Foundation's programming structure, Heisler became an Assistant Program Officer in the Latin America and Caribbean Programs.

After leaving the Ford Foundation, Heisler worked as a consultant to the United Nations Truth Commission in El Salvador. Some of Heisler's early work with Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) consisted of consulting with a focus on research and writing studies when she was a medical student. From between 2010 and 2019, she served on the PHR Board of Directors and then became the organization's Medical Director. She has also worked as a professor of internal medicine and public health at the University of Michigan.

Heisler earned her M.D. from Harvard University, her M.P.A. from Princeton University, and completed a residency in internal medicine and health services research training at the University of Michigan as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Inventory

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### Correspondence, 1987-1990

| Title/Description  | Instances |
|--|-----------|
| 1987-1988 Chronological Correspondence Files, 1987 June-1988 June  | box 1     |
| 1988-1989 Chronological Correspondence Files, 1988 June-1989 July  | box 1     |
| 1989-1990 Chronological Correspondence Files, 1989 August-1990 May | box 1     |
| 1990 Chronological Correspondence Files, 1990 June-September       | box 1     |

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