

Ford Foundation records, Rights and Social Justice, Office Files of Lynn Walker Huntley

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas.

During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence, consultant files, program reviews, meeting records and subject files.

Collection consists of more than one accession of Lynn Walker Huntley office files ingested by the RAC over the years. An accession processed in 2018 consisted of a group of subject files regarding the Ford Foundation's work with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and was added to the end of the Subject Files Series in order to reconstitute the relationship between the materials. Another box of Huntley office files was added from a different accession of unrelated Ford Foundation records (Accession 2018:063 of the Ford Foundation records, EMAC, MAC, Office Files of John P. Santos collection) later in 2018. It was determined during the processing of that accession that the materials were connected to the Huntley subject files that the RAC ingested in 2018, and thus the box was incorporated into Huntley's collection.

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Arrangement

Records are arranged into 4 series.

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Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

Second group of Lynn Walker Huntely's office files was transferred to the RAC by the Ford Foundation in 2018 and was ingested by the RAC as Accession 2018:064. This accession was incorporated into the collection during processing in 2018.

Conditions Governing Access

Open for research. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation
- Civil rights
- African Americans -- Civil rights
- Minorities--Civil rights
- Women's rights

Other Finding Aids

Finding aids concerning the office files of other Ford Foundation officers in the Rights and Social Justice Program as well as the subsequent Human Rights and International Cooperation Unit of the Peace and Social Justice include:

FA594 Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Vice President, Office Files of Mary E. McClymont

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FA591 Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Human Rights and International Cooperation (HRIC), Office Files of Anthony D. Romero

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FA613 Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Human Rights and International Cooperation (HRIC), Office Files of Cristina Eguizabal

Collection Inventory

Subject Files, 1981-1997

Scope and Contents

Series consists of the subject files Lynn Walker Huntley created to document her work in the Ford Foundation's Rights and Social Justice Program.

It contains a significant number of files concerning the Foundation's support of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). These records originate from a later accession of Huntley's office files that was processed in 2018. They mostly regard the financial, administrative, and legal troubles the NAACP experienced during the early and mid-1990s, the monitoring and disbursement of the Ford Foundation's funding to the organization and its Special Contribution Fund (SCF), the foundation's support for the NAACP's financial and strategic planning initiatives, the controversies surrounding the foundation's backing of the NAACP during this time period, some of the social justice and civil rights issues the NAACP focused on during the 1980s and 1990s, and questions concerning the NAACP's continued relevancy in advocating for racial equality and empowerment of racial minorities amidst its series of crises.

Some of the subject files appear to have been created and maintained by Huntley's successor as Director of the Rights and Social Justice Program, Mary E. McClymont, as well as by other staff members of the Human Rights and International Cooperation Unit of the Peace and Social Justice Program which replaced the Rights and Social Justice Program during the foundation's reorganization in 1996. This may indicate that the offices for these programs continued to use and add to the subject files created during Huntley's term as Director of the Rights and Social Justice Program even after Huntley's departure from Ford.

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| Craver, Mathews, Smith, and Company weekly reports, 1994-1995 | box 16 | folder 72 |
| Council on Foundations and other organizations, 1992-1995 | box 16 | folder 73-74 |
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| Original folder was unlabeled. File contains documents related to the Council on Foundations, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the First Nations Development Institute. | | |
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Chief correspondents of the Ford Foundation Rights and Social Justice Program (and later Peace and Social Justice Program) within the file include Lynn Walker Huntley, Anthony Romero, and Mary McClymont.

The correspondence regards public housing and housing desegregation, domestic violence, minority rights, women's rights, African American churches, the care and maintenance of the Reverend Jesse Jackson papers, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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