

# Ford Foundation records, Public Broadcasting, Office of Communications, Office Files of David M. Davis

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#### **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Rockefeller Archive Center

Creator - aut: Davis, David M. (David McFarland), 1926-2007

**Creator:** Ford Foundation

**Title:** Ford Foundation records, Public Broadcasting, Office of

Communications, Office Files of David M. Davis

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**Date [inclusive]:** 1968-1972

**Physical Description:** 0.38 Cubic Feet

Language of the

**Material:** 

English.

# **Biographical / Historical**

David M. Davis (1926-2007) worked in public broadcasting for over forty years. In 1968, he joined the Ford Foundation as a Program Officer in the Foundation's Office of Public Broadcasting. He was later promoted to Officer in Charge of the program. Following a change in the Foundation's program structure, Davis became Officer in Charge of the Office of Communications.

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, Davis had public broadcasting producer, director, and station manager positions in Philadelphia, East Lansing, Washington, D.C., Greensboro, and Boston. After he left the Ford Foundation, he worked as a consultant for the German Marshall Fund for a few years. He also served as President of Public Television Playhouse, Inc. (producer of the "American Playhouse" television series) and President and CEO of American Documentary, Inc. (producer of the "POV" television series).

Davis earned a bachelor's degree in musical education in 1947 from Northwestern University and a M.S. in 1951 from the University of Pennsylvania. Davis died in 2007.

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# **Scope and Contents**

Documentation includes public broadcasting grant and appropriations records.

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#### Arrangement

As received.

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#### **Administrative Information**

#### **Publication Statement**

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#### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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.

### **Conditions Governing Access**

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

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# **Collection Inventory**

Title/Description	Instances
Comments of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting re: Domestic Communications Satellite Facilities, 1971 May 12	box 1
Public Broadcasting FAP Record, 1969-1971	box 1
Public Broadcasting Appropriation Record, 1969-1971	box 1
Public Broadcasting Grant Record, 1971	box 1
Educational Television (ETV) Reporter, 1968-1970	box 1
ETS News, 1970-1972	box 1
Off Camera, 1970	box 1
National Educational Radio, 1970	box 1