



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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Biographical / Historical

Lynn Walker Huntley (1945-2015) came to the Ford Foundation in 1982 to work as a Program Officer focusing on civil rights programs. She would eventually become Director of the Rights and Social Justice Program until she left the foundation in 1995. She served briefly as a consultant for Ford after leaving her position as Rights and Social Justice Director and was tasked with monitoring the foundation's grants to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Prior to her time at Ford, Huntley worked as a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDF) in the 1970s. While with the LDF, she was part of the legal team that managed the *Furman v. Georgia* legal case. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the case in 1972 resulted in a temporary suspension of the death penalty within the whole nation. Huntley would later serve at the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

During her time at Ford, Huntley helped obtain funding for the U.S. Civil Rights Movement documentary *Eyes on the Prize* and started the African American Church Initiative. After leaving Ford, she joined the Southern Education Foundation, and in 2002, became president of that foundation.

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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.

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Arrangement

Records are arranged into 4 series.

The collection arrangement is as follows:

Series 1. Subject Files, 1981-1997

Series 2. Consultant Files, 1983-1994

Series 3. Program Reviews and Meetings, 1987-1993

Series 4. Chronological Correspondence Files, 1986-1994

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Administrative Information

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Processing Information

Level 1 Minimal Processing has been conducted to establish basic intellectual and physical control of the material and assess immediate preservation and conservation needs. Material remains as received, in original folders and storage boxes.

Level 3 processing was completed for the 2018:064 accession of Lynn Walker Huntley office files. This material was processed by Darren Young in September 2018.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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

Other Finding Aids

Finding aids concerning the office files of other Ford Foundation officers in the Rights and Social Justice Program include:

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

[FA674 Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program \(PSJ\), Office Files of Mary E. McClymont](#)

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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 (SPF), 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 these 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 the Peace and Social Justice Program which replaced the Rights and Social Justice Program during the foundation's reorganization in 1996.

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