



# **Ford Foundation records, United States International Affairs Program (USIAP), Rural Poverty and Resources, Correspondence Files of Adrienne Germain**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Germain, Adrienne
<b>Creator:</b>	Ford Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	Ford Foundation records, United States International Affairs Program (USIAP), Rural Poverty and Resources, Correspondence Files of Adrienne Germain
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1976-1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.31 Cubic Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical / Historical

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Beginning in the 1950s, the Ford Foundation has provided funds to improve the management of land and water, to strengthen policy making for the rural sector and to generate off-farm employment and income, especially for women. In addition, the Foundation supports efforts to increase the productivity of agriculture and to strengthen rural development organizations.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Adrienne Germain is a women's health activist and researcher who worked for several years at the Ford Foundation. While at the Foundation, Germain's work focused on programs and projects concerning population and women, and in 1981, she became the Foundation's Representative for Bangladesh. Germain was appointed President of the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) in 1998 and served in that position until 2012.

Between 1972 and 1975, Germain worked in the Ford Foundation's Population Program as an Assistant Program Officer and then a Program Officer. After that, she became a Project Specialist in the International Division, Office of the Vice President. In that position, she was responsible for assisting projects focused on women as well as for integrating a concern about women with Foundation supported projects involving agriculture, population, and education in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean (Correspondence from Adrienne Germain to Wynante Patterson, January 6, 1977, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 3255-6261 (FA739B), Report 005016). Germaine became the Foundation's Representative for Bangladesh in 1981 and was based at the Foundation's Dhaka office.

After leaving the Ford Foundation, Germain joined the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) as Vice President in 1985. She became President of the organization in 1998. She retired from that position in 2012.

Germain earned a Bachelor's Degree from Wellesley College and a Master's Degree in sociology and demography from the University of California, Berkeley.

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## Scope and Contents

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Contains correspondence with individuals.

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## Arrangement

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Alphabetical

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## Administrative Information

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Bennett, Lynn, 1979-1981	box 1
Berresford, Susan, 1980	box 1
Binswanger, Hans, 1979	box 1
Bruce, Judith, 1979	box 1

Caughman, Susan, 1981	box 1
Deere, Carmen Diana, 1977-1980	box 1
Dixon, Ruth, 1976-1980	box 1
Dunlop, Joan, 1976	box 1
Haney, Mary, 1976	box 1
Harriss, Barbara, 1980	box 1
Hayami, Yojiro, 1978-1979	box 1
Jain, Devaki, 1979	box 1
Jahan, Rounao, 1979-1980	box 1
Korten, Frances, 1980	box 1
Mazumdar, Vina, 1979	box 1
McCarthy, Florence, 1978	box 1
McKee, Kate, 1980	box 1
Palmer, Ingrid, 1976-1981	box 1
Savane, Marie Angelique, 1979	box 1
Schmink, Marianne, 1978	box 1
Scott, Gloria, 1977	box 1
Strachan, Deidre, 1978	box 1
Stuart, Martha, 1980	box 1
Timmer, Peter, 1977	box 1
Tinker, Irene, 1977-1981	box 1
Walsh, Michaela, 1979	box 1
Weisblat, Abe, 1981	box 1
White, Ben, 1979	box 1
Young, Kate, 1977-1981	box 1