



# Collaboratives for Humanities and Arts Teaching (CHART) records

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## Summary Information

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## Institutional History

Collaboratives for Humanities and Arts Teaching (CHART) was initiated in 1983 by the Rockefeller Foundation, although it did not formally adopt the name CHART until 1987. CHART began in response to the 1980 Rockefeller Foundation report "The Humanities in American Life," which warned of a crisis in American humanities education, and as a way to combat the "back to basics" pedagogy that predominated at the time and left students drilling and memorizing rather than learning and exploring. While they started with the goal of improving humanities education, CHART leaders soon realized that this goal was almost impossible to achieve without larger school reform, so they turned much of their attention to school restructuring and teacher-led curricular reform. This change was reflected in the movement of CHART out of the Rockefeller Foundation's arts and humanities division and into their relatively new school reform program in 1990. CHART's primary function was as a source of funding and an organizational umbrella for a variety of localized reform and education projects. The list below gives the name of each project, the year CHART began supporting it, and the year it ceased to be a CHART project. Common characteristics of all the CHART sites included localized, teacher-driven

curricula, a focus on average students in urban or rural environments, and the expansion of multicultural and international education. Collaborations with other local institutions, such as museums, universities, and businesses, also formed a major element of many CHART projects. Collaboration between projects and among educators across the country was an essential element as well, as evidenced by the large number of conferences and institutes that CHART leaders attended or helped to run, including frequent meetings between all of the CHART site directors. The Rockefeller Foundation gave its tenth and final grant to CHART in 1993, and CHART formally ceased to exist as an entity in early 1994. The individual CHART project sites generally continued to operate after this time, and some connection between them may have been maintained, but this collection contains very little information pertaining to the formal end of CHART and the nature and specifics of the transfer of responsibility to individual sites.

CHART Project, Location, Years with CHART Advancing Teaching and Learning in Arkansas Schools (ATLAS), Arkansas, 1988-1993 Arts PROPEL, Pittsburgh, 1988-1993 CROSSROADS, Seattle, 1985-1988 DIALOGUE, St. Paul, 1984; 1986-1988 HUMANITAS, Los Angeles, 1986-1993 Humanities Education, Research and Learning Development (HERALD), San Francisco, 1988-1993 Inhabiting Other Lives, Miami, 1989-1993 International Education Consortium (IEC), St. Louis, 1985-1993 New Mexico CURRENTS, New Mexico, 1990-1993 New York and the World, NYC, 1986-1993 Philadelphia Alliance for Teaching Humanities in the Schools (PATHS), Philadelphia, 1983-1993 Renaissance Outreach Alliance for the Detroit Area Schools (ROADS), Detroit, 1989-1993 Rural Education Alliance for Collaborative Humanities (REACH), South Carolina, 1987-1993 Scholars United for Multicultural Inquiry in Teaching (SUMMIT), Colorado, 1990-1993 Superintendent's Academy for Humanities and Arts Teaching, D.C., 1989-1993 The Connecticut Humanities Alliance, Connecticut, 1989-1993 The National Faculty's Humanities Project, Atlanta, 1984-1986

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains materials related to the group Collaboratives for Humanities and Arts Teaching (CHART), a project of the Rockefeller Foundation that operated from 1983-1994. While a few documents come from as early as 1983 or as late as 1994, the bulk of the materials date between 1987 and 1993. Series 1 includes substantial correspondence from CHART director Judith Renyi to the Rockefeller Foundation, CHART site directors, and many others, as well as some additional planning materials. Major Rockefeller Foundation correspondents include Alberta Arthurs and Hugh B. Price. Series 2 contains details about potential CHART sites, the CHARTnet telecommunications network between teachers, the Africa in the U.S. Classroom project, and other reports on national education issues. This series also contains considerable information about the creation and publication of the CHART book, *Fire in the Eyes of Youth*, a copy of which text is in the public relations materials in box 21. Series 3 includes materials such as agendas, handouts, and transcripts from various conferences which CHART members either attended or helped to organize. Finally, series 4 houses many of CHART's public relations materials, including newspaper clippings and other media as well as formal information kits. Substantial content throughout the collection also relates to individual projects sponsored by CHART, such as Humanitas and PATHS. Overall, major topics covered include the

humanities, the arts, multicultural and international education, school reform and restructuring, and the funding for such reforms.

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## Arrangement

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The CHART records are arranged into the following four series: 1.Administration 2.Projects 3.Conferences and Institutes 4.Public Relations

The original arrangement of the documents was largely retained, except in cases where titles were clearly inaccurate or items clearly misfiled. The original reverse chronological order was retained at the item level (and documents were occasionally rearranged to maintain this order), but alphabetical-chronological order was imposed at the folder level.

Four sheets of photographs and one cassette tape had to be removed from the main collection for preservation. The photographs are housed in oversize box 22, while the cassette tape has been removed to Special Formats.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Arts
- Humanities
- Education, Rural
- Education, Urban
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Multicultural education
- Public schools
- Arts -- Study and teaching
- Education -- United States
- Educational change

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## Collection Inventory

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### Adminstration

Physical Description: 5 box(es) 5 boxes

### Scope and Contents

Series 1, Administration, contains mainly correspondence, which is separated into two categories: the director's general correspondence and correspondence with the Rockefeller Foundation. This series also contains a few

folders of planning material, one report to the trustees, and a substantial amount of information from the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Director Correspondence, 1987	box 1	folder 1
Director Correspondence, 1988	box 1	folder 2
Director Correspondence, 1991	box 1	folder 3
Director Correspondence, January-March 1992	box 1	folder 4
Director Correspondence, April-August 1992	box 1	folder 5
Director Correspondence, September-October 1992	box 1	folder 6
Director Correspondence, Mary-May 1993	box 2	folder 7
Director Correspondence, June-December 1993	box 2	folder 8
Director Correspondence: CHART Proposals and Reports, 1990, 1992	box 2	folder 9
Director Correspondence: Correspondence to Site Directors, 1989	box 2	folder 10
Director Correspondence: Correspondence to Site Directors, April-May 1990	box 2	folder 11
Director Correspondence: Correspondence to Site Directors, June-December 1990	box 2	folder 12
Planning: Research-Based, 1992	box 2	folder 13
Planning, 1993	box 3	folder 14
Planning (CLOSED), 1993	box 3	folder 14A
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, 1987	box 3	folder 15
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, 1988	box 3	folder 16
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, 1989	box 3	folder 17
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, January-September 1990	box 3	folder 18
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, October 1990-April 1992	box 3	folder 19
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities (CLOSED), October 1990-April 1992	box 3	folder 19A
President's Committee on Arts and Humanities, May 1992-January 1993	box 3	folder 20
Report to Trustees, 1988	box 4	folder 21
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, 1987	box 4	folder 22
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, 1988	box 4	folder 23
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, January-June 1989	box 4	folder 24

Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, July-September 1989	box 4	folder 25
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, October-December 1989	box 4	folder 26
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, January-April 1990	box 4	folder 27
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, May-July 1990	box 4	folder 28
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, August-December 1990	box 5	folder 29
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, January-June 1991	box 5	folder 30
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, July-December 1991	box 5	folder 31
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, 1992	box 5	folder 32
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, January-July 1993	box 5	folder 33
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence, August-November 1993	box 5	folder 34
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence: CHART Principles, 1990	box 5	folder 35
Rockefeller Foundation Correspondence: Wolf, Connie, 1990	box 5	folder 36

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## Projects

Physical Description: 7 box(es) 7 boxes

### Scope and Contents

Series 2, Projects, includes a variety of materials about several CHART efforts, including the Africa in the U.S. Classroom initiative, the CHARTnet telecommunications network, the legacy project, and the CHART book, *Fire in the Eyes of Youth*. Also included are details about several CHART-funded projects, such as conferences and surveys, and a number of exploratory proposals detailing potential future CHART sites.

Title/Description	Instances	
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Correspondence, 1989-1991	box 6	folder 37
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Report, 1990	box 6	folder 38
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Research: Background and Jacqz Report (1 of 2), 1989-1990	box 6	folder 39
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Research: Background and Jacqz Report (2 of 2), 1989-1990	box 6	folder 40
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Research: Final Report, 1990	box 6	folder 42
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Seminar, 7-9 March 1990, 1990	box 6	folder 43
CHART Funded Projects: American Federation of Teachers Quest Conference, 20 July 1989	box 7	folder 44
CHART Funded Projects: Freedman, Sarah, National Center for the Study of Writing and Literacy, 1990-1993	box 7	folder 45



CHART Funded Projects: Harvard Summer Institute, 1990	box 7	folder 46
CHART Funded Projects: Matsushita/Rockefeller Foundation Evaluation Conference, 1989-1991	box 7	folder 47
CHART Funded Projects: Multicultural Survey, 1992	box 7	folder 48
CHART Funded Projects: South Carolina Curriculum Congress, 1988-July 1991	box 7	folder 49
CHART Funded Projects: South Carolina Curriculum Congress, August 1991-January 1993	box 7	folder 50
CHART Funded Projects: South Carolina Curriculum Frameworks, 1992	box 7	folder 51
CHARTnet: BreadNet News, 1989-1991	box 7	folder 52
CHARTnet: BreadNet Branches, 1990-1991	box 8	folder 53
CHARTnet: Network Correspondence, August 1990-February 1992	box 8	folder 54
CHARTnet Transcripts, September 1990-February 1991	box 8	folder 55
CHARTnet Transcripts, March-April 1991	box 8	folder 56
CHARTnet Transcripts, May-November 1991	box 8	folder 57
CHARTnet Transcripts, November 1991-April 1992	box 8	folder 58
CHARTnet Transcripts, May-December 1992	box 8	folder 59
CHARTnet Transcripts, January-March 1993	box 8	folder 60
Exploratory Proposals, 1990	box 9	folder 61
Exploratory Proposals, 1991	box 9	folder 62
Exploratory Proposals, 1992	box 9	folder 63
Exploratory Proposals: Baton Rouge, 1990-1992	box 9	folder 64
Exploratory Proposals: Boston, 1988-1990	box 9	folder 65
Exploratory Proposals: Center for the Liberal Arts, 1988	box 10	folder 66
Exploratory Proposals: Chattanooga, 1989	box 10	folder 67
Exploratory Proposals: Cincinnati, 1987-1988	box 10	folder 68
Exploratory Proposals: Cleveland, 1987-1989	box 10	folder 69
Exploratory Proposals: Common Destiny Alliance, 1991-1992	box 10	folder 70
Exploratory Proposals: Hawaii, 1988	box 10	folder 71
Exploratory Proposals: Lauter, Paul, 1991-1992	box 10	folder 72
Exploratory Proposals: Peace Development Fund, 1989	box 10	folder 73
Exploratory Proposals: San Antonio, October 1988-May 1989	box 10	folder 74

Exploratory Proposals: San Antonio, June 1989-March 1990	box 10	folder 75
Exploratory Proposals: Sent from Arthurs to Renyi for Review, 1988-1990	box 10	folder 76
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Complimentary Copies Mailing List (1 of 3), 1993	box 11	folder 77
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Complimentary Copies Mailing List (2 of 3), 1993	box 11	folder 78
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Complimentary Copies Mailing List (3 of 3), 1993	box 11	folder 79
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Contributor Correspondence, 1991	box 11	folder 80
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Contributor Correspondence, 1992-1993	box 11	folder 81
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Distribution and Public Relations, 1993	box 11	folder 82
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Jennings, Randy, Correspondence, 1991-1993	box 11	folder 83
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Publication, 1992-1993	box 11	folder 84
Fire in the Eyes of Youth: Reviews, 1993-1994	box 12	folder 85
Legacy Project: Bibliographic Booklet, 1993	box 12	folder 86
Legacy Project: Jennings, Randy, General Correspondence, 1990, 1993	box 12	folder 87
Legacy Project: Humanitas Essays at Cleveland High, 1993	box 12	folder 88
Teacher Networks Group, November 1987-April 1988	box 12	folder 89
Teacher Networks Group, May-October 1988	box 12	folder 90
Teacher Networks Group, December 1988	box 12	folder 91
Teacher Networks Group, 1989-1991	box 12	folder 92

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## Conferences and Institutes

Physical Description: 5 box(es) 5 boxes

### Scope and Contents

Series 3, Conferences and Institutes, contains information from the large number of conferences that CHART leaders either attended or helped to plan between 1984 and 1993. Materials include agendas, handouts, and transcripts of discussions.

Title/Description	Instances	
Conferences: CHART and School Restructuring, 11-14 October 1990	box 13	folder 93

Conferences: CHART Conference, 1984	box 13	folder 94
Conferences: CHART Conference, 25-27 March 1987, 1987	box 13	folder 95
Conferences: CHART Conference, 3-5 December 1987, 1987	box 13	folder 96
Conferences: CHART Directors' Conference, 13-14 October 1992, 1992	box 13	folder 97
Conferences: CHART Directors' Meeting, 12-13 May 1988, 1987-1988	box 13	folder 98
Conferences: CHART Directors' Meeting, 31 October-2 November 1988, 1988	box 14	folder 99
Conferences: CHART Directors' Meeting, 4-6 April 1990	box 14	folder 100
Conferences: CHART Directors' Meeting, 10-12 January 1992	box 14	folder 101
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat, 17-21 April 1991	box 14	folder 102
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat, 29 April-5 May 1992	box 14	folder 103
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat Volume I, 29 April-5 May 1992	box 14	folder 104
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat Volume II (1 of 2), 29 April-5 May 1992	box 14	folder 105
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat Volume II (2 of 2), 29 April-5 May 1992	box 14	folder 106
Conferences: CHARTicles, 12-16 February 1993	box 15	folder 107
Conferences: CHARTicles Portfolio (1 of 4), 1993	box 15	folder 108
Conferences: CHARTicles Portfolio (2 of 4), 1993	box 15	folder 109
Conferences: CHARTicles Portfolio (3 of 4), 1993	box 15	folder 110
Conferences: CHARTicles Portfolio (4 of 4), 1993	box 15	folder 111
Conferences: CHART Project Directors' Meeting, 14-16 October 1993	box 15	folder 112
Conferences: Chicago Education Research Meeting, 1992	box 15	folder 113
Conferences: Denver Education Research Seminar, 11 June 1992	box 15	folder 114
Conferences: Diversified Assessment in Social Studies (1 of 3), 9-12 January 1992	box 16	folder 115
Conferences: Diversified Assessment in Social Studies (2 of 3), 9-12 January 1992	box 16	folder 116
Conferences: Diversified Assessment in Social Studies (3 of 3), 9-12 January 1992	box 16	folder 117
Conferences: Education Funds, School Districts, and Restructuring Seminar, 14-15 April 1992	box 16	folder 118

Conferences: Education Funds, School Districts, and Restructuring Seminar Correspondence, 1992	box 16	folder 119
Conferences: First Seminar on Education for a Diverse Society, 7-8 January 1991	box 16	folder 120
Conferences: Public Education Fund, 15 February 1991, 1990-1991	box 17	folder 121
Conferences: Rockefeller Foundation Invitational Conference, 13-15 November 1986	box 17	folder 122
Conferences: The "I" Word: Institutionalizing CHART (1 of 2), 21-23 September 1989	box 17	folder 123
Conferences: The "I" Word: Institutionalizing CHART (2 of 2), 21-23 September 1989	box 17	folder 124
Conferences: The Next Phase for CHART Pittsburgh Educators Seminar, 16 July 1992	box 17	folder 125
Summer Institutes, 1991	box 17	folder 126
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## Oversize

Physical Description: 1 box(es) 1 box

### Scope and Contents

This section contains the single box of oversized materials from the collection, which consists of three folders of photographs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Africa in the U.S. Classroom: Seminar (oversize), 7-9 March 1990, 1990	box 22	folder 159
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat Volume I (oversize), 29 April-5 May 1992	box 22	folder 160
Conferences: CHART Directors' Retreat Volume II (1 of 2) (oversize), 29 April-5 May 1992	box 22	folder 161

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## Public Relations

Physical Description: 4 box(es) 4 boxes

### Scope and Contents

Series 4, Public Relations, includes all of CHART's public relations materials from 1987-1994. Formal information kits from several years, which were sent out to interested parties, are in this series, as well as books, newspaper

clippings, and other instances of CHART appearing in the media. Also included is communication between CHART and two different public relations firms or managers, first M. Booth and Associates and later Lenore Greenberg.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Advisory Boards for CHART Projects, January 1992	box 18	folder 128
Bibliography of CHART Public Relations, 1987-1993	box 18	folder 129
CHART History and Description, 1988-1989, 1992	box 18	folder 130
Greenberg, Lenore, April-September 1992	box 18	folder 131
Greenberg, Lenore, October 1992-January 1993	box 18	folder 132
Greenberg, Lenore Proposal, March 1993	box 18	folder 133
Information Kit, 1988	box 18	folder 134
Information Kit, 1989	box 18	folder 135
Information Kit, 1990	box 18	folder 136
Information Kit, 1992	box 18	folder 137
Information Kit Correspondence, 1989	box 18	folder 138
Information Kit Correspondence, 1992	box 18	folder 139
M. Booth and Associates, 1987	box 18	folder 140
M. Booth and Associates, January-June 1988	box 18	folder 141
M. Booth and Associates, July-December 1988	box 19	folder 142
M. Booth and Associates, January-June 1989	box 19	folder 143
M. Booth and Associates, July 1989-March 1990	box 19	folder 144
Public Relations, 1987-1988	box 19	folder 145
Public Relations, 1989	box 19	folder 146
Public Relations, 1990	box 19	folder 147
Public Relations, January-June 1991	box 19	folder 148
Public Relations, July-December 1991	box 19	folder 149
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Public Relations, May-December 1992	box 20	folder 151
Public Relations, February-March 1993	box 20	folder 152
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