



Ford Foundation records, Population Program, Urban Poverty Program, Office Files of Oscar Harkavy

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Oscar "Bud" Harkavy (1923-2019) was a foundation officer who worked for 35 years at the Ford Foundation. During his time at the Foundation, he worked in its Economic Development and Administration, Population, and Urban Poverty Programs.

Harkavy joined the Ford Foundation in 1953. His work initially focused on the Foundation's program for modernizing business school curricula. From the 1950s to 1962, he was based in the Foundation's Economic Development and Administration Program, moving from Program Associate, to Acting Program Director, to Associate Director. He started his work with the Foundation's population programming in 1963 as Director of the Population Program. Following a change in the Foundation's program organization, the Foundation moved its population programming into its International Division, and Harkavy served as Officer in Charge of that Population Program from 1966 to 1980. Harkavy spent the remainder of his time at the Foundation as a Chief Program Officer in its Urban Poverty Program. He left the Foundation in 1988.

After leaving the Ford Foundation, Harkavy served as a consultant to the Population Council and a Board Chairman for the Population Resource Council. He helped found the Life After the Ford Foundation Society (LAFF) in 1991. He served as LAFF Vice President until 1995 and then as LAFF President for two years.

Harkavy completed his undergraduate education at Columbia College and earned a Master's Degree in business administration and a Ph.D. in economics from Syracuse University.

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Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, subject files, correspondence and meeting records as well as a selection of speeches/writings.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 3 series by file type.

Collection arrangement is as follows:

Series I. Chronological Correspondence Files, 1985-1988

Series II. Speeches, Writings, 1961-1987

Series III. Conference, Meeting Files and Subject Files, 1978-1988

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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.

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 with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC. Researchers interested in accessing digital media (floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, etc.) or audiovisual material (audio cassettes, VHS, etc.) in this collection must use an access surrogate. The original items may not be accessed because of preservation concerns. To request an access surrogate be made, or if you are unsure if there is an access surrogate, please contact an archivist.

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Collection Inventory

Chronological Correspondence Files, 1985-1988

Title/Description	Instances
Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 January	box 1
Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 February	box 1
Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 March	box 1
Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 April	box 1
Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 May	box 1
Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 June	box 1
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Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1985 August	box 1
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Oscar Harkavy Chron, 1988 September	box 1

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Speeches, Writings, 1961-1987

Title/Description	Instances
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- Incl. Notes and Drafts, 1961-1976	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- "Best Ways to Improve Health in the LDC's" by David Bell and Oscar Harkavy, 1979 February 13	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- Health Issues Paper -- International Division Conference, 1979 February	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- "The Politics of Contraception" by Carl Djerassi, Reviewed by Oscar Harkavy, 1980 April	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- Briefing for Representative Conte Re: International Population Trends, 1980 April 29	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- "Prospects for Improved Contraception" by Atkinson, Schearer, Harkavy and Lincoln in Family Planning Perspectives, 1980	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- Testimony, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade -- Population Assistance Programs, 1980	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File -- Miscellaneous Speeches and Drafts, 1979-1980	box 2
Oscar Harkavy Speech File, 1981-1987	box 2
Population Information Paper -- Related Papers, Notes, Data, 1979 October	box 2
"Birthspacing: A Common Cause" by Oscar Harkavy in International Family Planning Perspectives, 1986 September	box 2
"Funding Contraceptive Development" in Technology in Society, 1987	box 2
Oscar Harkavy -- Miscellaneous Writings -- Reports, Articles Re: Population and Family Planning, 1969-1976	box 2

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Conference, Meeting Files and Subject Files, 1978-1988

Title/Description	Instances
Family Planning Conference (Jakarta), 1981 April	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Program Review (folder 1), 1986 October 27	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 2), 1986 December 18	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 3), 1987 January 23	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 4), 1987 March 17	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 5), 1987 April 21	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 6), 1987 May 19	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 7), 1987 August 18	box 2
Reproductive Health Group Meeting (folder 8), 1987 November 17	box 2
Children/Families Meeting (folder 9), 1987 March 9	box 2
Children/Families Meeting (folder 10), 1987 April 9	box 2
Children/Families Meeting (folder 11), 1987 May 13	box 2
Carnegie Self-Help Meeting -- Social Support (folder 12), 1985 October 18	box 2
NGA Conference Panel (folder 13), 1984 October 28-30	box 2
Community Epidemiology and Health Management Meeting (Khon Kaen, Thailand) (folder 14), 1988 February 1-4	box 2
Developing Countries Review -- Child Survival/Population (folder 15), 1984	box 2
Developing Countries Review -- Population, 1984	box 2
Child Survival/Population Strategy -- Miscellaneous Papers and Memoranda (folder 16), 1984-1987	box 2
Population, Health, Family Planning -- Grant Lists, Financial Control, 1978-1979	box 2

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