



Ford Foundation records, Governance and Public Policy (GPP), Office Files of Marcia Smith

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Marcia Smith is a documentary filmmaker and former foundation executive who worked for several years at the Ford Foundation. She joined the Foundation as a Program Officer in the Rights and Social Justice Program (RSJ) and then moved to the Governance and Public Policy Program (GPP). Following a change in the Foundation's program structure, she became a Program Officer in the Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Governance and Civil Society unit (GCS). She was later appointed Deputy Director of the GCS unit.

Smith is the Co-Founder and President of Firelight Media, a non-profit filmmaking company which produces documentary films and provides support to emerging filmmakers of color. She has written films produced by Firelight Media like "The Murder of Emmett Till" and "Freedom Riders". From 2008 to 2011, she served as Senior Vice President of Atlantic Philanthropies.

Smith earned a B.S. in media production from Emerson College and a M.S. from Hunter College.

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Scope and Contents

Primarily documents the Women's Program Forum.

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Arrangement

As received.

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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.

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.

Conditions Governing Access

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

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Collection Inventory

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Marcia Smith -- Africa Region, 1995	box 1
Marcia Smith -- Asia Region, 1995	box 1
Marcia Smith -- Field Offices, 1995	box 1
Beijing Followup, 1994	box 1
Invitation Letters, 1994-1995	box 1
NGO Registration, 1995 March 13-14	box 1
4th World Conference on Women, Beijing China, 1995 August 29-September 16	box 1
Post Election Roundtable, 1995 January 30	box 1
Post Election Roundtable, 1995 January 31	box 1
Background Material for Post Election Meetings, 1995 January 30-31	box 1
WPF (Women's Program Forum) Women's Conference -- Conference Documents, 1995	box 1
WPF Women's Conference -- Media, 1995 May	box 1
WPF World Conference on Women -- Planning Group / Forum Member List, 1995	box 1
Women's Program Forum (WPF) -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- 1995 Donors, 1994-1995	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- Beijing Donor Meeting, 1995	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- Media and Preparations, 1993-1995	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- NGO's -- Conference Planning, 1993-1995	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- Planning Group, 1993-1995	box 2

WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- 1995 Platform, 1994-1995	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- Proposals, 1993-1995	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- Strategy and Grantmaking Memo, 1994 November	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- U.S. Official Preparations, 1994	box 2
WPF -- Fourth World Conference on Women -- "Women in Decision Making" Advisory Group, 1993-1994	box 2
WPF -- Consultancy, 1995	box 2
WPF -- NGO Consultation (UN Headquarters, March 13-14, 1995), 1995 March	box 2
WPF -- NGO Forum on Women, 1994-1995	box 2
WPF -- 1995 NGO Forum, 1994-1995	box 2
WPF Luncheon -- Re: Prepcom and NGO Consultation -- Attendance List, 1995 March 15	box 2
WPF Working Group -- Foundation Concept Paper -- "Beijing and Beyond", 1995	box 2