



# Ford Foundation records, Education and Culture Program, Office Files of Alison Bernstein

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator - aut:</b>	Bernstein, Alison R., 1947-
<b>Creator:</b>	Ford Foundation
<b>Title:</b>	Ford Foundation records, Education and Culture Program, Office Files of Alison Bernstein
<b>ID:</b>	FA1352
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1987-1993
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.92 Cubic Feet 10 boxes - 9 letter document container and 1 half-letter document container
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Materials are in English.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

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Dr. Alison Bernstein worked at the Ford Foundation from 1983 until 2010, with a break in the early 1990s to assume the position of Associate Dean of the Faculty at Princeton University. Bernstein started as a program officer in 1983, and she was named director of Education and Culture at the Foundation in 1992. Bernstein was later promoted to vice president of the Ford Foundation's Education, Creativity and Free Expression Program, later called Creativity and Free Expression. In 2011, Bernstein left the Foundation to become the director of the Institute for Women's Leadership at Rutgers University.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection contains Alison Bernstein's correspondence with grantees and colleagues at the Ford Foundation during her time as a program officer and director in the Foundation's Education and Culture program area. The collection also houses reports, correspondence, and office files relating to programs for women, education in Africa, and Ford Foundation Education and Culture programs abroad.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is organized into two series:

1. Program Officer Files, 1987-1990
2. Director Files, 1991-1993

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Ford Foundation
- Ford Foundation and education

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## Collection Inventory

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Program Officer Files, 1987-1990		
Title/Description	Instances	
Chronological Correspondence Files, 1987 July-1990 February	box 1	folder 1-6
<b>Arrangement</b>	box 2	folder 7-10
Individual folders arranged in reverse chronological order		
Alphabetical Correspondence Files A-Z, 1987 April-1990 February	box 2	folder 11
	box 3	folder 12-16
	box 4	folder 17-18
Updated Women's Program Forum (WPF) List, 1989 October 13	box 5	folder 19
Women's Studies/Request for Proposal Letter - Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW), University of Arizona, Tucson, 1988	box 5	folder 20
Questionnaire for Women's Policy Forum (WPF), 1987	box 5	folder 21
Domestic Consultant Forms for Helen Cunningham Newbold, S. Zwerling, Ed Hatton for Developing Grant Recommendations, 1990 February 26	box 5	folder 22

Domestic Consultant Forms - Education and Culture Program Latin American Studies Association Conference, NY, 1989 June 21-23	box 5	folder 23
Access to Higher Education Program - Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), 1989	box 5	folder 24
Hagopian, Harold - Armenian Music Letter, 1989	box 5	folder 25
National Council for Research on Women - Address List for Women's Centers, 1985	box 5	folder 26
Request for Proposal - Consultants Letter - Panel, 1988 March- May	box 5	folder 27

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RFP sent March 29, 1988 - Review panel for competition  
to integrate research on minority women into undergraduate  
liberal arts curriculum

Proposal Review Session Letters to Panelists - Minority Women Program, 1988 October 26	box 5	folder 28
Letters asking Rutgers, Barnard, Columbia, Memphis State, and George Washington University to Resubmit, 1988 November 4	box 5	folder 29

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Letters regarding the Foundation's Minority Women's  
Studies Program

Minority Women's Studies Competition Rejection Letters, Brown, Cincinnati, University of Texas, Smith, 1988 November 15	box 5	folder 30
Women's Studies/Request for Proposal Letter - Project on Women and Social Change - Smith College, 1988 February	box 5	folder 31
Women's Studies/ Request for Proposal Letter - Center for Women's Studies - University of Cincinnati, 1988 May 5	box 5	folder 32
FY 1988-1989 Budget Projections, 1988-1989	box 5	folder 33-34
Task Force of Donors to African Education Report on Meeting, Vienna, Austria, 1990 July 23-25	box 5	folder 35
A Proposal for the Development of the Association for Examinations and Educational Assessment in East and Southern Africa, Higher Education for Development Co-operation (HEDCO), 1990 March	box 5	folder 36
Rwanda - Report on School Examination and Educational System, undated	box 5	folder 37
Using Examinations to Improve Education: A Study in Fourteen African Countries - Synthesis Report - Volume I: Findings and Recommendations (2 copies), 1989	box 6	folder 38

Using Examinations to Improve Education: A Study in Fourteen African Countries - Synthesis Report - Volume II: Costed Action Plans (2 copies), 1989	box 6	folder 39
PWS Desk File - Special and Miscellaneous Reports (Black and Hispanic Museum/Green), 1987-1989	box 6	folder 40-41
PWS Desk File - Soviet Union Eastern Europe Study Group (Carmichael et al.), 1989-1990	box 6	folder 42-43
	box 7	folder 44-45

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## Director Files, 1991-1993

Title/Description	Instances	
Education and Culture Correspondence - Berresford/Gaberman/Jaffe, 1992	box 8	folder 46
Education and Culture Docket Text, 1993 March	box 8	folder 47
Important Staff Memos for Action (From Susan V. Berresford, Barry D. Gaberman, et al.), 1992	box 8	folder 48
Trustees Correspondence/Information, 1992-1993	box 8	folder 49
Correspondence To/From Director (4 folders), 1992-1993	box 8	folder 50-53
General Information (Budget/Education and Culture Codes/Staff Assignments), 1992	box 8	folder 54
To/From President/Chairman (Franklin Thomas and Edson Spencer), 1992-1993	box 9	folder 55
Correspondence - Interoffice (Other Programs) (2 folders), 1992	box 9	folder 56

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Governance and Public Policy, Program Related  
Investments - Miller, Rural Poverty - E. Walter Coward,  
Urban Poverty R. Curvin

1992 Annual Report - Drafts, 1992-1993	box 9	folder 57
Correspondence - Office of Communications, 1992-1993	box 9	folder 58
Correspondence - Interoffice, 1992	box 9	folder 59
US International Affairs Program (USIAP) Administration Grant Correspondence (Maxine Gaddis/Roberta Lynch/Susan Shea/Michele Cole), 1992	box 9	folder 60
Developing Country Program, 1992-1993	box 9	folder 61
Travel Records, 1991	box 9	folder 62
Barry Gaberman Chronological Files (4 folders), 1992	box 10	folder 63-66

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