



Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Human Rights and International Cooperation (HRIC), Office Files of Alan Jenkins

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Alan Jenkins is a lawyer, social justice advocate, and educator. Between 1997 and 2005, he worked in the Ford Foundation's human rights program and was appointed Director of Human Rights in 2001. Jenkins became a Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School in 2019.

Jenkins started at the Ford Foundation as a Program Officer in the Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ) Human Rights and International Cooperation (HRIC) unit in 1997. In 2000, he became Deputy Director of HRIC, and after a year in that position, he was appointed Director of the reorganized Human Rights Program in 2001.

Jenkins' career started with law clerk positions to United States Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun and U.S. District Court Judge Robert L. Carter. He worked as Associate Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund

(NAACP LDF) from 1991 to 1994. Then he became Assistant to the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice.

After leading the Ford Foundation in 2005, Jenkins founded the Opportunity Agenda. He served as President of that organization until 2019. Prior to becoming a Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School, Jenkins had a number of different adjunct professor and lecturer positions at Brooklyn Law School, The New School, and Harvard Law School. He has been a commentator on media outlets like CNN, MSNBC, the New York Times, and the Huffington Post and has served on the boards of organizations like New York Public Radio and the Center for Community Change.

Jenkins earned a B.A. in Psychology and Social Relations from Harvard College in 1985, a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1989, and a M.A. in Media Studies from The New School in 2005.

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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.

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Collection Inventory

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Administrative -- HRIC Orientation Materials, 1998	box 1
Chronological Correspondence, 1996	box 1
HRIC Mature Organizations, 1996	box 1
Inter Survey Census, 2000	box 1
Legal Defense Fund Reports -- Yonkers Revisited, 1997 July	box 1
Lindblom, Lance, 2000-2001	box 1
NAACP, 1995-1996	box 1