



Ford Foundation records, Staff Subject Files, Ted Smith

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation was chartered by Henry and Edsel Ford in 1936 "to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare", and initially served the Ford family's charitable interests in the Detroit area. Following the deaths of Edsel Ford (1943) and Henry Ford (1947), the Foundation was propelled to the forefront of philanthropy as the largest American foundation in terms of both endowment and yearly expenditures, and with an international scope to its major program areas. During the Foundation's first twenty years its major programs were in international economic development, primary and higher education, educational and public broadcasting, behavioral sciences, civil liberties, urban development, fine arts and the humanities. The Ford Foundation also partnered with the Rockefeller Foundation in supporting agricultural development in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Since the 1970s, the Foundation has also pioneered programs in women's rights, energy policy, micro-financing in under-developed countries, establishing human rights groups, and improving international HIV/AIDS education.

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Biographical / Historical

Ted Smith (Theodore M. Smith) (1942-2012) was a philanthropist and conservationist who served for 12 years at the Ford Foundation. During his tenure at Ford, Smith worked primarily with the Jakarta, Indonesia Regional Office. Between 1967 and 1973, he moved from Assistant to the Representative, to Assistant Representative, and then to Acting Representative for Indonesia. He left his work with the Jakarta Office in order to support two different projects in the mid-1970s. As Project Specialist in Public Management between 1973 and 1974, he assisted Francis Sutton in reviewing the Foundation's support of public management initiatives in developing countries. He then served as Assistant to the President between 1974 and 1976. In this position, he was responsible for working with Ford Foundation President McGeorge Bundy on the Foundation's budget. This occurred during the period in the Foundation's history when its assets were depreciated and its leadership sought to determine if and how it should continue to operate in future years. After completing that assignment, Smith returned to working with the Jakarta Office as Representative for Indonesia and remained in that post until he left the foundation in 1979.

Smith received a BA in Government from Pomona College in 1963 and then a MA in Political Science and a PhD in Cooperative Administration from the University of California, Berkeley in 1964 and 1971 respectively. During his summers in college, Smith worked as a smokejumper for the United States Forest Department in Missoula, Montana.

After leaving the Ford Foundation in 1979, Smith continued to work in philanthropy and began focusing more on natural conservation concerns. He was President of the Agricultural Development Council, founding Executive Director of the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, and Executive Director of the Kendall Foundation. Smith was also a member of the Alaska Conservation Foundation's Board of Trustees.

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Scope and Contents

Collection contains the staff subject files of Ted Smith (Theodore M. Smith) who worked at the Ford Foundation from between 1967 and 1979. Although Smith was primarily associated with the Jakarta, Indonesia Regional Office during his tenure at Ford, the collection so far consists only of the files Smith created during the course of his work on two other projects. First, between 1973 and 1974, he assisted Francis Sutton in reviewing the Foundation's support of public management initiatives in developing countries. Then, between 1974 and 1976, he worked on the Foundation budget under President McGeorge Bundy. Nevertheless, there is some correspondence in the collection that discusses a

period of time between 1974 and 1975 where Smith returned to Indonesia at the request of the Indonesian government in order to assist the National Family Planning Coordinating Board.

The collection primarily consists of correspondence, memos, notes, drafts, papers, agendas, data tables, meeting minutes and summaries, expense reports, publications, and Recommended Grant Action records (RGAs).

The collection is made up of more than one accession of Ted Smith subject files. The records were transferred to the RAC in two different batches (Accession 2019:033 and Accession 2019:047) but were processed into the same collection in order to represent their contextual relationship.

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Arrangement

Collection is comprised of one series.

Original order was maintained as much as possible. Records from the two accessions (Accession 2019:033 and 2019:047) were processed into the collection at the same time in relation to the sequential order of the original box numbers.

The collection arrangement is as follows:

Series 1. Subject files, 1964-1976, bulk 1972-1976

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at the RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files, and officers' papers were transferred to and accessioned by the RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

This material was transferred to the RAC in 2019 by the Ford Foundation in two different batches. The records were ingested by the RAC as Accessions 2019:033 and 2019:047.

Processing Information

Processing Level 3: Standard Processing

Processed by Darren Young, June 2019

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ford Foundation
- Africa
- Asia
- Economic development
- Family planning
- Government business enterprises -- Reform -- Africa
- Indonesia
- Latin America
- Middle East
- Program budgeting
- Public administration

Collection Inventory

Subject files, 1964-1976, bulk 1972-1976

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Scope and Contents

Files in the series primarily regard the two main projects that Ted Smith worked on during the mid-1970s. Correspondence, memos, notes, drafts, papers, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and data tables document Smith's work on the Ford Foundation budget as Assistant to the President between 1974 and 1976. These documents chiefly regard the Foundation's financial condition, program budget projections, program prioritizing and planning, meetings and communications to the Board of Trustees and Program Officers, and internal studies conducted by the Planning Agenda Task Forces and Advisory Committees. Most of the other files within the series regard Smith's work on the International Division's Public Management Review between 1973 and 1974. These materials document Smith's assistance to Frank Sutton in preparing a report on the Ford Foundation's support of public management initiatives in developing countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. As part of this work, Smith helped organize seminars in countries like India, Indonesia, Ghana, and Peru for Foundation staff to discuss the state of public management, the Foundation's record in supporting public management development, and the level of interest the Foundation should take in improving public management within the context of those different nations. He collaborated with the various Foundation field offices in order to better understand how the Foundation had engaged with public management efforts in different countries, and he also supported consultants who studied public management related topics such as the role of public corporations in developing countries.

While the files pertaining to Smith's work on the Ford Foundation budget are primarily located at the front of the series, documents concerning the two different projects are somewhat intermingled.

There is a small amount of correspondence within the series that provides insight into Smith's activities outside of his work on the Ford Foundation budget and the Public Management Review. Some letters in the Trip and Chronological files regard Smith's brief returns to Indonesia in order to assist the National Family Planning Coordinating Board in 1974 and 1975. Documents also allude to Smith's permanent return to the Jakarta Office as Indonesia Representative after the conclusion of his stint as Assistant to the President in 1976.

Title/Description	Instances	
Budget revisions, 1974-1975	box 1	folder 1-3

Scope and Contents

File subheadings include:

Education and Research

Humanities and the Arts

National Affairs

International Division – General

International Division – Middle East and Africa

Population

Public Broadcasting

Resources and the Environment

Program Related Investments

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Scope and Contents

File subheadings include:

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Division Planning Papers

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Public Relations

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General Budget

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Scope and Contents

File subheadings include:

Education and Research

Humanities and Arts

International Division – General

International Division – Middle East and Africa

International Division – Office of Latin America and the Caribbean

International Division – European and International Affairs

International Division – Asia and Pacific

Population

Public Broadcasting

Resources and Environment

Program Related Investments/New York City/Michigan

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File subheadings include:		
Education and Research		
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