

Ford Foundation records, Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Vice President, Office Files of Mary E. McClymont

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Summary Information

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Abstract: Ms. McClymont started as a Program Officer with the Foundation's

Human Rights and Governance Program in April of 1988. She was made Deputy Director of the Rights and Social Justice Program in October of 1993. After serving as Acting Director from August 1995 to May of 1996, she was subsequently promoted to Senior Director of the Rights and Social Justice program, later Peace and Social Justice. While at the Ford Foundation, Ms. McClymont led a team of researchers who documented NGO law-related strategies to advance human rights globally. This work resulted in the publication of Many Roads to Justice: The Law-Related Work of Ford Foundation Grantees Around the World (2000). She left the Foundation in 2000, but returned from 2006 to 2008 to serve as Vice President of the program. The office files of Mary E. McClymont span from 1969 to 2008, with the bulk of the records date from 1981 to 2008. The files contain extensive information about the Global Law Programs Learning Initiative (GLPLI). The Initiative documented and studied the Foundation's work in promoting legal reform, public interest law and access to justice from 1998 to 2001. Another project heavily documented in the collection is the Comparative Constitutionalism Project. Other files pertain to grantees or Foundation policy. The files related to the Learning Enhancements Fund are particularly illustrative in regards to Foundation policy. They document the internal Foundation process behind how grant assessments were made, and include a practical guide for program staff files.

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Organizational History

When Susan Berresford became President of the Foundation in 1996, she established a new program structure consisting of three large thematic programs. Peace and Social Justice (PSJ) was one of these three programs. Its overall mission was to help improve government performance and accountability, foster a thriving independent civil society, and promote human rights. It was comprised of two global units: Governance and Civil Society, and Human Rights. In 2009, Peace and Social Justice became the Democracy, Rights and Justice Program.

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Biographical Note

Mary E. McClymont received a B.A. from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1971, a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1976, and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from American University's Washington College of Law in 1987.

Ms. McClymont started as a Program Officer with the Foundation's Human Rights and Governance Program in April of 1988. She was made Deputy Director of the Rights and Social Justice Program in October of 1993. After serving as Acting Director from August 1995 to May of 1996, she was subsequently promoted to Senior Director of the Rights and Social Justice program. In October 1996, Rights and Social Justice became Peace and Social Justice.

While at the Ford Foundation, Ms. McClymont led a team of researchers who documented NGO law-related strategies to advance human rights globally. This work resulted in the publication of Many Roads to Justice: The Law-Related Work of Ford Foundation Grantees Around the World (2000). She left the Foundation in December of 2000, but returned from 2006 to 2008 to serve as the Vice President of Peace and Social Justice. After leaving, she was appointed Executive Director of Global Rights, a human rights organization. As of 2011 she is President of the Public Welfare Foundation.

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Scope and Contents Note

The office files of Mary E. McClymont span from 1969 to 2008, with the bulk of the records date from 1981 to 2008. The files contain extensive information about the Global Law Programs Learning Initiative (GLPLI). The Initiative studied and documented the Foundation's work in the legal field to promote legal reform, public interest law and access to justice from 1998 to 2001. According to a 1998 memorandum, the purpose of the project was to review past and current Foundation grants in order to guide future programming. The end result was the book, Many Roads to Justice. The book was translated into several languages and distributed to nonprofit organizations around the globe.

The collection also contains information about the Comparative Constitutionalism Project. Developed and administered by the Governance unit of Peace and Social Justice, the project studied alternative political arrangements for promoting pluralism in diverse societies. Constitutionalism in Africa (1999-2000) was a focus, as the Foundation's goal was to encourage ethnic harmony without forcing homogenization on autonomous cultures and communities.

Other files pertain to grantees or Foundation policy. The files related to the Learning Enhancements Fund are particularly illustrative in regards to Foundation policy. They document the internal Foundation process behind how grant assessments were made, and include a practical guide for program staff files.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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 Note

The original volume of 14 cubic feet accessioned by the Ford Foundation Archives in 2011 was reduced during processing to 6.3 cubic feet.

Duplicates, reference files, grant proposals, and files that addressed purely financial matters were not retained.

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Ms. McClymont kept subject files on grantees and grant projects, Ford Foundation policy, and areas where Foundation policy directly impacted grant projects, such as Foundation support for affirmative action.

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