



Ford Foundation records, Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom, Media, Arts, and Culture, Media Unit, Office Files of Becky Lentz

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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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Becky Lentz served as the first program officer for media and technology policy at the Ford Foundation between 2001-2007. Currently, Lentz is an Associate Professor of Communication Studies at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains office files of Becky Lentz, who held positions as a Program Officer of Media, Arts, and Culture and a Program Officer for Electronic Media Policy. Materials include grant records, grant-funded materials, Requests for Grant Action (RGA), proposals, grant status reports, books, newsletters, working drafts, memos, publications, and correspondence.

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Arrangement

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