



Ford Foundation records, Governance and Public Policy (GPP), Office Files of Marcia Smith

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Marcia Smith is a documentary filmmaker and former foundation executive who worked for several years at the Ford Foundation. She joined the Foundation as a Program Officer in the Rights and Social Justice Program (RSJ) and then moved to the Governance and Public Policy Program (GPP). Following a change in the Foundation's program structure, she became a Program Officer in the Peace and Social Justice Program (PSJ), Governance and Civil Society unit (GCS). She was later appointed Deputy Director of the GCS unit.

Smith is the Co-Founder and President of Firelight Media, a non-profit filmmaking company which produces documentary films and provides support to emerging filmmakers of color. She has written films produced by Firelight Media like "The Murder of Emmett Till" and "Freedom Riders". From 2008 to 2011, she served as Senior Vice President of Atlantic Philanthropies.

Smith earned a B.S. in media production from Emerson College and a M.S. from Hunter College.

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Scope and Contents

Primarily documents the Women's Program Forum.

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