Descriptive Summary

Title: Rethinking Human Rights symposium records, 1981-1984
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Extent: 5.5 linear ft. (9 boxes)
Abstract: Records contain materials related to scholarly and cultural events held on the campus of Emory University around the theme of human rights during the 1982-1983 academic year. Culminating in a major symposium, Rethinking Human Rights, and a series of essays in Daedelus, the journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the events engaged divergent academic disciplines. Materials include not only lecture transcripts from the year’s numerous visiting scholars, but also grant proposals, committee minutes, memoranda and other planning documents, and correspondence.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Administrative History
In September 1981 a faculty-led committee convened at Emory to plan The Human Rights Year, a year-long series of events to focus on human rights issues. For nearly three years after, David S. Pacini, then Assistant Professor of Historical Theology, and Ellen Mickiewicz, then Dean of Emory’s Graduate School of Arts and Sciences co-directed the planning, execution, and conclusions of the “Rethinking Human Rights” project. Among the inaugural events for the year of inquiry and celebration was an address by President Jimmy Carter, delivered at Emory on September 15, 1982. In addition to speeches and lectures, activities included film screenings, art exhibitions, and concerts of both classical and contemporary music. Dignitaries like Kim Dae Jung (later President of South Korea) and poet Czeslaw Milocz visited campus in the spring. The year culminated in the Human Rights Symposium of April 10-17, 1983. Symposium attendees included theologian David Tracy, philosophers Dieter Heinrich and Leszek Kolakowski, economists Gaston Rimlinger and Mancur Olson, legal scholars Drew S. Days and Thomas Farer, historians Merle Goldman and Stanley Hoffman, and political scientist John Ruggie. After the symposium, Mickiewicz and Pacini worked through the next academic year alongside Daedelus editor Stephen Graubard to compile a journal issue based on the themes of the symposium and the papers presented there. In 1984, the special human rights issue of Daedelus was published.

Scope and Content Note
Collection consists of materials related to the Rethinking Human Rights project at Emory University from 1981-1984. Records include lecture transcripts, administrative and other correspondence, intra-University memoranda, committee minutes, grant proposals, event publicity, reports, and some academic resources related to the topic of human rights. Also includes video recordings of some lectures and panels from the Rethinking Human Rights events.

Arrangement Note
Organized in two series: (1) Subject files and (2) Audiovisual. Subject files are arranged alphabetically by subject. Files labeled with personal names include correspondence with, and writings authored by, the person named.
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