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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Rick Halperin is an expert on human rights issues and currently a professor of human rights at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Halperin served as Treasurer of AIUSA from 1984 to 1988, and from 1989-1995 as a member of the Board of Directors. From 1992-1993, he also served as Chair of the Board. During his time on the board, Halperin worked on various campaigns and committees, including the Death Penalty Campaign, Conscientious Objector Support Network, Children's Action Network Steering Committee, and the Indigenous Peoples Campaign. Since 1994, Halperin has served as Amnesty International's Texas coordinator for the abolition of the death penalty.

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Summary

This collection documents the work of Halperin and his colleagues on the AIUSA Board of Directors from 1989-1995. It contains material pertaining to AIUSA committees, planning, events, structure, and budget. Events include the Annual General Meeting, International Council meetings, the Death Penalty Campaign, and the Indigenous Peoples Campaign. Additionally, Halperin addressed other aspects of human rights violations during his time on the Board, including prisoners of conscience, survivors of torture, and the rights of women and gays. The bulk of the files contain meeting minutes, notes, financial statements, drafts, reports, resolutions, reviews, and correspondence. This collection also contains research materials pertaining to areas of human rights violations. It is comprised largely of publications by other human rights and international organizations, clippings, copies of US legislation, and Amnesty International reports. An extensive clippings file on the death penalty worldwide is also included.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into five series.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Rick Halperin. Method of acquisition--Deposit at University of Colorado Boulder; Date of acquisition--11/10/1995.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--AIUSA. Method of acquisition--Deposit; Date of acquisition--2006.

Ownership and Custodial History

The papers were originally donated by Rick Halperin to the University of Colorado Boulder on November 10, 1995 as part of the AIUSA collection. In 2006 the AIUSA collection was transferred to RBML.

Processing Information

The collection was processed by Harvey N. Gardiner, University of Colorado Boulder in November 1995. Additional processing in 2012 by Erin Lee Barsan, Pratt Institute '14. Finding aid written by Erin Lee Barsan in November, 2012.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

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Controlled Access Headings

- Human rights
- Budget
- Capital punishment
- Children's punishment
- Conscientious objectors
- Gay rights
- Human rights advocacy
- Indigenous peoples -- Civil rights
- Meetings
- Indians of North America
- Refugees
- Political prisoners
- Strategic planning
- Torture victims
- Women's rights
- Meetings
- Clippings (Information Artifacts)
- Questionnaires
- Halperin, Rick
- Amnesty International
- Amnesty International USA

Collection Inventory

Series I: AIUSA Board of Directors Meeting Materials, 1989-1995

Scope and Contents

This series documents Halperin's activity on the AIUSA Board of Directors and as Chair of the Board. The files contain binder materials from every AIUSA Board of Directors meeting, including travel itineraries, meeting agendas, previous meeting minutes, financial statements, and Amnesty International related clippings. Any correspondence pertaining to Board meetings is also included, as are Halperin's notes. Major structural topics addressed at these meetings include the AIUSA budget, the student program, and committee reports. Major human rights issues addressed by the Board include prisoners of conscience, refugees, genocide, women prisoners, conscientious objectors, and capital punishment. Other files include material pertaining to the planning of the Annual General Meeting, the International Council Meeting, program reviews, and Board correspondence. Also included are reports written by AIUSA Board Member, Winston Nagan, after a series of meetings with officials in Washington D.C. Files are arranged chronologically by date of the Board meeting, barring a few files of supplemental material.

Title/Description	Instances	
International Council Meeting Board Meeting--General, 1989	box 1	folder 1
AI Budget and Boston Board Meeting, 1989-1990	box 1	folder 2
Annual General Meeting Questionnaire, 1995 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 1	folder 3-6
Annual General Meeting Questionnaire Results and Review, 1995	box 1	folder 7
Information Concerning AI Board of Directors Nominations, 1989	box 1	folder 8
International Council Meeting, 1989	box 1	folder 9
November Board Meeting, 1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 10-11
Washington D.C. Meetings with Winston Nagan, 1989	box 1	folder 12
Executive Committee Conference Call and D.C. Board Meeting, 1990 January-February	box 1	folder 13
Board Meeting, 1990 February	box 1	folder 14
Board Meeting, 1990 November 30-December 2	box 1	folder 15
Board Materials, 1990 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 16-17
Board Materials, 1989-1990 <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders	box 2	folder 1-6
Board Meeting, 1991 February 1-3		

<u>Physical Description:</u> 4 folders	box 2	folder 7-10
Board Correspondence, 1991	box 2	folder 11
Board Meeting, 1991 May 3-5	box 2	folder 12-14
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders		
Board Meeting, 1991 September	box 2	folder 15
Board Meeting, 1991 October	box 2	folder 16
Board Meeting, 1992 January 31-February 2	box 2	folder 17-18
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Board Meeting, 1992 April 10-12	box 2	folder 19
Board Meeting, 1992 April 10-12	box 3	folder 1
Board Meeting, 1992 June 24-28	box 3	folder 2-3
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Supplemental Information for Board Meeting, 1992 January	box 3	folder 4
Casework Program Review, 1991-1992	box 3	folder 5
Board Meeting, 1992 October 2-4	box 3	folder 6-7
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Board Meeting, 1993 February 5-7	box 3	folder 8-9
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Board Meeting, 1993 October 1-3	box 3	folder 10
Board Meeting, 1993 October 1-3	box 3	folder 11
Board Meeting, 1994 February 4-6	box 3	folder 12
Board Meeting, 1994 February 4-6	box 3	folder 13-15
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders		
Board Meeting, 1994 April 8-10	box 3	folder 16-17
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Board Materials, 1992-1994	box 3	folder 18
Board Meeting, 1994 June 9-12	box 4	folder 1-2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Board Meeting, 1994 September 30-October 2	box 4	folder 3-4
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
Board Meeting, 1995 February 3-5	box 4	folder 5-7
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders		
Board Meeting, 1995 April 7-9	box 4	folder 8-10

Physical Description: 3 folders

Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting, 1995 June 23-25	box 4	folder 11
Board Meeting, 1995 June 22-25	box 4	folder 12-13
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Annual General Meeting, 1995 June 23-25	box 4	folder 14
Board Correspondence and Materials--General, 1995	box 4	folder 15
Board Meeting, 1995 September 29-October 1	box 4	folder 16-17
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		

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Series II: Campaigns and Committees, 1989-1995

Scope and Contents

This series documents Halperin's involvement in the Children's Action Network Steering Committee, the Conscientious Objector Support Network, the Indigenous Peoples Campaign, and the Native American Rights Campaign. Files for the Indigenous Peoples Campaign, which addressed human rights abuses of indigenous peoples in the Americas, are particularly extensive. This series includes clippings, correspondence, directories of relevant organizations, United Nations publications, and Amnesty International publications and mailings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Children's Action Network Steering Committee, 1989-1995	box 5	folder 1-3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Conscientious Objector Support Network, 1990-1994	box 5	folder 4-7
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders		
Dallas Conscientious Objector Meeting, 1992 October	box 5	folder 8-9
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Indigenous Peoples Campaign, 1990-1992	box 12	folder 7-16
<u>Physical Description</u> : 10 folders		
Native American Rights Campaign, 1991-1994	box 13	folder 16-17
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		

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Series III: Death Penalty Clippings, 1987-1999

Scope and Contents

This series is an extensive collection of clippings on the death penalty worldwide. Halperin sent copies of these clippings to other AIUSA members on a regular basis. Articles in this series predominantly focus on specific United States death penalty cases and appeals, and related political cartoons are also included. Debates about the death penalty in the United States comprise another large portion of articles. Topics such as broadcast of executions, gas chamber vs. lethal injection, and seeking the death penalty for minors and the mentally ill are addressed. This series also contains articles about international forms of capital punishment. Events such as the execution of Ceausescu in Romania, the slaughter of children in Brazil, torture in Kenya, and the Pinochet regime in Chile are included. Files are arranged chronologically by month and year.

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings, 1987-1990 February <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 folders	box 5	folder 10-17
Clippings, 1990 March-1991 May <u>Physical Description</u> : 17 folders	box 6	folder 1-17
Clippings, 1991 April-1992 February <u>Physical Description</u> : 17 folders	box 7	folder 1-17
Clippings, 1992 March-November <u>Physical Description</u> : 18 folders	box 8	folder 1-18
Clippings, 1992 December-1993 November <u>Physical Description</u> : 18 folders	box 9	folder 1-18
Clippings, 1993 December-September 1994 <u>Physical Description</u> : 16 folders	box 10	folder 1-16
Clippings, 1994 October-1995 July <u>Physical Description</u> : 16 folders	box 11	folder 1-16
Clippings, 1995 August-September <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 12	folder 1-5
Clippings, 1995 January-June <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 15	folder 1-3
Clippings About Human Rights Violations, 1998-1999 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 16	folder 1-3

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Series IV: International Council Meetings (ICM) and International Executive Committee (IEC), 1991-1993

Scope and Contents

This small series contains material related to work of the IEC and the twentieth and twenty-first ICM. Topics such as the nomination of delegates to IEC, strategic and financial planning, and priorities of ICM working groups are addressed. This series includes notes, correspondence, calendars, reports, and resolutions. A handwritten transcript of Halperin's speech welcoming delegates to the twenty-first ICM is also included.

Title/Description	Instances	
ICM (IEC)--Objectives and Planning, 1992	box 13	folder 1
Report and Decisions of the 20th ICM, 1991	box 13	folder 2
Report and Decisions of the IEC--Review of AI Research, 1991-1992	box 13	folder 3
21st ICM materials, 1993 <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 folders	box 13	folder 4-9
Planning and Priorities of Working Groups for ICM, 1992-1993 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 13	folder 10-13
Nominations of Delegates to IEC, 1992-1993	box 13	folder 14

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Series V: General, 1990-1995**Scope and Contents**

This small series contains a variety of material from Halperin's final years on the AIUSA Board of Directors. Files include correspondence and reports from the National Program Planning meeting and the Special Initiatives Fund as well as copies of numerous reports issued by various Amnesty International committees.

Title/Description	Instances	
Review Materials of the "Embrace of Hope" Concert, 1990	box 12	folder 6
Project to Target Military, Security and Police--Training Material, 1991-1992	box 13	folder 15
National Program Planning, 1991-1992	box 13	folder 18
Regional Program Planning, 1993-1995 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 14	folder 1-2
Special Initiatives Fund, 1993-1995 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 14	folder 3-5
Human Rights for Children Committee--"Human Rights and Middle School Youth" Curriculum, undated	box 14	folder 6

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