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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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Abstract:	This collection documents the work of AIUSA activist Michael Nelson, particularly on areas relating to torture, the misuse of psychiatry, and the abolition of the death penalty.

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Michael Nelson was a psychiatrist who worked with Amnesty International on a number of issues relating to psychological abuse, torture, and the death penalty, and medical ethics. Along with Phyllis Taylor, RN, he created the Amnesty International Medical Capacity Committee, a group of health professionals who worked to prevent torture and the abuse of psychiatry. The committee developed protocols for the examination of torture victims, methods to detect evidence of alleged torture, and treatments for victims.

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Summary

Much of the collection relates to the abuse of psychiatry, torture, prison conditions, and opposition to the death penalty. Materials include articles, clippings, research papers, reports, notes, meeting minutes, and documents relating to AIUSA policy or work such as handbooks and task force materials.

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Arrangement

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Restrictions on Access

This collection has restrictions. Restrictions for boxes and folders are noted in the series descriptions and may also be found within the contents list.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Unknown donor. Method of acquisition--Deposit at University of Colorado Boulder.

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 to the University of Colorado Boulder as part of the AIUSA collection. In 2006 the AIUSA collection was transferred to RBML.

Processing Information

Papers processed Carolyn Smith in November 2017.

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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- Human rights in mass media
- Human rights in motion pictures
- Lethal injection (Execution)
- Medical ethics
- Meetings
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- Religious institutions
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- Nelson, Michael
- Amnesty International
- Amnesty International USA

Collection Inventory

Series I: General, 1970-1995

Arrangement

The collection has been left in its original order. Folders were clearly labeled but not arranged according to any obvious method.

Title/Description	Instances	
American Psychiatric Association--Mailings, 1985-1986 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 1	folder 1-5
American Psychiatric Association--Mailings, 1982-1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 2	folder 34-36
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Psychological Effects of Torture Detention and Exile--Thesis by Carlos Gonzales, 1978	box 1	folder 7
Cohn Clark, 1981	box 1	folder 8
AI Medical Capacity Committee--Mailings, 1979	box 1	folder 9
AI Position on Maze Prison in Northern Ireland, 1980	box 1	folder 10
Report and Decisions of the 14th International Council of Amnesty International, 1981 August 20-23	box 1	folder 11
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Campaign Against the Death Penalty, 1982	box 1	folder 21
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<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders		
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access		
Restricted until 2062-2065.		
Co-Group for Prisoners in the USSR--Reports, 1977-1979	box 2	folder 5
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access		
Restricted until 2063.		
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<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access		
Restricted until 2062.		
Worker's Group in USSR, 1978	box 2	folder 7
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Restricted until 2062.		
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Physical Description: 2 folders

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<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders		
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Legal Documents from Coblentz, Cohen, McCabe, and Breyer in San Francisco to Nelson, 1978	box 4	folder 5
AIUSA Working Group on Psychiatric Abuse, 1980	box 4	folder 6
AI Cases, 1978 <u>Conditions Governing Access</u> : Conditions Governing Access Restricted until 2062	box 4	folder 7
Abuse of Psychiatry for Political Ends, 1976-1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 4	folder 8-9
Abuse of Psychiatry--Working Group (UK), 1979	box 4	folder 10
AIUSA Work on US Psychiatric Abuse, 1990	box 4	folder 11
Psychiatric Abuse--World Congress, 1978	box 4	folder 12-14
American Psychological Association (APA) Committee on Human Rights, 1984-1985	box 5	folder 1
Torture, Doctors, American Psychological Association -- Articles, 1986-1990 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 5	folder 2-5
Long-Term Physical and Psychological Sequelae of Torture on 44 Victims Examined in the United States, 1983	box 5	folder 6
Campaign for the Abolition of Torture, 1976-1982 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	box 5	folder 7-11
Executive Committee Meeting, 1979	box 5	folder 12
Prevention of Torture--Working Group, 1979	box 5	folder 13

Executive Committee Meeting, 1979	box 5	folder 14
Prevention of Torture--Working Group, 1979	box 5	folder 15
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AI--Information and Organization, 1976-1980 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 5	folder 18-20
Campaign Against Torture (CAT)--Organization, 1980-1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 6	folder 1-2
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Regional Correspondence--Medical Capacity Committee, 1979-1980	box 6	folder 4
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Human Rights Covenants, 1978-1979 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 6	folder 6-7
Human Rights Education, 1981	box 6	folder 8
AIUSA Program Committee, undated	box 6	folder 9
AI International Committee, 1983	box 6	folder 10
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Strategic Plan, 1995	box 6	folder 14
Strip Searching, 1991	box 6	folder 15
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