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Summary Information

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Abstract:	This collection documents the work of human rights activist Robert Cook-Deegan, especially concerning chemical and biological warfare and medical ethics. The collection contains information about his work with both Physicians for Human Rights and AIUSA.

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Robert Cook-Deegan is a research professor specializing in genomics, global health, medical ethics, and health and research policy. He served as National Coordinator of the AIUSA Health Professionals' Network (HPN) from 1985 to 1988 and on the AIUSA National Steering Committee from 1988 to 1998. He was also a member of the Board of Directors at Physicians for Human Rights from 1988 to 1996, as well as a member of its Advisory Board

from 1987 to 1988, Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee from 1994 to 1996, and Co-chair of the Fundraising Committee from 1994 to 1996. In both organizations he contributed his medical expertise to study and campaign against chemical and biological warfare.

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Summary

Much of the collection consists of reports, research papers, convention information, clippings, and other materials concerning chemical and biological warfare. It also includes meeting minutes and conference materials from Cook-Deegan's work with Physicians for Human Rights and AIUSA.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into three series.

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Restrictions on Access

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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

The collection was processed by Carolyn Smith in November 2018. Finding aid written by Carolyn Smith in June 2018.

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

See Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research (CHRDR) page for more information about all AIUSA collections: https://library.columbia.edu/libraries/chrdr/archive_collections/aiusa.html

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Controlled Access Headings

- Human rights
- Biological weapons
- Chemical weapons
- Medical ethics
- Congresses and conventions
- Kurds
- Meetings
- Torture
- War
- War crimes
- Women's rights
- Cook-Deegan, Robert M.
- Amnesty International
- Amnesty International USA
- Physicians for Human Rights (U.S.)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Physicians for Human Rights, 1987-1998

Scope and Contents

This series contains meeting minutes from the board of Physicians for Human Rights, as well as conference information, policy documents, and other materials regarding the goals and functioning of the organization.

Title/Description	Instances	
Budget Folder, 1989-1990	box 1	folder 1

Board Meeting, 1989 November	box 1	folder 2
Board Meeting, 1992 February	box 1	folder 3
Executive Committee, 1992 February	box 1	folder 4
Board Meeting, 1992 October	box 1	folder 5
"Trauma and Atrocity in the Former Yugoslavia: The Psychiatric Consequences of Ethnic Conflict"--Conference Materials, 1993	box 1	folder 6
American Association for the Advancement of Science Human Rights Program, 1992-1995	box 1	folder 7
PHRs, American College of Physicians, Capitol, An Evening for Human Rights, 1993	box 1	folder 8
Board Meeting, 1995 February 11	box 1	folder 9
Board--General, Mines in Mozambique, 1995	box 1	folder 10
Board Meeting, 1995 October 14 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1	folder 11-12
Board Meeting, 1994 February 26	box 1	folder 13
Board Meeting, 1994 June 18	box 1	folder 14
Board Meeting, 1994 June 26	box 1	folder 15
Board Administration and Policy, 1995-1998	box 1	folder 16
General, 1992	box 1	folder 17
General, 1994	box 1	folder 18
General 1987-1989	box 1	folder 19
Meetings, 1988	box 2	folder 1

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Series II: Chemical and Biological Warfare, 1971-1995

Scope and Contents

This series contains information on chemical and biological weapons and warfare and the efforts of the medical community to stop the use of such practices. It contains reports, conference information, guidelines, bibliographies, and information on specific abuses, particularly chemical attacks by Iraq on Kurdish villages. There is also some information on other forms of abuse, such as torture.

Title/Description	Instances	
Kurds, Turkey--Photographs, 1988-1989	box 2	folder 2
Chemical and Biological Warfare Bibliographies, 1988	box 2	folder 3
Biowarfare Materials Sent to HS for AFF, 1988	box 2	folder 4

General, 1985-1989	box 2	folder 5
Working Group, 1988-1989	box 2	folder 6
Ethics, Role of Medical Doctor, 1971	box 2	folder 7
Chemical Weapons Bulletin, 1988	box 2	folder 8
International Commission of Health Professionals, 1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 2	folder 9-10
Combating the Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, 1989	box 2	folder 11
Congressional Human Rights Caucus--Human Rights Abuse Against the Kurdish People, 1989	box 2	folder 12
Jama Art--Kurds and Use of Chemical Weapons, 1989	box 2	folder 13
A Conference on the Chemical Weapons Treaty: Recent Events, Problems, and Prospects, 1989	box 2	folder 14
Kurd Report Background, 1984-1988	box 2	folder 15
Kurd Report Material, 1988 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 2	folder 16-19
UN Reports on Chemical Warfare in Iraq/Iran War, 1988	box 2	folder 20
US Senate Hearing on Chemical and Biological Warfare, 1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 2	folder 21-22
Yellow Rain--Reports, 1982	box 2	folder 23
Harvard Human Rights, Jonathan Mann, 1992	box 3	folder 1
Jama Human Rights Papers, 1993	box 3	folder 2
National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, Committee on Health and Human Rights, 1991	box 3	folder 3
UN Security General Official Records, 1988	box 3	folder 4
Working Party on Chemical and Biological Warfare--Chemical Weapons Convention, 1988	box 3	folder 5
General, 1991 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 3	folder 6-7
Articles on Torture, 1989-1992 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 3	folder 8-9
Vietnam--International Human Rights Day for Vietnam--Agenda, 1993 December	box 3	folder 10
Yugoslavia--Clippings, 1993-1994	box 3	folder 11
Yugoslavia--Unknown Massacre Site, 1994	box 3	folder 12

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National Academy of Sciences--Committee of Human Rights, 1991-1993 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 3	folder 13-14
Clippings, 1993-1995	box 3	folder 15
Testimony on Panama, 1987	box 3	folder 16
Testimony of Robert Cook-Deegan, Physicians for Human Rights--Panama, 1987	box 3	folder 17
Panama--General, 1987-1990	box 3	folder 18
Mission to Panama--Photographs, 1987	box 3	folder 19

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Series III: AIUSA, 1985-1994

Scope and Contents

This series contains work with AIUSA, primarily the Health Professional Network, and includes general information, a paper on aging, and information from the AIUSA Urgent Action Network.

Title/Description	Instances	
AIUSA Health Professionals Network--General, 1992-1993 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 folders	box 3	folder 20-22
AI Names and Addresses, 1985 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access File is restricted.	box 3	folder 23
AIUSA Chee Heng Leng--Malaysia, 1989	box 3	folder 24
Aging: Review of Final Draft, 1988-1992	box 3	folder 25
AIUSA Urgent Action Network, 1992-1994	box 3	folder 26

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