



AIUSA Archives

Activist Checklist

- ◇ Visit archives and CHRDR web sites.
- ◇ Submit completed questionnaire.
- ◇ Deposit archivables.
- ◇ Locate past activists.

AIUSA Archives is a comprehensive collection of materials documenting the founding, activity, and growth of AIUSA from the early 1960's through the present. The AIUSA Archives moved from University of Colorado-Boulder's Human Rights Initiative (HRI) to Columbia University's new Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research (CHRDR) at Butler Library in New York City, with the collections of the other HRI human rights non-governmental organizations (NGOs) like Human Rights Watch and Human Rights First, in September 2006. The AIUSA Archives Advisory Committee (AAAC), a small group of volunteer leaders, with a board liaison and a staff liaison, is tasked with guiding and promoting the AIUSA Archives Project. The AIUSA Archives grow because of the pride, enthusiasm, and vision of AIUSA's activist volunteers and staff.

What's in the AIUSA Archives?

The AIUSA archives contains materials documenting the start of our AI section in New York City in the early 60's, as well as materials from the AIUSA New York headquarters and the Washington DC lobby office; from all the regional offices; and from all the programs and departments of

Please complete and submit AIUSA Archives Questionnaire and urge others with AIUSA histories to do likewise. <http://www.amnestyusa.org/about/pdf/oralhistoryforms0106.pdf>



AIUSA. The collection contains posters, banners, T-shirts, photographs, videos, DVDs, and more than 30 years of newspaper clippings that mention Amnesty International and human rights. The collection includes country reports, mission reports, and oral histories. Many local and campus chapters, staff and board members, and individual activists, especially country specialists and members of steering committees and task forces, have deposited records of their activities at the AIUSA Archives.

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AIUSA Archives -- A Timeline:

1966: Amnesty International founded in USA as AIUSA.

1992: University of Colorado at Boulder (CU-B) curator Bruce Montgomery founds the Human Rights Initiative (HRI).

1994: AIUSA signs contract to join HRI, begins collecting and depositing human rights materials.

1999: Human Rights Watch joins the Human Rights Initiative, making it perhaps the largest human rights

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archives in the world. The AAAC meets at University of Colorado at Boulder.

2000: CU-B decides to discontinue development of HRI; AAAC studies and interviews twelve potential archiving institutions.

2005: Columbia's Vice Provost James Neal visits the AIUSA Urgent Action Office in Colorado and the HRI at CU-B. Shortly afterward AIUSA signs archiving contract

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with Columbia University.

2006: AIUSA's materials and dozens of small individual collections, are moved from CU-B to Columbia in spring and summer of 2006 after review of materials in Colorado by Columbia's archiving staff. David Magier is appointed director of the Columbia University's Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research (CHRDR).

2007: Columbia University's CHRDR organizes a launch conference October 4-6, 2007 attended by researchers, archivists, and members of the depositing human rights organizations including members of AIUSA's Archives Advisory Committee (AAAC). Visit <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/humanrights/index.html>

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Please send only two duplicates of each item: brochure, flyer, program, poster, photo, CD/video/DVD, document, etc.

How To Access AIUSA Human Rights Materials:

At this time, there is no online access to the AIUSA Archives, but individual researchers and academics can and have used the AIUSA Archives over the past ten years. Contact a member of the AAAC or Susan Hamson <sgh2105@columbia.edu> on Columbia's archives staff, with archives access questions.

What to Save for Deposit in the AIUSA Archives.

Individual activists, AI groups, and organization officials should seek to retain materials that document their major operations, activities, and policy decisions. These might include, for example, meeting minutes, organizational by-laws, policy memoranda, documents detailing important discussions, investigative reports and publications, correspondence, development/donor materials, newsletters, press clippings, promotional materials, like: brochures and fliers, and case materials, photographs and videotapes, posters and t-shirts, documents regarding internal deliberations and debates, interactions and networking

with domestic and international rights organizations and personalities.

To be sure that CHRDR can accept your archivable materials contact:

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