“An archive has latent power”
• Mission and History

• Collecting Programs

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MISSION AND HISTORY

The Center for Human Rights Documentation & Research develops primary and secondary research collections to support teachers, researchers, and advocates working in the multidisciplinary sphere of human rights.
CHRDR Structure

- Director
- Collaborators
  - Network of Subject Specialists
  - Technical Services Staff
  - Rare Book and Manuscript Library
    - Oral History Research Office
  - Web Collection Curators
  - Libraries Digital Program Division
Human Rights Documentation

Archives
Organizational
Personal
Oral History

Legal / Evidentiary
Court / Tribunal
Truth Commission
Government records
Testimony

General Collections
Books, journals, films,
bibliographic resources,
Media/news sources

Gray literature/ Ephemera
Working papers, reports, posters,
newsletters, blogs, social media

Born-Digital
COLLECTIONS

• NGO archives
  – Human Rights Watch (1,700 lf)
  – Amnesty International USA (c. 3,000 lf)
  – Human Rights First (c. 2,000 lf)
  – Committee to Protect Journalists (150 lf)

• General Collections

• Human Rights Web Archive
Summary Information

Abstract

The records document the founding and development of Amnesty International of the USA, Inc. (AIUSA) and its national office. AIUSA is the largest national section of Amnesty International, an international human rights non-governmental organization (NGO). The records include material related to the board of directors, executive directors, administration, operations, campaigns, casework, publicity, special projects, and the work of the organization and its membership on human rights issues.

At a Glance

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Creator(s): Amnesty International USA, National Office.
Language(s): The majority of the material is in English. There is some material in French, Spanish, Russian, and Japanese.
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Americas

Campaign Against Disappearances and Political Killings, 1993

[restricted until 2068]

Argentina--Campaign, 1978

Brazil

1973

(Contains Report on Allegations of Torture in Brazil by Amnesty International)

Campaign, 1988-1989 Circulars #1-7, 10-11

General

[restricted until 2063]

Mailings #1-8 and Other Materials (6 Folders)

[restricted until 2063]

Extended Group-Level Action on Torture and Extrajudicial Executions, 1990

[restricted until 2065]

Chile

Special Action

1981

[restricted until 2056]

1983

(Includes report on the Washington Component of the Chile Special Action)
Dear Brynn,

I could not delay any longer my wish to express my sincere gratitude and affection for the special consideration granted by you, exercising such good and kind efforts during my stay in New York last week.

In a particular way, I want to mention the warm and delicious welcome offered by you and your wife at your home that made me feel at home right away. Full of solidarity, friendship expressed through your person; for those who suffer in my homeland, your support and courage are an encouragement and strengthened by such solidary friends when we share the same valiant and meaningful ideals.

Please express my special gratitude to Cynthia Brown for her generous and intelligent work for us.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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REPORT ON CHAN IN THE U.S. SECTION FOR YEAR 1988

To: Lesley Merryfinch, Campaign & Membership Department
   Sandra Reidas, Americas Research Department
   Sheila Dauer, AIUSA

From: Nancy Morgan, CHAN Coordinator, AIUSA

1. PARTICIPATION OF GROUPS

Below is a brief summary of each group and their level of involvement. As it will be explained in the next section, some of the groups have not reported regularly on their activities, and thus the information is very general.

Group 32 - Sopoado, New Mexico: Group very small (4-5 members), but all work on all actions. Public awareness activities (e.g., tabling in front of post office, movie theater, etc., collecting signatures); faithful letter-writers, almost no target sector work.

Group 49 - Portland, Oregon: Very strong, active group that does excellent letter-writing from broad spectrum of people; CHAN coordinator very creative in his letters and techniques. A core group of 2-3 consistently works on every action, but CHAN coordinator networks with campus and high schools and usually up to 15-20 letters go out. Group did postcards for one of 5 new "disappeared" and these were circulated widely at many events. Some target sector approaches to medical & university community. Group has made legislative contacts with Congressional reps in regards to clandestine squads. Received reply from Chilean College of nurses in response to their action on death threats.

Campus Group Columbia University, New York City: Group was inactive during first half of year, due to coordinator out of country. Very active since fall. Sponsored a writeathon on behalf of the Intimidation and Harassment document, circulated a petition and sample letters for action on Eight Cases of Torture, had an article written for University magazine. Working on securing regular column in student magazine.

Group 113 - Arlington, Mass: CHAN coordinator discusses each action at monthly meeting and volunteers meet to do the work. At least 4-5 letters go out on each. Have sent telegrams when needed, as group's finances are excellent.

Group 11 - New York City: Entire group participates in CHAN and on the average 10 letters go out each month. If there have been several actions coming at once, group will often only do one (depending on volume of other AF work in group). Coordinator types up sample letters as a guide to facilitate greater participation. In addition to regular 10 letters, have generated large volume of letters at major events, as well as from a local high school that group works with. Only target sector work has been with the medical community. Have done area-wide events with other NY area groups.

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[Image of armed forces]
CHALLENGES TO HR COLLECTING

- Constructing archives
- Legal and privacy issues
- At-Risk Materials
- Patterns of Publishing/Dissemination
HUMAN RIGHTS AND WEB ARCHIVING

• Web Archiving at Columbia University Libraries
  – Mellon Project on Web Resources Collection Development Program
  • 3 year exploratory project funded by the Mellon Foundation

• Participating departments and staff
  – Technical Services
  – Digital Programs
  – Area Studies
  – Subject specialists
  – Metadata coordinator
  – Two full-time web collection curators
  – One full-time programmer
Why collect web resources?

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THE AUDI ALL ROAD QUATTRO SET A UNIQUE STANDARD

The Audi all road models may no longer be produced by Audi, but they are the image and standard that has been seen throughout the world. The all road, or Quattro, has been one of the cars that took dominance in the market during the 1980's through the early 1990's. This is a car that has been in a number of rallies and has gained number of awards. It has been the spearhead that Audi used to not just gain attention in the market, but to gain a level of dominance in most of Europe and also parts of the United States. Considered to be one of the most sought after cars in Eastern Europe, the Quattro models have continued to have a high demand even after more than fifteen years of discontinued production.

The Quattro has been a car that has been highly sought after by people that want a car that has a good design, impressive appearance, and also a reputation as a car that will never give up. The Audi all ro more »
• Importance of web content for students, scholars, researchers, activists, and others

• Use cases
  – Provide stable links for citations
  – Provide continued access to a website even if site is closed, removed, or unavailable on live web
  – Provide continued access to source materials for researchers, activists, others
  – Preserve the website itself as an artifact

• Instability of web resources
  – Changing URLs
  – Disappearing content
  – Disappearing sites
  – Blocked content
HOW ARE WEB RESOURCES COLLECTED?

Selection
- Defining collections
- Copyright
- Suitability

Crawling
- Test crawls
- Quality review
- Scoping

Access
- Metadata
- Cataloging
- Restrictions
HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE

- New methods of distribution
- New ways to provide unrestricted access
- Access to global community
- Access to global resources
- ...social media...
SELECTED TYPES OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

1. Global focus, international presence
2. Government-affiliated ("GONGO")
3. National human rights institutions
4. Temporary extra-juridical bodies (truth commissions, commissions of inquiry, tribunals)
5. National focus
6. Local focus
ANATOMY OF A HUMAN RIGHTS WEBSITE

• “Layers”
  – Public-facing content
  – Underlying content
    • Text
    • Images
    • Databases
    • Scripts
    • External software

• Documents: PDF, MS word, XLS
• Audio/visual files
• Text/html
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DOCUMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE...

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HUMAN RIGHTS WEB ARCHIVING INITIATIVES, RELATED PROJECTS

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