

Finding Aid to the Geraldine Critchley papers, 1960-2020

Collection Overview

Creator: Geraldine Critchley

Dates: 1960-2020

Extent: 1 Linear Foot (1 Box)

Language: English, French

Abstract:

Geraldine “Geri” Critchley served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal from 1971 to 1972. This collection contains material documenting Critchley’s time after her service in the Peace Corps. The collection includes materials from organizing and fundraising events managed by or attended by Critchley, in addition to publications created by and about Peace Corps and its volunteers created between 1973 and 2020, which Critchley collected.

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Custodial History

This collection was donated to the AU Archives & Special Collections on date by Geraldine Critchley in 2020 as part of the Peace Corps Community Archive.

Processing Information

Collection was processed by JJ Kresky, Peace Corps Community Archives Fellow at AU Archives & Special Collections in November 2024.

Related Materials

Related materials at AU Archives & Special Collections include other collections donated to the Peace Corps Community Archives.

Collection Access & Use Information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use.

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Administrative Information

Finding Aid Date: 2024-12

Finding Aid Author: Finding aid created by JJ Kresky, 2024-12.

Description Rules: Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Language of Description: English

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Geraldine “Geri” Critchley’s undergraduate studies included Cross Cultural Communication at Georgetown University, Psychology at the College of New Rochelle and at the University of Connecticut. She also received a master's degree in international education at American University, and she studied at University College Dublin. Critchley served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal between 1971-1972.

Following her Peace Corps service, Critchley was involved in fundraising and organizing activities for the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV) hosting the board of directors' reception, organizing the 30th and 50th RPCV anniversaries and a Bill Clinton Presidential campaign benefit. She has also volunteered around the world and contributed to various humanitarian efforts while working in the international development field.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The materials in this collection document the activities and interests of Geraldine “Geri” Critchley and are dated between 1960 and 2020. The collection includes materials relating to her actions after her time in the Peace Corps as a fundraiser, planner, and as an RPCV member for the different Returned Peace Corps Volunteers events. Materials include budgets, communications and correspondence, planning documents, and proposals.

A large portion of the collection includes materials related to her work organizing and fundraising for several events including the 30th and 50th RPCV anniversaries as well as the Peace Corps benefit during Bill Clinton’s presidential campaign. The other various ephemera in the collection include Peace Corps Volunteer handbooks, magazines about the Peace Corps and those affiliated with them, and publications from members of the Peace Corps.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into an inventory similar to its original order provided by the donor.

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Box Number	Folder Number	Folder Title
1	1	Peace Corps Times Magazine, 1990-1991
1	2	Gabon Magazine, 2011
1	3	Japan International Cooperation Agency 30th Anniversary Publication, 1991
1	4	Peace Corp Volunteer Publications, 1990-1996
1	5	RPCV Writings and Publications, 1979-2020
1	6	John Fitzgerald Kennedy Jr. Magazines, 1999-2003
1	7	NRPCV: Worldview magazine, 1991-2016
1	8	Peace Corps 50th Anniversary documents, 2010-2011
1	9	Peace Corps organizational contact lists, 1980-2000 (folder 1 of 3)
1	10	Peace Corps organizational contact lists, 1980-2000 (folder 2 of 3)
1	11	Peace Corps organizational contact lists, 1980-2000 (folder 3 of 3)
1	12	RPCV 30th Anniversary logistic documents, 1991
1	13	NRPCV 30th Anniversary Correspondence, 1991, Folder 1 of 2
1	14	NRPCV 30th Anniversary Correspondence, 1991, Folder 2 of 2
1	15	NRPCV 30th Anniversary: Envelopes and Invitations, 1991
1	16	RPCV 30th Anniversary budget and expenses, 1991
1	17	NRPCV 30th Anniversary event pamphlets and booklets, 1991
1	18	NRPCV: Project Proposals, 1993
1	19	NRPCV: Financial logistics and records, 1983-1992
1	20	NRPCV: Kenneth Lehman materials, 1983-1991
1	21	NRPCV: Communications, 1980-1991
1	22	Strategic Plan for Peace Corps Museum, 2017
1	23	Funding Peace Corps: 30th Anniversary, Director of Development papers, 1990-1991 (Folder 1 of 3)
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1	26	NRPCV: Peace Corps 25th Anniversary 1986-1987
1	27	NCPA: Peace Corps Brief, 2008
1	28	Table assignments Founders Day dinner, 1981
1	29	NCPA: Peace Corps Fund Papers and Shriver Award Endowment, 2000-2020
1	30	Peace Corps World Wise Schools, 1996-1998
1	31	Hotline Bulletin, 1975-1996 (Folder 1 of 2)
1	32	Hotline Bulletin, 1975-1996 (Folder 2 of 2)
1	33	ACTION Financial Materials, 1973-1976
1	34	Returned Peace Corp Volunteers Publications, 1986-1997
1	35	Returned Peace Corp Volunteers of Washington, DC, Materials, 1995-2011
1	36	NCPA: Letters and Events, 1992-2020

1	37	NCPA: Proposals, 1990-2010
1	38	NRPCV: Development education from the bottom up, 1991
1	39	Peace Corps Events, 2008-2009
1	40	Proposal for the Peace Corps in the Philippines, 1988-1989
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1	42	National Service Correspondence, 1993-1999
1	43	25th Anniversary Conference and 1987 Annual Report NCRPCV
1	44	RPCV Senegal Sojourn, 2007
1	45	Peace Corps and RPCV handbook, 1963-1991
2	46	Proposals for the National Service and Peace Corps, 1990-1992
2	47	National Service Publications, 1993-1999
2	48	Documents on the Clinton Campaign and Peace Corps Support, 1992
2	49	Bills and Receipts, Peace Corps Benefit for Clinton, 1992
2	50	Clinton Campaign Communication, 1991-1992
2	51	News Release Peace Corps Volunteer Rally for Clinton, 1992
2	52	Clintons Speech at Notre Dame, 1992