

Guide to the Physicians for Social Responsibility Collection, Portland Chapter 2010-007

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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator	Physicians for Social Responsibility.
Title	Physicians for Social Responsibility Collection
Date [inclusive]	1980-2012
Extent	2.75 Linear feet
Location	Materials are located in Mackenzie Hall Vault.
Language	English
Language of Materials	The bulk of the collection is in English. However, the international scope of activities means there is foreign language material. The bulk of this is Chinese, a little in Korean, and some publications are in German.
Abstract	The Physicians for Social Responsibility created a local Portland, Or. chapter in 1980. They have donated a variety of materials covering their activities since that time.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Information

Founded in 1961, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) soon made its mark by documenting the presence of Strontium-90 a highly radioactive waste product of atmospheric nuclear testing in children's teeth. This finding led to the Limited Nuclear Test Ban treaty that ended atmospheric nuclear testing.

In 1985, PSR shared in the Nobel Peace Prize awarded that year to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), for building public pressure to reverse the nuclear arms race. In the 1990s, PSR built on its record of achievement by helping to end nuclear warhead production and winning U.S. passage of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty that still offers the possibility of a world without nuclear tests.

In 1992, PSR expanded its mission to apply its medical expertise to environmental health issues, in recognition that global climate change and toxic pollution also pose grave risks to human health. That same year, PSR's mobilization of the medical community on environmental health issues led to a collaboration among MIT, the Harvard School of Public Health, Brown University and PSR's Greater Boston chapter that resulted in *Critical Condition*, Dr. Eric Chivian's definitive volume on human health and the environment. In 2006, PSR launched an Energy Security Initiative focused on environmental health and security issues and their impact on public health, and producing and holding briefings on our report, "Powering Foreign Policy: The Role of Oil and Diplomacy in Conflict", that have brought together a diverse array of public policy organizations, congressional policymakers, embassy staff, security experts and the media; and mobilizing thousands of PSR activists to send a letter to President Bush for inadequately funding research and development of renewable energy technologies and for failing to implement the most effective tools for decreasing U.S. oil consumption conservation and energy efficiency.

Scope and Content

The collection includes administrative files; campaign information such as articles, flyers, and brochures; various publications & books; and audiovisual materials including 7 boxes of 35mm slides for slide show presentations.

Arrangement

The collection is serialized currently into sections on administration, issues, publications, books, albums, and audiovisual materials.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives 2010

Revision Description

2012

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to the public.

Conditions Governing Use

Audiovisual materials would need access to Cassette-CD-DVD player. Slides and negatives would need a projector or lightbox. The OHSU Historical Collections & Archives is the owner of the materials and makes available reproductions for research, publication, and other uses. Written permission must be obtained from the OHSU HC&A before any reproduction use. The OHSU HC&A does not necessarily hold copyright to all of the materials in the collections. In some cases, permission for use may require seeking additional authorization from the copyright owners.

Custodial History

This material is being brought to us by Physicians for Social Responsibility; additional items donated by Joy Spalding Ph.D., a long-standing member of the group.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- IPPNW-International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War.

Genre(s)

- Activism-Social
- Audiovisual aids
- Pamphlets
- Printed ephemera

Geographic Name(s)

- Oregon
- Portland

Personal Name(s)

- Caldicott, Helen Mary, M.D.
- Cassel, Christine, MD
- Greenfield, Del, 1915-2007
- Grossman, Charles Milton, M.D.
- Spalding, Joy, Ph.D.
- Steingart, Karen, MD, MPH
- Thomasson, Catherine, M.D.

Subject(s)

- Activists-Peace
- Activists-Political
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea (N. Korea)
- Environmental Activism
- Environmentalism
- Gulf War 1991
- Hiroshima Day
- Iraq War
- Medicine and Health
- Nobel Peace Prize
- Nuclear Disarmament
- People's Republic of China
- Physicians for Social Responsibility

- PSR Day
- Public health

B1 Administration & Business Files

Collection Inventory

B1 Administration & Business Files

F1 "Pronouncements by Remarkable People" 1923-2007

F2 Tax Issues 1980-2007

F3 Annual Chapter Reports 1993-2001

F4 Organizational Assessment Questionnaire 1999

F5 Board of Advisors Nominating Committee 1999-2009

F6 Annual Report 2000

F7 National Report 2001

F8 Reed College Intern Program 2001-2002

F9 Annual Report 2002

F10 Dues to National Organization 2003

F11 Board Meeting Minutes 2007

B1 Administration & Business Files

F12 Board Minutes 2010

F13 PSR E-mail List 2012

B2 Issues I

F1 Medical Aspects of Nuclear War Symposium 1982

F2 Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), aka "Star Wars" 1983-1992

F3 Naval Nuclear Weapons & Rose Festival 1984-1991

F4 Nobel Peace Prize 1985

F5 City Portland Proclaims PSR Day 1985-2003

F6 Editorials 1985-2009

F7 Nuclear Weapons & Power 1985-2010

F8 Effects of War on Oregon 1987-2004

F9 Gulf War Syndrome 1994-1997

F10 Miscellany

F11 Greenfield Peace Writing Contest 2009-2011

B3 Issues II

F12 PSR and China 1984-2004

B3 Issues II

F1 Hiroshima Day 1994-2010

F2 Nuclear Warfare Studies 2001-2005

F3 Health Risks-Toxicity-Eating 2002-2009

F4 Global Warming 2005-2006

F5 Global Warming Flyers 2006

F6 Beyond Oil 2006

F7 Amicus Brief Vs. E.P.A. Bull Run 2006

F8 Memoirs Oregon Chapter Organizers 2006-2010

F9 Peace & Conflicts Studies Symposium 2008

F10 Hazardous Chemicals & Health Care 2009

F11 China Today 2009

F12 Photographs 2009

B4 Publications I

F13 Environmental Health 2010

F14 OHSU Faculty Affiliated with PSR 2012

F15 Miscellany no date

F16 Hanford Nuclear Dump site no date

B4 Publications I 1977-2010

F1 Select PSR Brochures 1977-2012

F2 Effects of Nuclear War 1980-1984

F3 Washington State Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Plan 1995

F4 The Health of Washington State 1996

F5 State of Washington Population Trends 1997

F6 Washington State Annual Communicable Disease Report 2000

F7 Degrees of Danger 2002

B5 Publications II

B6 Books

F1 Code Black:A Medical Emergency 2008

F2 Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit 2008

F3 Folded Crane 1988-2011

F4 Menu of Change:Healthy Food in Health Care 2011

F5 PSR Brochures ending 2011

F6 Hibakusha brochures no date

B6 Books

Warum ich Pazifist wurde (Why I became a Pacifist) edited by Heinrich Albertz 1983

Identifikationen (Identifications) by H. Begemann & P.Voswinckel 1988

Plutonium by Benno Splieth 1987

Radioaktivitat-verstandlich (Radioactivity-Understandable) by Elmar Trabert 2007

Kaufliche Wissenschaft (Science for Sale) by Antje Bultmann editor 1994

Tschernobyl: Auswirkungen auf Umwelt, Gesundheit, und Menschenrechte: (Chernobyl: Effects on Environment,Health & Human Rights) 1996

B8 Nuclear War Slide Shows

Life's Delicate Balance by Janette D. Sherman MD 2000

B8 Nuclear War Slide Shows 1982-1984

Slide box 1

Slide box 2

Slide box 3

Slide box 4

Slide box 5

Slide box 6

Strahlengefahr für Mensch und Umwelt (Radiation Danger for Man & Environment) 2000

Tschernobyl by Gerhard Lindner 1988

War and Public Health, editors Barry S. Levy and Victor W. Sidel 2000

Maintain Life on Earth!: Documentation of 6th World Congress IPPNW 1986

B7 Album Project: Prescriptions to Stop Nuclear Testing

B7 Album Project: Prescriptions to Stop Nuclear Testing 1986

Album 1

Album 2

Album 3

B9 Audio-Visual

F1 Slide show reading material 1982-1983

Biology of Nuclear War (Slide box 7) 1983

Biology of Nuclear War pamphlet 1982

Health Effects of War (2 VHS tapes)

Korea (VHS tape)

Dr. Helen Caldicott Speech City Club (audiocassette) 1984

Oversize PSR Exhibit Posters