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Guide to the

Anne Forrester collection

1955-2006

Sc MG 838

Summary

Creator: Forrester, Anne, 1941-2006

Title: Anne Forrester collection

Date: 1955-2006

Size: 2 linear feet (1 storage carton, 1 flat box)

Source: Gift, Forrester Estate, Dec. 2010

Abstract: Anne Forrester, activist, political scientist, Africanist, diplomat, and international civil servant, began her career as a pan-African scholar and activist then later turned to diplomacy. She served as the American ambassador to Mali from 1979 to 1981 during the Carter administration. At that time she was the third black woman ever to be appointed to the position. Forrester joined the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in 1985 and remained with the UN until she retired in 2001. The Anne Forrester Collection contains a range of personal and professional materials from 1959 to 2006, underlining Forrester's life long pursuits as an Africanist. In the collection there are documents on the various international organizations that Forrester was associated with throughout her career, such as the African Communications Institute (ACI), the Global Rights Organization, the African Development Foundation (ADF), the Association of Black American Ambassadors, TransAfrica and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The collection also contains Forrester's academic papers, a screenplay and published articles on Africa and African affairs.

Access: Advance notice required.

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Creator History

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Arrangement: Organized into three series: I. Family Memorabilia; II. Writings; and III. Professional Organizations

Key Terms

Subjects

African American diplomats
African American government executives
African American journalists
African American newspapers -- New York (State) -- New York
African American women
African Americans -- Politics and government
Ambassadors -- United States
Diplomatic and consular service, American -- Liberia
Diplomatic and consular service, American -- Mali
Women diplomats -- United States
Women in the civil service

Geographic Names

United States -- Foreign relations -- Africa

Names

Forrester, Elizabeth J. 1916-1991
African Communications Institute
African Development Foundation (U.S.)
Association of Black American Ambassadors
Global Rights (Organization)
TransAfrica (Organization)
United Nations
United Nations Development Programme