# Students for Prison Education and Reform Records, 2013-2015

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Biography/History

Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR) is a student organization that works to empower students to advocate for prison reform on issues such as mass incarceration, educational opportunities for prisoners, solitary confinement, the death penalty and related issues. SPEAR has five committees that work to advance its mission: events, education, research, advocacy, and communications.

Description

The Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR) records consist of documents used by the leadership team of the organization to advance its mission including meeting minutes, planning documents, documents that outline the goals and aspirations of the organization, and materials relating to the organizational structure of the group. The files were created and utilized by SPEAR members in the Google Drive platform; when the files were downloaded by the processing archivist, however, they were converted to Microsoft Word and Excel formats.

Arrangement

The folders are arranged chronologically.

Access and Use

Access
This collection is restricted until 2025 October 2.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information
Photocopies may be made for research purposes. Researchers are responsible for determining any copyright questions.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
This collection contains files that were created in the Google Drive platform. The files converted to Microsoft Word and Excel files when downloaded by the processing archivist. Researchers are responsible for meeting the technical requirements needed to access these materials, including any and all hardware and software.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition
The records were donated by the SPEAR organization in December 2015 (accession number AR.2015.110).

**Appraisal**

Appraisal was conducted according to Mudd Manuscript Library policies and procedures.

**Processing and Other Information**

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**Processing Information**

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**Encoding**

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**Descriptive Rules Used**

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

**Subject Headings**

- Prison reform.
- Corrections.
- Student activities.
- Born digital.
- Minutes (administrative records).
- Princeton University
- Born digital.
Contents List

Fall 2013, 2013 August 12-2015 December 6
Description: Includes materials related to outreach, leadership roles and structure, meeting minutes and related documents.

Spring 2014, 2014 February 3-2014 May 12
Description: Includes materials relating to full group meetings and leadership team meetings of SPEAR, as well as files related to projects and events.

Expansion, 2014 April-2014 July 29
Description: Includes planning documents related to the development of the organization.

Fall 2014, 2014 February 4-2015 December 6
Description: Includes materials related to advocacy for solitary confinement issues, the Project Solidarity initiative (in which Princeton students correspond with prisoners), "Abolish the Box" efforts (relating to criminal history questions on the common application for undergraduate admission), as well as meeting notes, agendas and related materials.

Spring 2015, 2015 January 30-2015 December 6
Description: Includes files on advocacy for removing the criminal history questions from the common application for undergraduate admission, documents relating to the 2015 annual conference, documents related to the events committee, meeting agendas and notes, photographs of the Central Park Five discussion, and related documents.

Fall 2015, 2015 September 19-2015 December 6
Description: Includes materials related to the Communications Committee, the 2015 annual conference, leadership meetings and related files.