Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) Collection, 2014-2016: Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Repository: Princeton University Library. Special Collections.
Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library.
Princeton University Archives.
65 Olden Street Princeton, New Jersey 08540 USA
Size: 1 website
Digital Files: 52
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Abstract: The Princeton University Archives launched the Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) initiative in December of 2015 to collect and preserve individual and organizational records created by Princeton students who engage in activism on a broad range of issues and perspectives, both on campus and off. The records in this collection document a range of political and social issues, including sexual assault, gender equality, immigration, refugee crises (Syria), racism and anti-racism.
Location: This collection is stored onsite at the Mudd Manuscript Library.
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Biography/History

See series descriptions for brief histories of each organization.

Description

The Princeton University Archives launched the Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) initiative in December of 2015 to collect and preserve individual and organizational records created by Princeton students who engage in activism on a broad range of issues and perspectives, both on campus and off. This collection contains records submitted by five of the nearly twenty student organizations that participated in the initiative. The records in this collection document a range of political and social issues, including sexual assault, gender equality, immigration, refugee crises (Syria), racism and anti-racism. See individual series descriptions for more information about each group of records.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by the name of the organization that transferred records to the University Archives.

Access and Use

Access

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Provenance and Acquisition

This collection was assembled by the University Archives from five separate accessions received during the spring of 2016 as part of the Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) initiative: AR.2016.023 (SpeakOut), AR.2016.024 (United Left), AR.2016.028 (Open Campus Coalition), AR.2016.030 (Students for Gender Equality), and AR.2016.034 (Muslim Advocates for Social Justice and Individual Dignity).

Appraisal

No materials were separated from these accessions.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Other records acquired via the Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) initiative are described in separate finding aids: AC429, AC430, AC431, AC433, AC435, AC436, AC438, AC440, AC441, AC443, AC444, AC445.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

Archiving Student Activism at Princeton (ASAP) Collection, File Name, Princeton University Archives, Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Encoding

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit 2016-07-05T13:50-0400

Descriptive Rules Used

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

Subject Headings

- College students -- United States -- Political activity.
- Universities and colleges -- Political activity -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Web sites.
- Born digital.
- Princeton University
Muslim Advocates for Social Justice and Individual Dignity, 2015 - 2016

accessionnumber: AR.2016.034


Size: Digital Files: 7

Arrangement: No arrangement has been imposed on this folder.

Description: This folder contains posters, opinion editorials, and letters from MASJID in the organization's first year of existence. Immigration, Guantanamo Bay, refugees of the Syrian Civil War, and the Islamophobic and racist rhetoric of Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign are among the issues reflected in the records.

Biography/History: Muslim Advocates for Social Justice and Individual Dignity (MASJID) formed during the 2015-2016 academic school year. The organization's stated mission is to promote and encourage activism on the local and global level.

#OccupyNassau Survey Responses and Blog Post, 2015

accessionnumber: AR.2016.115

Creator: Wilson, Daniel G.

Size: Digital Files: 32

Arrangement: No arrangement has been imposed on this folder.

Description: This folder consists of survey responses distributed by Daniel G. Wilson, Class of 2018, to the undergraduate student body to gauge their reactions to the November 18, 2015, sit-in organized by the Black Justice League; also consists of a blog post in which Wilson interprets the data.

Biography/History: Daniel G. Wilson, a financial engineering major, is a member of the Class of 2018.

Open Campus Coalition, 2015 November 22

accessionnumber: AR.2016.028

Creator: Princeton University. Open Campus Coalition.

Size: Digital Files: 1

Arrangement: No arrangement has been imposed on this folder.

Description: The letter was written by the Legislative Committee of the Princeton Open Campus Coalition (POCC) in response to events connected with the Black Justice League's occupation of the Nassau Hall in the week of...
November 18, 2015. The letter was sent to President Christopher L. Eisgruber on the night of November 22.

Biography/History: The Open Campus Coalition formed in November of 2015 as a response to protests organized by the Black Justice League. The Coalition's stated mission is to protect diversity of thought and the right of all students to advance their academic and personal convictions in a manner free from intimidation.

SpeakOut, 2016 April 07

accessionnumber: AR.2016.023


Size: Digital Files: 4

Biography/History: SpeakOut, founded in 2006 by Sarah Erickson and Maital Friedman, is a student organization at Princeton University with the stated mission to empower discussion and take action on questions of consent. SpeakOut addresses issues of sexual violence and misconduct on campus by hosting open meetings and leading multimedia campaigns that educate the campus community about sexual assault and sex positivity at Princeton.

Description: This folder contains one video of the organization's spring 2016 campaign, Consent Culture, as well as images of the group's logo and t-shirt design.

Arrangement: No arrangement has been imposed on this folder.

Students for Gender Equality, 2016


Size: Digital Files: 2

Size: 1 website

Arrangement: No arrangement has been imposed.

Biography/History: Princeton Students for Gender Equality is a student organization founded in the spring of 2016 with the stated aims to provide an inclusive, intersectional forum for the discussion of issues related to gender, sex, and sexuality both in the modern world and at Princeton University; to spearhead and sponsor projects related to issues of gender, sex, and sexuality; and to provide a network of students interested in gender issues on campus and a group listserv and Facebook group where related articles, campus events, and ideas can be posted. The organization emerged following the #lamlfeministbecause photo campaign project--organized in February and March of 2016--that brought together dozens of students, staff, and faculty to share their definitions of feminism. The project's aim was to highlight the diversity of approaches to feminism on campus, challenge feminism's negative connotations, and spark conversations about gender, sexuality, and

Description: This file contains the group's original constitution and petition to the dean's office for official university recognition, as well as the initial photo campaign that sparked the group's formulation.

Constitution and Petition, 2016 May 06
  accessionnumber: AR.2016.030
  Size: Digital Files: 2
Princeton Feminists Photo Campaign Website, 2016
  Size: 1 website

United Left, 2014 September 09 - 2015 April 08
  accessionnumber: AR.2016.024
Creator: Princeton University. United Left.
  Size: Digital Files: 4
Arrangement: No arrangement has been imposed on this folder.

Description: The records include the operations plan, pamphlets, poster, and "nonstitution" (i.e. constitution) of the Princeton United Left (PUL).

Biography/History: The Princeton United Left (PUL) was political group active on campus during the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years. PUL aimed to be an umbrella organization for all self-identified progressive and social justice political groups on campus. In its brief existence, PUL hosted monthly General Assembly meetings whose purpose was to give these groups a chance to coordinate their political actions and seek out support from like-minded students.