

IMPACT Chicago Records, 1988-2012

Preliminary Finding Aid

Creator: IMPACT Chicago

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Language: English

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Administration Information

Access Restrictions: None

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Provenance: Materials were donated to the WLA in 2020 by Martha Thompson (WLA2020.25).

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See Also: National Women's Martial Arts Federation (NWMAF) records at the Women and Leadership Archives.

Administrative History

IMPACT Chicago teaches self-defense to women, girls, and people with disabilities, so they can prevent, minimize, and stop violence. IMPACT Chicago, founded in 1987, is a not-for-profit organization (403(b)), governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and an Administrative Team.

The mission of IMPACT Chicago is to end violence and build a non-violent world in which all people can live safely and with dignity. IMPACT strives to make its programming accessible to people of all economic, racial/ethnic, and social groups.

In 1986, Joe Connelly heard about the new self-defense training method of “Model Mugging.” With Lonna Brooks as an instructor and Connie Conroy to coordinate outreach, Connelly founded the nonprofit Self-Empowerment Group of Chicago to teach these techniques. The first course was taught in August 1987 to 13 women.

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Martha Thompson took her first Self-Empowerment Group class in 1988 and found that the program brought together many of her passions. She contributed to the growth of the organization for 32 years as a Director, Volunteer Coordinator, board member, and self-defense instructor.

In 1991, organizations in cities across the United States teaching self-defense influenced by the Model Mugging technique united to form Impact International, Inc. The affiliation is made up of independent chapters that provide empowerment focused self-defense training through teaching realistic scenarios, teaching verbal skills and the use of the voice, teaching full-force physical techniques, creating a supportive environment, and sensitivity to trauma.

Scope and Content

The IMPACT Chicago records consist of 3.5 linear feet of material and span the years 1988 to 2012. The collection has not been processed and is in the original order in which it was received from the donor. Materials include board meeting records, instructor information, newsletters, correspondence, reports, promotional flyers and postcards, evaluations, training packets, news clippings, grant applications and reports, and course handouts.

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Box	Folder	Title	Date
		<i>IMPACT Chicago Records, 1988-2012</i>	
1	1	Instructor Stuff	1991-1995
1	2	Network	
1	3	SEG Board 1992	1992
1	4	SEG Board 1994	1994
1	5	Board 1995 (1 of 2)	1995
1	6	Board 1995 (2 of 2)	1995
1	7	Board 1993	1993
1	8	Interim Board 1990	1990
1	9	SEG Board 1991	1991
1	10	SEG 1988-90	1988-1990
1	11	Program Committee	
1	12	SEG Board Minutes 1991-	
1	13	[SEG Board Communications]	1991
1	14	Recruitment	
1	15	SEG 1994 Miscellaneous	1994
1	16	[Miscellaneous]	
1	17	[Martha Thompson Papers]	
1	18	SEG Newsletters	
1	19	[Model Mugging]	
1	20	Long Range Planning	
1	21	[IMPACT Newsletters]	
1	22	[Instructor Profiles]	
1	23	Out of State	
1	24	[Walk for Womens Safety]	
1	25	Scheduling	
1	26	University/ College/ Community Letters	
1	27	Scholarships	
1	28	Eval Summaries	
1	29	Board Mtg.	
1	30	WII- Videogame	
1	31	McGowan Grant Misc.	
1	32	Crossroads	1989
1	33	McGowan Grant	2002
1	34	McGowan Final Report	2003
1	35	Media flyers, postcards, brochures, newsletters	
1	36	For Instructors	
1	37	Mini-session	

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1	38	1990-1991 SEG Board (1 of 2)	1990-1991
1	39	1990-1991 SEG Board (2 of 2)	1990-1991
1	40	Speakers Bureau	
1	41	Diversity	
1	42	SEG Temporary Board	
1	43	Core Group	
1	44	SEG History	
1	45	Staff Meetings 1991	1991
1	46	Staff Meetings 1988-90	1988-1990
2	1	Instructor Meeting 1991	1991
2	2	Inst Mtgs 1992	1992
2	3	Inst Mtgs 1992+1993	1992-1993
2	4	Class Assistants Program (1 of 2)	
2	5	Class Assistants Program (2 of 2)	
2	6	Model Mugging Articles	
2	7	Class Assistants Training	
2	8	Class Assistants In-Service	
2	9	[Deposition of Martha E. Thompson]	1997
2	10	Impact Study	
2	11	[Impact Instructors]	1998
2	12	Newsletters, flyers, brochure	
2	13	Press Kits/ Releases	
2	14	Impact History	
2	15	Research	
2	16	SD- Theory and Stats	
2	17	Training Sessions	
2	18	DAAR	2011-2012
2	19	Grant	2002
2	20	Special Program	
2	21	Confidentiality	
2	22	What have we learned? Evaluations- Instructor Team	1988-1990
2	23	Francis Parker Core Skills	
2	24	Instructor Training	
2	25	Workshops (1 of 2)	
2	26	Workshops (2 of 2)	
2	27	Research Margit's Dissertation	[1997]
2	28	Israel '06 Training	2006
2	29	Israel '05 Instructor Training	2005
2	30	05 Israel 5 Class	2005
2	31	Review	1989-1994
2	32	Grants in Process (1 of 2)	

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2	33	Grants in Process (2 of 2)	
2	34	MM 1988 Manual	1988
2	35	Instructor Training	
2	36	IMPACT trainer manual Israel	2005
3	1	Instructor Training Israel	2005
3	2	Class Assistant Training	2000
3	3	Deysach + Western Article	2000
3	4	NWMAF Media	
3	5	McGowan Grant	2001
3	1	[Impact Training Documents]	
3	2	ESD	
3	3	[Miscellaneous Training Documents]	
3	4	Articles Photo Copies	
3	5	Impact	
3	6	Harp, Deborah Core Group Notes	
3	7	IMPACT	
3	8	Board Committees	
3	9	Intro Workshops: Video Roll In[?]- Cable IMPACT	
3	10	Intro Workshops: [Chicago Area Women's Studies/ Gender Studies Association]	[2007]
3	11	Intro Workshops: Presentation/ Working Colleges	
3	12	Intro Workshops: All Gender	
3	13	Intro Workshops: General	
3	14	University of Chicago	
3	15	Northwestern	
3	16	Northeastern [?]	
3	17	Boundaries Workshop	
3	18	School of the Art Institute	
3	19	Women of Color	
3	20	Women with Disabilities	
3	21	Presentation- High School Workshop[?]	
3	22	Presentation- Professionals	
3	23	Graduation	
3	24	Logistics Sheet	
3	25	20th Registration	
3	26	Date+Acquaintance Rape Workshop	
3	27	SD for Kids	
3	28	Stalking	
3	29	Date Rape	
3	30	Sexism: Female Instructor	
3	31	Sexism: Speakers Bureau/ What is IMPACT	

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3	32	Sexism: LGBT- Mature Adult	
3	33	Newsletters	
3	34	Administration: [loose]	
3	35	Administration: S.E.G. 1996 Retreat	1996
3	36	Administration: 501(c)3 Status	
3	37	Administration: IMPACT Order	
3	38	Endorsements: Meetings	
3	39	Endorsements: High School Endorsements	
3	40	Endorsements: Corporate Endorsements	
3	41	Endorsements: Individual Endorsements	
3	42	Equipment	
3	43	Fundraising: Group	
3	44	Fundraising: Fundraising/ Promotion	
3	45	Fundraising: Mailers	
3	46	Fundraising: Fundraising Events	
3	47	Graduates	
3	48	Instructors: Criteria	
3	49	Instructors: Instructor Evaluation Forms	
3	50	Marketing: Flyers	1997-1998
3	51	Marketing: Marketing Ideas	
3	52	Marketing: [Loose }	
3	53	Workshops: Scheduling	
3	54	Workshops: Workshop Coordinators	
3	55	Volunteer Recruitment	
3	56	Fliers- Past	
3	57	Mugathon	
3	58	Question/ Answer Session	
3	59	Speakers	
3	60	Uptown Hull House	
3	61	Family Matters	
3	62	Apna Ghar	
3	63	Grants: Version	
3	64	Grants: NASW	
3	65	Grants: CFW	
3	67	Grants: Chicago Foundation for Women	
3	68	Grants: Grant 2004	
3	69	Grants: McDonalds	2003
3	70	Grants: MS Foundation	
3	71	Grants: IMPACT Partnerships	
3	72	IMPACT Chicago Research: IMPACT Research	
4	1	IMPACT Chicago Research: [Loose]	

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4	2	IMPACT Chicago Research: Teen Research	
4	3	Course Materials: Principles of SD	
4	4	Course Materials: Workshop Facilitators	
4	5	Course Materials: Workshop Facilitator	
4	6	[Miscellaneous]	
4	7	Dee's Core Program Plans + Handouts[?]	
4	8	[Miscellaneous]	
4	9	Teen	