The Cora Weiss Collection

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The Cora Weiss Collection consists of materials relating to Vietnam and the US-Vietnamese war and related conflicts. These materials were collected by Cora Weiss over her long involvement in the war resistance and peace activism movements as well as several trips to Vietnam.

In addition to books, pamphlets, periodicals, ephemera and manuscript materials, this collection includes traditional Vietnamese cultural objects and Vietnamese paintings, prints and pastels.

**Provenance:** Donated to the Lloyd Sealy Library by Cora Weiss in 2007

**Size:** 3 cartons, and one oversized box (approximately 5 linear feet)

Available by appointment to researchers in the Special Collections Room
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**Related Materials at other Repositories:**
Cora Weiss donated her papers to Swarthmore College’s Peace Collection.
http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/DG201-225/dg222cweiss.htm

Cornell University Libraries has several manuscript collections on the US-Vietnam war resistance and peace movements.
http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/browselists/vnwar.html
Box Listing

Box 1 Cultural materials
- 3 folios of Vietnamese Postage Stamps:
- 2 cloth hats,
- 2 embroidered textiles,
- 1 painted mat,
- 1 mat headrest,
- 1 pair of mat slippers,
- 1 soapstone sculpture,
- 1 wood fragment from furniture or sculpture (a dragon?)
- 8 record albums recorded in Vietnam -
- 1 tee-shirt “People to People Aid to Vietnam: Friend Shipment”

Box 2 Archival and Ephemeral Materials:
News clippings, pamphlets, flyers, conference materials, letters and other ephemeral materials related to the peace movement, Vietnam and war resistance.

Box 3 Periodicals:
Samples of selected issues from the 1970s, including:
- Bulletin d'information (Paris: Mat tran dân toc giai phóng mien nam)
- Giai-phông
- South Viet Nam in struggle
- Newsletter - Union of Vietnamese in the U.S
- Indochina chronicle (Indochina Resource Center)
- News From Vietnam (Association of Vietnamese Patriots in Canada)
- Vietnam

Box 4: Oversized materials
Artwork:
- 22 Paintings, Drawings, Prints (one is framed)
- Framed painting of a woman, signed XO 99
- Painted scroll
- 2 prints

Posters:
- Oversized photograph of laughing Vietnamese children
- War is not healthy for children and other living things poster (in Vietnamese)
- “WE’RE SUING NIXON”

Newspapers
- Nhân dân. (Hanoi)

Maps
- 3 printed maps of Vietnam
**Books:**
Books appropriate for our collections were integrated into our general circulating stacks and special collections, many can be found by searching our catalog for “Cora Weiss Collection” or appropriate subject headings on the history of Vietnam and the Vietnamese war as well as anti-war efforts in the 1970s-1980s.

**A selection of rare books in the Cora Weiss collection:**
these books are available by appointment in the Special Collections Room
(arranged chronologically)

Nguyễn, Thị Bình  *Mt trn dân tc gii Phó Chín ph Cách mng làm ti Hi ngh Paris v Vit Nam: hi c / Nguyvn Th Binh v tp th t c. Hà N: Chính tr quc gia, 2001.*
Special Collections Room DS559.7 .N48 2001

*War and memory in the aftermath of Vietnam: September 15 -December 19, 1987 / organized by the Washington Project for the Arts in cooperation with the American Film Institute ... [et al.]. Washington, D.C.: The Project, [1987].*
Special Collections Room NX650 .W3 W36 1987

Honda, Katsuichi, 1933- *Journey to Cambodia: investigation into massacre by Pol Pot Regime / Honda Katuiti ; translation, Miulla Kiyoshi ... [et al.] ; English text, Andrew Hughes. Tokyo, Japan : Committee of "Journey to Cambodia", c1981.*
Special Collections Room DS554.8 .H66 1981

Special Collections Room JX1963 .T454

*CWS sailed a ship of wheat to Vietnam. [New York: Church World Service, 1978?].*
Special Collections Room HV640.5 .V5 C87 1978

Special Collections Room PL4378.9 .T6 A24 1978

Special Collections Room-DS554.842 .F336 1978

Special Collections Room DS558 .W65 1977


Does the United States respect its commitments to end the war in Viet Nam? Dept. of Press and Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of South Viet Nam, 1974.


The Biggest war criminals of our times / Committee to Denounce the War Crimes of the U.S. Imperialists and Their Henchmen in South Viet Nam. [South Vietnam?: s.n.], 1966.