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**Language:** Material is in English  
**Acquisition:** Donated by the Institute for Global Education (donor no. 10131) in November and December 2008  
**Accruals:** Periodic additions to the collection are expected.  
**Access:** The collection is open without restriction.  
**Photographs:** Photographs in Box 3 and scattered throughout as indicated.  
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### **Abstract**

Grand Rapids nonprofit organization working to achieve peace and social justice through education and outreach; records include administrative files, clippings, correspondence, event materials, publications, photographs and scrapbooks.

### **History**

The nonprofit Institute for Global Education (IGE) was originally incorporated in 1971 as the Michigan Institute for Nonviolence. In 1977, it became the Michigan Institute for Global Education (MIGE) and its center of operations shifted from Ann Arbor to Grand Rapids. During this time, many of its members were concurrently involved with the American Friends Service Committee. When the Western Michigan office of the American Friends closed in 1980, MIGE assumed its peace and social justice work and shortly thereafter dropped “Michigan” from its name.

Throughout its history (and over the course of its iterations) IGE has striven to “think globally and act locally” by working with churches, schools, and a wide range of activist groups to fight racism, sexism, economic exploitation, and nuclear proliferation. Internal working groups have focused extensively on violence and oppression in Central America, South Africa, and the Middle East among other places. Since 1980, IGE has spread its message of peace through the publication of the “Equity” newsletter and the sponsorship of seminars, workshops, peace festivals, and a wide range of community events. A host of committees and affiliated groups have allowed IGE to expand its educational and outreach activities to the Grand Rapids community and beyond.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Institute for Global Education records illustrate how community organizations coalesce, expand, and evolve to become agents of positive change. It will be of interest to persons researching social movements in Michigan and abroad from the 1970s through 2008. The record group consists of six series: Administrative and Related Records, Events, Publications, Affiliated Groups and Committees, Photographs, and Scrapbooks.

The **Administrative and Related Records** series documents IGE's background and general administration and includes bylaws, clippings, correspondence, financial records, grant proposals, and information related to meetings and volunteers.

The **Events** series documents seminars, workshops, conferences, speakers, marches, performances, and festivals sponsored by IGE to promote its message of peace and social justice.

The **Publications** series documents material published by IGE, including a near complete run of its newsletter, "Equity," from 1980 to 2008. Other materials include special bulletins and "Justicemakers," a profile of peace activists in the Grand Rapids area.

The **Affiliated Groups and Committees** series documents previous iterations of IGE, working groups, special committees, and external organizations that have partnered with IGE. Particularly well-documented groups include the American Friends Service Committee, Circle of Peace, Creative Responses to Conflict, the Global Resources Committee, and the Michigan Institute for Nonviolence. The series includes administrative records, correspondence, events materials, publications, and other materials from the various groups.

The **Photographs** series documents IGE events and activities and includes two photo albums (in folders) that cover the years 1980 to 1997. The series also contains a photograph of the late Walter Bergman, a Grand Rapids peace activist who participated in the civil rights movement and was beaten as a Freedom Rider in 1961.

The **Scrapbooks** series consists of seven volumes (one of which covers the Western Michigan American Friends Service Committee) and contain clippings, correspondence, photographs, and memorabilia from IGE events. The 1990-1992 volume covers anti-war activities relating to the first Persian Gulf War and the 1990-2005 volume contains news articles and letters to the editor regarding IGE members and activities.

**Box No. Description**

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**Administrative and Related Records**

**Box 1**

Background and History 1981-1997  
 Bylaws 1977-1996  
 Clippings 1977-2004  
 Correspondence 1978-2002  
 Financial Records 2002-2005  
 Grant Proposals 1981-2005  
 Meetings: Agendas, Minutes, and Reports 1978-2005  
 Volunteer Time Sheets 1997-2004

**Events**

Benefit Concert for Humanity 1983-1985  
 Benefit Concert for Humanity 1986-1989  
 Bourgeois, Roy (lecture) 1981  
 "Christopher Columbus Follies" 1992  
 Eastown International Work Camp 1985  
 "Economics as if People Mattered" (retreat seminar) 1981  
 Esquivel, Adolfo Perez (lecture) 1986  
 Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament 1986  
 Michigan Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament 1987  
 "Mothers and Others" 1988  
 Multi-Cultural Global Perspective Conference 1986 (includes photographs)  
 Peace Fest undated (includes photographs)  
 Peace Fest 1997-2001  
 Peace Fest 2002  
 Peace Fest 2003  
 Peace Fest 2005-2005  
 "A Peasant from El Salvador" 1985  
 "Soviets, Meet Middle America" 1988  
 Student International Issues Seminar 1978-1985  
 Travel Seminar to Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador 1986  
 Witness for Peace Delegation 1990  
 Youth Leadership Conference 2000 (includes photographs)  
 Youth Leadership Conference 2001 (includes photographs)  
 Other IGE Events 1975-2004 (2 folders)

**Publications**

"Equity" (newsletter) 1980-1983  
 "Equity" (newsletter) 1984-1988

**Box 2**

"Equity" (newsletter) 1989-1993  
 "Equity" (newsletter) 1994-1999  
 "Equity" (newsletter) 2000-2008  
 "Justicemakers" 2004  
 Special Bulletins 1984-2002

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**Affiliated Groups and Committees**

American Friends Service Committee 1972-1992

**Box 2 (cont.)**

Administrative Records 1972-1992

Correspondence 1975-1981

Events 1974-1980

Financial Records 1975-1981

Central America Working Group 1981-1989

Circle of Peace 1993-2002

Administrative Records 1997-2001

Educational Materials and Songs ca. 1993-1998 (includes cassette tape)

Events 1997-2002

Coalition for Local Reinvestment 1983-1984

Creative Responses to Conflict 1989-1999

Administrative Records 1989-1998

Events 1989-1999

Presentation Materials 1989-1998

Disarmament Working Group 1984-1988

Global Resources Committee 1986-2008

Administrative Records 1993-2008

Educational Materials 1989-1997

“Educating for Peace” 1997

Peacemaker Slideshow 1988

Teacher Resources 1989-1991

Events 1986-2008

Arab World Workshop 1994

Peace Education Week 1986-1994

Peace Education Week 1995-2008

Publications 1988-2005

Global Resources Newsletter 1991-1996

Global Resources Newsletter 1997-2005

Peace Calendars 1988-1994

Peace Calendars 1995-2003

Michigan Institute for Nonviolence 1971-1977

**Box 3**

Administrative Records 1972-1977

Correspondence 1971-1977

Events 1972-1977

Financial Records 1973-1974

Meeting Minutes 1972-1977

Publications 1973-1976

Middle East Education Project 1990

Peace Presence 1989

South Africa Working Group 1986

Toys Committee 1988-1989 (2 folders)

YES (Youth Organization) 1989-1990

Other Groups undated, 2004

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**Photographs**

**Box 3 (cont.)**

Bergman, Walter undated (civil rights activist and Freedom Rider)  
Photo album 1980-1990  
Photo album 1991-1997  
Wagbo Peace Center in East Jordan, MI 1995  
Miscellaneous undated, 1992-1993

**Scrapbooks**

**Box 4**

1974-1978 (material from the Western Michigan American Friends  
Service Committee)  
1980-1984 (1 volume in 4 folders)  
1985-1989

**Box 5**

1990-1992 (includes materials documenting opposition to the Persian  
Gulf War)  
1990-1996  
1996-2000  
1990-2005