

The Commission for Promoting Pluralism records

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Various records, correspondence, event guides, promotions and reports related to the Commission for Promoting Pluralism at RIT from 1985-2011. The materials are arranged by subject and chronologically within each folder. There are 11 folders.

The Commission for Promoting Pluralism records contains nomination forms, lecture guides and registration forms related to the annual events hosted by the commission. Some of these events include the annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, the recipients of the Isaac L. Jordan Award and a list of winners of the RIT Diversity Trailblazers Award. There are folders dedicated to the Annual Conference on Racism, the Annual Campus Week of Dialogue and the Annual Expression of Diversity Conference. Also included are numerous correspondence, promotions, status reports and student surveys.

- **Folder 1- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Status Reports and Staff and Student Survey(s), 1991-2003**
 - Mainly yearly status reports released by the commission to keep the community updated on changes and new programs. The status report from 1992 talks about the decision to change the name of the commission. Also includes two undated surveys conducted at RIT to gain a better sense of campus perspective and priorities related to issues of pluralism. There is also a study report conducted at RIT in 2003 about the perceptions of faculty, staff and students related to diversity, it was felt that this study should be included with the pluralism documents.
- **Folder 2- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Commission Nomination Forms and Correspondence, 1991-2005**
 - Nomination forms to be part of the commission for 1991, 2003 and 2004. Also includes correspondence about nominating new members and the benefits and opportunities of nominating and/or becoming a member of the commission.
- **Folder 3- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Birthday Celebration, 1985-2010**
 - Contains event guides, promotions and correspondence related to the annual Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration. The commission did not begin to sponsor this event until 1999. Provides information on keynote speakers and discussion topics.
- **Folder 4- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Annual Conference on Racism, 1995-2001**

- Correspondence about the formation of this annual conference, registration forms, promotional materials related to the conference. Conference topics include : “Race Relations: Where Are We Today?” and keynote speakers like, Prof. Christopher Edley, Jr., who was President Clinton’s Senior Advisor for Race Initiatives.
- **Folder 5- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Annual Campus Week of Dialogue, 1999-2010**
 - Correspondence and promotional materials advertising this annual conference which focused on building relationships and acknowledging the needs of the RIT campus community. Its main purpose was to increase the comfort level when talking about difficult issues related to race and ethnicity. Also contains guides for the workshops and lectures during the week and promotions highlighting the benefits of attending the week of dialogue.
- **Folder 6- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Annual Expressions of Diversity Conference ,conference guides, lecture guides, promotions and correspondence, 2002-2009**
 - Was a week-long series of workshops, entertainment and dialogue covering topics such as social and education issues, culture and music. This folder contains all correspondence, lecture guides and promotions related to this annual event ranging from 2002-2009.
- **Folder 7- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Isaac L. Jordan Award correspondence, nomination forms, promotions and event programs, 2003-2011**
 - Contains all information related to the Isaac L. Jordan Award from 2003-2011. Jordan was the first chair of the commission and the award is given to faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to enhance diversity at RIT. These documents include nomination forms, correspondence talking about how to nominate fellow faculty and promotions related to the award. There are also programs from award ceremonies.
- **Folder 8- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- RIT’s Diversity Trailblazers correspondence and event programs, 2004-2005**
 - This was an event that was put together to commemorate RIT’s 175th anniversary in 2004. Faculty and staff who in the past and present have made the university inclusive were honored for their efforts. A dozen people were chosen. This folder contains 3 copies of the event program, which includes images and biographies of the RIT Diversity Trailblazer winners and correspondence related to the event.
- **Folder 9- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- Event, Lecture and Workshop Promotions, 1991-2008**
 - Contains all promotions put out by the commission from 1991- 2008 that advertised events, lectures and workshops not related to the annual conferences.

- **Folder 10- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- General Promotions related to the commission, 1996- 2000(?)**
 - Contains mainly brochures describing the commission and what types of services and events that it offers. Also includes a promotional book mark and information on how to let the commission know how they are doing.
- **Folder 11- Commission for Promoting Pluralism- General Correspondence and Clipping(s), 1992-2008**
 - Mainly general correspondence between staff regarding lectures, workshops and issues. Also includes a clipping of Isaac L. Jordan's obituary. These range from 1992-2008.