Introduction

Each year, approximately four hundred researchers visit the Rockefeller Archive Center (RAC) in Sleepy Hollow, New York, working in fields as diverse as agriculture, the social sciences, population, history, the arts, public policy, and more. To document scholarship based in whole or in part on work conducted in the collections, RAC staff members maintain a growing online bibliography. Managing editor Lee Hiltzik ensures the scholarly publications listed cite material publically available for research at the RAC. As of December 2015, the number of such publications is approaching 5000.

Since 2012, the Archive Center has preserved and made available for research the records of the Ford Foundation. Accordingly, RAC staff members have noted a marked increase in researcher interest in the Foundation’s material. Nearly one-third of RAC researchers consult at least one document from the Ford Foundation collections. The field of scholarship on Ford is rapidly evolving from the early, narrowly-focused biographies and institutional studies, to more analytical inquiry based on the documentary record. The Archive Center continues to receive Ford Foundation records, and so this trend is expected to grow. The scholars working in the collections are also increasingly more diverse and international, as many of the foreign-language titles below indicate.

The RAC’s competitive Grants-in-Aid program provides funding for some fifty researchers each year to work in the Archive Center collections. Grant recipients write research reports, which are among the RAC’s online publications and are included in this bibliography.

This bibliography shows the scholarly output on the Ford Foundation published between 2012 and 2015. Of course, there is a lag time between research and publication, and so this list does not represent the multitude of relevant research projects currently in progress. It does offer, however, a snapshot of recent trends in scholarship on Ford. Those interested in the most recent updates to this bibliography should consult the online version at zotero.org/groups/RAC, and click on the “Ford Foundation” tag.
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