

John A. Aragón Collection, 1953-1985

National Hispanic Cultural Center
Library and Archives

Collection Summary

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| Title | John A. Aragón Collection |
| Dates | |
| (Inclusive) | 1953-1985 |
| Creator | Aragón, John A. |
| Abstract | The John A. Aragón Collection includes file folders containing correspondence, newspaper articles, proposals, manuscripts, ephemera, photos, slides, video, audiocassettes, trophies, plaques, publications, and pamphlets, pertaining to research in the fields of education and sociology. |
| Collection | |
| Number | 2002-06 |
| Size | 14.0 cubic feet |
| Repository | National Hispanic Cultural Center Library and Archives |
| Language(s) | English |

Biography or History

John Anthony Aragón, Ph.D. (May 3, 1930-Feb. 8, 1997), was an important figure in education and multiculturalism in New Mexico, not only as a teacher in the public schools but also as a professor of educational administration at the University of New Mexico and later as the president of New Mexico Highlands University. While at Highlands University (1975-1985) he was one of four Spanish surnamed presidents of state universities in the US. Aragón also served on many boards and committees and has authored numerous articles relating to cultural awareness. In addition he lectured extensively on the cultural pluralism in education. In his professional capacity he traveled throughout Latin America initiating programs that dealt with issues of education.

He made significant contributions to the participation of Hispanics in higher education in New Mexico. There is a statue of him in front of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce building in the community of Barelás. He was also honored with numerous awards such as the Medal of Merit from the Ministry of Education, the George I. Sanchez award for outstanding and innovative practices in education and human resources, and was named an honorary City Council Member of Quito, Ecuador.

Scope and Content

The John A. Aragón Collection includes file folders containing correspondence, newspaper articles, proposals, manuscripts, ephemera, photos, slides, video, audiocassettes, trophies, plaques, publications, and pamphlets. The original folders and folder headings were maintained and listed per box in the container list. The folders have been rearranged to accommodate a more accurate and accessible alphabetical search system.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Copy Restrictions

Limited duplication of print materials allowed for research purposes. User is responsible for all copyright compliance.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The collection has not been fully processed. Inventory created by Samuel Sisneros in 2004.

Contents List

Description

Container

A-C, 1969-1982

Box 1

AASCY and Task Force on Excellence, Edward L. Abreu, ACT scores, various, Ad Hoc Committee, Advisory Committee, AED (Costa Rica) Academy for Educational Development, State Task Force on Aging, America, Aragón application for employment with SWA, JAA: curriculum vitae, Aragón, Dean Angel, Frank, Jr. Prof., Educ. Admin. Dir., Ecuador Project, Special Projects (Assistant Dean) Administrative and Policy Comm. ISRAD info. research proposals, Anticipatory Momnt 22, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, applications, proposal, APS Linker 1969 and 1970 by Robert A. Mondragon, Argentine, Austin, Dr. Charles Avery Rt. 4, Box 888 Flagstaff, AZ 86001, Rimas por Bécquer, Bécquer record, copyright (negatives and transparencies), Bilingual Education in N.M. UNM staff, evaluations of bilingual programs, The Institutionalization of Bilingual Ed. in Higher Education by John A. Aragón, Henry W. Pascual specialist, Modern Foreign Languages and Dir. Bilingual Education (file), Black and Native American Cultures, Black Study Proposal, UNM To Break the Chains, Socialization of School Principal Teaching and the Principalship Dr. Ron E. Blood, Board of Regents, NM Highlands University, Jerry H. Brader (Dept. of Health, Educ. and Welfare), Budget Advisory Council, Bus. Ed. 201, An Introduction to Data Processing for Business Education, calendar, JAA, campesino poems, cancionero, Aragón, personal candidacy for presidency, University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico, Center for the Study of Social Problems, development unit master plan.

C-D, 1971-1984

Box 2

Board of Directors of the Albuquerque Child Guidance Center, Come Home Maria, Compensatory Educational Center Policy Elements and Fundamental Issue, Continuing Committee, Aragón, consultancies, travel, speaking engagements April 1974-Dec. 1974, consultant work, Aragón, consultancies, travel and speaking engagements January 1975-December 1975, Aragón, John A. consultancies and travel (pending file), correspondence from faculty to JAA, Aragón and contracts with UNM Employment, etc., Aragón, personal correspondence, Report on Rural Education (Costa Rica) and photos, Council of Chairs, Council of Presidents, Curricula Committee, curriculum vita-JAA, Cultural Tape Project (photos) Awareness Center, La Luz, JAA, by T. Martinez, Cultural Conflict and the Traditional Curricula, JAA, Toward Cultural Diversity in Education, The Challenge to Biculturalism: Culturally

Deficient Educators Teaching Culturally Deficient Children, Selection Comm., for Assoc. Dean Cultural Diversity Unit Chairman, An Impediment to Cultural Pluralism, Dr. John Aragón, Culture and Society in Latin America, by Fernando G. Martinez, dean's search committee, De Los Santos on U of A, decisions, students on probation, Denver, Colorado June 8, 1978, demo memo, Distinguished Public Service 1984, Dominican Rep. letters received, Beyond Curriculum by Elizabeth Monroe Drews.

E-J, 1970-1983

Box 3

Aragón, Ecuador assignment, Ecuador project (letters), Ecuador project (reports), Education, I Am A Teacher, Dr. John Aragón, education, education, general, 1971 school chart, Dr. John Aragón, misc. education, misc. papers on education, 1979, ed. adm. Ph.D. program advisees 1969, Education and Identity Conflict Among Cree Indian Youth: a Preliminary, Purpose of Hispanics in Education, Education and The Urban Scene by Dr. Burton Henry, Thomas Jefferson Educator, John A. Aragón, El Camino Real, El Grito Edition Vol. 11-No. 1, El Rito Alumni Association, Employment Sec. Comm. Utah and address by JAA, enrollment chronology, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Equal Pay Committee-UNM 1974, Excellence in Education materials, Experienced Teacher Fellowship Program, Higher Education Seminar in the Americas, Institute for Personal Effectiveness in Children, Faculty Committee membership, general faculty, faculty poll-April 82, film track, photos, "Flag of Illusion" by Cecil Robinson, Task Force, Marty Gerry, Dr. Dolores Gonzales file, Gov's Commission on H.E., Officer's Grant, Guerra, Manuel H., Ph.D. applicant, Handicapped Children-Facilities for, Pedro F. and Dr. Hernandez-confidential and education, HEW Conf. El Paso, July 30, 1970 "Ident. of Discrimination and Denial of Serv. Based Nat'l; Org., Thoughts on Higher Ed. JAA, Hispanic Culture Foundation. ISEF 1983 and JAA, I Am a Teacher, Inauguration, Int'l Center, Research on Bilingualism by Wm. F. Machey-Quebec, Canada, International Newsletter, Dr. Wilson Ivins.

K-M, 1969-1985

Box 4

Kissing Cousins (1000 words common to English and Spanish) Sabine R. Ulibarri, D.H. Lawrence Ranch (memos, etc.) Aragón, Los Alamos asgmt. letters, Land Grant Problems in New Mexico, Leadership Development Program, Learning Materials Center Margaret Chisholm, Legislative School Study Committee, Learn, Amigo, Learn-JAA, Dean Richard Lawrence 1969-1971, N.M. State Legislature-info. Twenty-ninth Session Representative Mondragon, Lilly Endowment 1976-1981, Lilly final report, Lilly file, Look and news release, Lilly and planning grant proposal, Lilly-progress report June 1-October 31, 1974, Lilly-proposal Aug. 1977, Lilly-"Plurality of Heritage and the American Southwest" Allen Kite, Lilly-planning meeting July 9-10, 1974 (Music Festival), Lilly Bi-Centennial Pageant (Script and Budget), Lilly correspondence, Lilly, Sinfonia de California, Lilly "Coronado's Children" (narrative), "A Stranger Am I, And Alone" Rubel Joseph Lucero, Joe Lucero and Mental Health Problems Public Welfare-St. Paul. Minn., (2) 45 records, photo of Antonio Martinez, The Metropolitan Area, Mexican-American movies-instructional, misc. material, misc. notes and facsimiles and (Board of Regent material), John Aragón misc. papers, miscellaneous, comical riddles, 1984-1985, misc. education.

M-N, 1969-1980

Box 5

Monthly activities report 1971-1972, education, forms, mailing list request, staff report and planning and programming (Model Cities Agency), monographs, monthly activities report 1972-1974, monthly activities report 1970-1973, Dr. Marshall R. Nason 1969, National Commission

For Manpower Policy and Washington, D.C. May 7, National Commission on Hispanic Concerns, National Conference on the Education of Hispanics, National Hispanic Arts Endowment, Martin C. Needler 1969, N.M. Legislative Programs to Combat Hunger Nat'l Council of Negro Women, NM Music Festival, N.M.S.A., Aragón-N.M. School Board Association, newsletters, newspaper clippings and certificates 1975-1979, notes and fax transmittal, correspondence, handwritten notes, academic dean NMSU search-final report, N.M. Highland University, N.M. Highland University Magazine, Highlands Registration reports and memorandum and enrollment reports and various notes, Aragón-Highlands University and presidency, letters of congratulations NMHU presidency 1975, NMHU-evaluation of president, president evaluation 1980-UNHU, NMHU president controversy, votes of confidence.

N-P, 1977-1982

Box 6

NMHU president's office UNM letter of reference-Sandra Duran, other newsletters, newspaper clippings, notes A-B, Dr. Aragón-incoming mail, Aragón, insurance, Dr. Aragón personal letters 1977, JAA personal misc., personal-Consortium for Int'l. Dulpmt.-TUC, certificate, photo, proposal-Title XX Social Services, photos and drawings of John Aragón, Policy Manual-Ed. Adm., student art displays, Dr. Aragón poesías, photos, acetates, Philosophy and World Understanding June 29, JAA property personal, proceeding of the Invitational Symposium 1982, Pablo Neruda, "Pearls" and such, presidential evaluation, photos, Perceiving-Behaving-Becoming JAA, poems-handouts, Test Psychological Corp. Jim Cooper, Aragón-Personal and Performing Arts Advisory Board-City of Albuquerque, Aragón-photos-special events, Aragón-publicity-newspaper clippings, proposals ESC Group Fand Roger L. Harrell, Consortium, profesores de La Raza, Dr. Aragón personal letters 1975, personal letters 1979-80, Aragón-personal-letters of recommendation (various), personal papers, personal.

P-S, 1953-1982

Box 7

Dr. Aragón: personal letters 1976, JAA- personal letters, Dr. Aragón: personal letters 1978-1979, various poems and coplas and dichos and articles, Qué es poesía, questionnaire, Quito 1982, reading tidbits, JAA-recommendations, JAA-reminiscences, reports, Research Center, Retardation-Jane R. Mercer, revised scale for rating, Rimas and Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer (Spanish and English), report card-Rio Arriba County schools-1953-1956, Como Dios Manda-Augustin Rivera, papers-The Tomas Rivera Center, Coahuila Saltillo, SECNAV guest cruise-JAA photos, San Diego conference, evaluation summary San Mateo County Board of Education (Redwood City, Calif.), sephardic jews, seminar correspondence participants, seminarios Talleres de Capacitacion, Satellite Instruction-Sanchez, Search and Screening Committee, Semination Taller de Capacitación, Dr. Aragón: Shot Stories, National View of Social-Class Structure, Aragón and Solar, JAA and Southern Pacific, notebook from South America, S.W. Council and La Raza 1st annual report, SWCEL Southwestern Cooperative Education Laboratory, Spanish American Myth, Aragón: Spanish Speaking TV of New Mexico, JAA-speech material, JAA-speeches.

S-Z, 1973-1985

Box 8

Taos retreat-JAA materials 1980, Today's Youth and Moral Values by Joseph H. Douglass, Ph.D., Bureau of Educational Planning and Development-Dr. Richard F. Tonigan, Dr. Aragón-travel, Turlock, CA talk by Prof. S.R. Ulibarri, Aragón-Univ.of Nevada-Reno-assignment, UNM COE and R.L. Holemon, Chairman Command, college organization progress report and announcements, Aragón-UNM COE Dean's position and application, COE and Dept. Educational Admin., UNM COE faculty, UNM COE Policy Committee, UNM University

Community Forum, University Council for Educational Administration, UNM faculty 1973-1974, UNM faculty list-1973-1974, UNM faculty 1974-1975, UNM Graduate School Dean Springer, graduate committee, Mexican-American Center, UNM personal, UNM-1984 pres. nomination, application for position of president of UNM, UMAS-Mexican-American Student Conference and Education, Upward Bound-College Enrichment Program, UNM and Comm. Action Serv. Info., Aragón-UNM vice presidency application, USDA and Sacramento, the visually handicapped, vitae, letters of interest-application for Univ. pres. 1980-1982, vita, vita, U of A Pres, Title III, vita, 690 vouchers (NMHU), White House invitation, WICHE, World and Economic Situation, Zimmerman Library info.

Box 9

Faculty handbook, report on Spanish surnames, a proposal titled Heritage Sharing, resume of José Antonio Molinar, original questionnaire data for graduate work titled "Role Concepts of a State Teachers, Organization."

Box 10

A Stranger Am I and Alone by Rubel Joseph Lucero, "Educators' Attitudes Toward Bilingual-Bicultural Education"(David Atencio's dissertation), correspondence, notes-transparencies, "An Evaluation and Recommendations on The Mayan School" prepared by John Aragón, proposal for concerts of classical Hispanic music, "Report on a Visit to the National University of Somalia" by Aragón and Assoc., books and publications: Black Culture in America by Charles E. Becknell, La Constitución de Cadiz y su influencia en América, 29th Annual New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Awards 1998, agricultural situation Eastern Europe Review of 1979, descriptive listing of instructional materials 1968-1969, Semillas de Paper: writings and drawings from Longfellow Elementary School, Los Dinosaurios: book 2 and 3 of Bilingual Reading Series, "teacher, please don't close the door" a report from the CEC invisible college conference on mainstreaming by June Jordan, "The Don't Panic Book" , "Expanding Horizons Continuing Education", "Urban and Minority Centered Programs in Western Colleges and Universities 1969-1970", "Miguel de la Madrid", Dr. John Aragón: 1st Marine Brigade, report of the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education Reform by Toney Anaya 1986, corporate brochure of Development Associates, Inc., a proposal for "An Early Childhood Education Program for the El Alto Region La Paz", Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education annual report 1969, UCEA Newsletter April 1970, Azteca film catalogue, "Meeting the Challenge" a report to the Secretary of Education prepared by the staff of the National Commission on Excellence in Education 1983, "Report by the Secretary on the Regional Forums on Excellence in Education" 1983, Supplement to Meeting the Challenge: Recent Efforts to Improve Education Across the Nation 1983, "La Luz" magazine May 1974, "Reporting on Rotary Annual Report:1980-1981", "Cultural Diversity and the Exceptional Child" by Bransford, Baca and Lane.

Box 11

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents-NM Highlands University 1975-1976, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents-NM Highlands University 1979-1980, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents-NM Highlands University 1983-1985, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Regents-NM Highlands University and John Aragón: The National Education Association Award, A Guide to the Ruben Cobos Collections of New Mexican Indo-Hispanic Folklore-Vol. I and Vol.II.

Box 12

Various cassettes, slides: y qué es poesía., JAA collection accessioned (slides), Cultural Conflict and the Traditional Curricula by John A. Aragón, Lilly Project NMHU Las Vegas, NM (video tape), "Coronado's Children" Lilly Development Project Cultural Awareness Center UNM, ABQ., NM, narrative tape #1, Bécquer (2 tapes), Alex Chavez-San Luis Valley Community Choir (2 tapes), JAA: "Qué es poesía.." 1975 (2 tapes).

Box 13

JAA: NM Association for Bilingual Education-The Joseph M. Montoya Award, honorary doctorate from Western New Mexico University, Presidents Club, State Business Awards Program, Pan American Development Foundation award, Board of Regents meeting New Mexico Highlands University Jan.-Dec. 1981, Ambassadors Club award, Board of Regents meeting NMHU 1978-1979.

Box 14

Awards: Civil Service to the Las Vegas Area 1983, Black Culture Week NMHU 1976, Municipalidad de la Plata, 1973 NEA-CHR George Sanchez Memorial Award, four reels of films: Culture Awareness and Enrichment, a doll, three trophies; 4 reel-to-reel tapes on cultural diversity, and plaques.

Box 15

Miscellaneous photos of school in Latin America, 6 large exhibit photos of Ecuador; leather photo album with hand crafted emblem of Quito, Ecuador, miscellaneous diplomas, newspaper clippings, photos of Latin America and family photos.

Box 16

Three record albums "Qué es poesía" and 2 CDs of same.