

# **Guide to the Idris Rossell Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Rossell, Idris M.
<b>Creator</b>	Rossell, James E.
<b>Title</b>	Idris Rossell Collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1970-1977
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1943-2013
<b>Extent</b>	2.71 Linear feet , 6 1/2 boxes
<b>Physical Location</b>	This collection is stored offsite and advance notice is required for access. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or <a href="mailto:archives@barnard.edu">archives@barnard.edu</a> .
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection consists of Barnard alumna Idris Rossell's papers, correspondance, and research material from the government positions she held, which directly advocated for women's equality in the work force.

### Preferred Citation

Idris Rossell Collection, 1949-2013; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

## Biography

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Idris Rossell was born in 1922 and graduated from Barnard College in 1944, serving as class president. Following in her father's footsteps (James Rossell), who served as the Director of the US Civil Service, Rossell held several government positions which directly advocated for women's equality in the work force. During the 1960s, Rossell worked for the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and the Office of the Deputy under Secretary for Administration office of Fair Employment Practices. In the 1970s, she worked for the State Department in the Foreign Affairs Executive Seminar, served on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Foreign Agencies, and served as a representative to the Women's Action Organization (WAO). Rossell also worked with the National Organization for Women (NOW), and participated in the United Nations' International Women's Year (IWY) in 1975. In addition to her governmental roles and advocacy work, Rossell was an active alumna, contributing to the Alumnae Magazine, serving as president of the Barnard in Washington Club, 1974-75, and performing an integral role reunion planning.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Materials in this collection relate to several facets of Rossell's life including her advocacy role for women's labor equality and her leadership role as a Barnard College alumna. Also included in the collection are her father's papers, speeches, and photographs. Memoranda, reports, pamphlets, research material, government publications, relate to the fight for women's equality in the work place. Materials were produced by both government agencies and non-government organizations including the US Information Agency (USIA), Foreign Affairs Executive Seminar, Women's Action Organization (WAO), National Organization for Women (NOW), and the organization established as a part of the UN's International Women's Year (IWY) in 1975. Reports survey the efficacy of labor equality legislation such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Amendment (EEO), passed in 1964, and the Affirmative Action Plan which sought to enforce it.

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## Collection Arrangement

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The collection is arranged in six series, as follows:

Series 1, Labor Equality Materials, 1970-1977

Series 2, International Women's Year Materials, 1974-1976

Series 3, Government Publications, 1949-1976

Series 4, Administrative Papers and Correspondence, 1957-1993

Series 5, Barnard Alumnae Materials, 1965-1994

Series 6, James Rossell Papers and Photographs, 1943-1952

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Idris Rossell, 2014.

### **Processing History**

This collection was processed and the finding aid written by Hilary Price in November 2014.

Descriptive Rules Used: Finding aid adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard. Encoding: Machine readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002.

Finding aid written in English.

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- National Organization for Women.
- United States Information Agency.

### Personal Name(s)

- Rossell, Idris M.
- Rossell, James E.

### Subject(s)

- Feminism
- International Women's Year, 1975
- Labor movement
- Women's rights
- Women's studies
- Women--Employment

## Labor Equality Materials

## Collection Inventory

<b>Labor Equality Materials 1970-1977 1.67 Linear feet , 4 boxes</b>	<b>Box</b> 1-4
<b>International Women's Year Materials 1974-1976 0.42 Linear feet , 1 box</b>	<b>Box</b> 4-5
<b>Government Publications 1949-1976 0.22 Linear feet , 1 box</b>	<b>Box</b> 5-6
<b>Administrative Papers and Correspondence 1957-1993 0.2 Linear feet , 1 box</b>	<b>Box</b> 6
<b>Barnard Alumnae Materials 1965-1994 0.1 Linear feet , 1 box</b>	<b>Box</b> 7
<b>James Rossell Papers and Photographs 1943-1952 0.1 Linear feet , 1 box</b>	<b>Box</b> 7