

# Ford, Charles H.

Charles H. Ford Papers  
circa 1950-2016

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### Abstract

Dr. Charles Ford is a history professor at Norfolk State University. His collection includes material on Ford's research on African American history and gay cultural and activist groups, primarily the Tidewater AIDS Community Task Force. These materials include correspondence, brochures, convention booklets, financial records, minutes, reports, promotional materials, a corporation agreement, invitations, cards, DVDs featuring lectures given by Dr. Ford, documents created by organizations, and articles from newspapers and magazines.

### Creator

Ford, Charles H. (1964-)

### Extent

0.80 Linear Feet

**Extent**

2 Hollinger document cases boxes

**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

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**Source of Acquisition**

Dr. Charles Ford

**Method of Acquisition**

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## Biographical or Historical Information

Charles H. Ford was born in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, on January 5, 1964. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 1985, he earned his Masters and Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University. In 1992 he was hired at Norfolk State University (NSU) in Norfolk, Virginia as an assistant professor of history and in 2003 became the Chair of NSU's History Department.

During the 1990s, Ford's research focused on eighteenth century Britain and the Atlantic World and his first monograph, *Hannah More: A Critical Biography*, was published in 1996. Later, Ford's research interests expanded to include the history of slavery, school desegregation and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered issues. Ford's involvement in the community echoed his research interests and Ford was an active participant at community events, particularly those related to the 50th anniversary of the end of Massive Resistance.

His interests in the gay community's issues were combined with Ford's community service, including his work with the Tidewater AIDS Community Taskforce (TACT). Since 1994, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of TACT in multiple capacities. As of 2010, he was still involved in this organization and, having received tenure in 2007, was named an interim associate dean at NSU.

Note written by Mel Frizzell

## Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of material both created and collected by Dr. Charles Ford. It provides documentation of Dr. Ford's roles as a researcher and promoter of the history of the African American community within Hampton Roads. At the same time, it documents his involvement with gay cultural and activist groups, primarily the Tidewater AIDS Community Task Force (TACT). The bulk of the collection is related to TACT. These materials include correspondence, brochures, convention booklets, financial records, minutes, reports, promotional materials, a corporation agreement, invitations, cards, DVDs featuring lectures given by Dr. Ford, documents created by organizations, and articles from newspapers and magazines.

## Related Materials

Material related to LGBTQIA+ students at Old Dominion University can be found in the Old Dominion University Gay and Lesbian Student Union (GLSU) Records (RG 37-5A).

## Keywords

African Americans--History  
Gay rights--United States--History--20th century  
School integration--Massive resistance movement  
Tidewater Aids Crisis Taskforce  
AIDS Fund, Inc.

## Accruals and Additions

Additional accessions made in 2009 and 2010. Future accruals made on an ongoing basis

## Arrangement Note

The collection is organized into three series: Series I: Professional and Civic Involvement; Series II: Research and Publications; and Series III: Tidewater AIDS Community Task Force and Gay Activism.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Professional and Civic Involvement

**Unit ID** Series I

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38263

**Unit Date** 2005-2012

#### Scope and Contents

This series pertains to Dr. Ford's community involvement regarding the African American community and their history and documenting other professional and public affiliations of Dr. Ford. Some of the topics discussed include Sister City, the Urban League, Voices from Within the Veil and the 400th celebration of Virginia, Waterways to Freedom exhibit, and material collected from various events featuring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This series contains brochures, conference booklets, correspondence, and event programs.

#### Box 1

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38264

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

#### Folder 1: African American Community Involvement

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38267

**Unit Date** 2005-2010

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, African American Community Involvement, 2005-2010, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### Folder 2: American Associations of University Professors

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38277

**Unit Date** 2010

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, American Associations of University Professors, 2010, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Commemoration****Unit ID** Folder 3**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38278**Unit Date** 2009**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Commemoration, 2009, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: Local Organizational and Professional Involvement****Unit ID** Folder 4**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38281**Unit Date** 2002-2012**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Local Organizational and Professional Involvement, 2002-2012, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Series II: Research and Publications****Unit ID** Series II**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38265**Unit Date** circa 1950-2012**Scope and Contents**

This series focuses on Dr. Ford's research of public school desegregation in Norfolk and the Hampton Roads area. The series features correspondence, brochures, lecture notes, information about his books, and promotional material related to publications and lectures recorded on DVD about desegregation and Massive Resistance in the Hampton Roads area.

**Box 1****Unit ID** Box 1**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38266**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Folder 5: Articles on School Desegregation****Unit ID** Folder 5**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38270**Unit Date** circa 1950-1969**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, Articles on School Desegregation, circa 1950-1969, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 6: Blackboard Jungle/Confederate Flag Ban, National Edition Newspaper Article****Unit ID** Folder 6**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38271**Unit Date** 1958 July 19**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Blackboard Jungle/Confederate Flag Ban, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 July 19, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: Carolina Hypocrisy, National Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38282

**Unit Date** 1958 September 6

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, Carolina Hypocrisy, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 September 6, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 8: City May Enroll 17 Despite Rule, Home Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38289

**Unit Date** 1958 September 6

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, City May Enroll 17 Despite Rule, Home Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 September 6, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 9: Civil Rights/NAACP/Integration, Home Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 9

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38302

**Unit Date** 1958 July 12

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 9, Civil Rights/NAACP/Integration, Home Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 July 12, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 10: Fifty Years of God's Faithfulness: A History of Suburban Christian Church**

**Unit ID** Folder 10

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38309

**Unit Date** 2006 October

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 10, Fifty Years of God's Faithfulness: A History of Suburban Christian Church, 2006 October, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 11: First Official Visit, National Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 11

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38310

**Unit Date** 1958 July 26

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 11, First Official Visit, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 July 26, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 12: Fraternity Penalizes Negro-Pledging Unit, National Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 12

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38313

**Unit Date** 1958 September 13

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 12, Fraternity Penalizes Negro-Pledging Unit, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 September 13, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 13: Full Integration, National Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 13

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38316

**Unit Date** 1958 August 30

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 13, Full Integration, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 August 30, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 14: Little Rock, National Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 14

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38317

**Unit Date** 1958 July 5

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 14, Little Rock, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 July 5, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 15: Hampton Roads: Remembering Our Schools**

**Unit ID** Folder 15

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38318

**Unit Date** 2009-2010

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 15, Hampton Roads: Remembering Our Schools, 2009-2010, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 16: Massive Resistance and Desegregation in Norfolk**

**Unit ID** Folder 16

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38319

**Unit Date** 2004-2012

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 16, Massive Resistance and Desegregation in Norfolk, 2004-2012, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 17: Norfolkian Named to State Advisory..., Home Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 17

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38320

**Unit Date** 1958 July 5

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 17, Norfolkian Named to State Advisory..., Home Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 July 5, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 18: N.C. Pupil Wins Round, Home Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 18

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38321

**Unit Date** 1958 July 19

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 18, N.C. Pupil Wins Round, Home Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 July 19, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 19: Race Bias in School Testing, National Edition Newspaper Article**

**Unit ID** Folder 19

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38322

**Unit Date** 1958 August 23

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 19, Race Bias in School Testing, National Edition Newspaper Article, 1958 August 23, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 20: Articles about Distance Learning****Unit ID** Folder 20**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38323**Unit Date** 1961**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 20, Articles about Distance Learning, 1961, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 2****Unit ID** Box 2**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38273**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Folder 1: Professional Publications****Unit ID** Folder 1**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38274**Unit Date** 2007-2008**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 1, Professional Publications, 2007-2008, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Series III: Tidewater AIDS Community Task Force and Gay Activism****Unit ID** Series III**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38268**Unit Date** 1983-2016**Scope and Contents**

This series documents political and cultural groups in the gay community in Hampton Roads. Items collected related to TACT, the AIDS Fund, Inc., Network VA, Gay Men's Book Club, and the Old Dominion University Gay Cultural Studies Program. It includes minutes, correspondence, reports, financial records, promotional material, the AIDS Fund, Inc.'s corporation agreement, articles, and bulletins.

**Box 2****Unit ID** Box 2**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38269**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Folder 2: The AIDS Fund****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38272**Unit Date** 1983-2012**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 2, The AIDS Fund, 1983-2012, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Gay Cultural Studies**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38275

**Unit Date** 1998-2012

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 3, Gay Cultural Studies, 1998-2012, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: Network VA and Social Activities**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38283

**Unit Date** 2004-2011

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 4, Network VA and Social Activities, 2004-2011, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: TACT Education Reports**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38284

**Unit Date** 2008 July-2009 October

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 5, TACT Education Reports, 2008 July-2009 October, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 6: TACT Financial Records**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38294

**Unit Date** 2007 March-2009 December

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 6, TACT Financial Records, 2007 March-2009 December, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: TACT Meeting Minutes**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38295

**Unit Date** 2007 July-2011 July

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 7, TACT Meeting Minutes, 2007 July-2011 July, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 8: Reports to Executive Director**

**Unit ID** Folder 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38299

**Unit Date** 2008 August-2009 October

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 8, Reports to Executive Director, 2008 August-2009 October, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 9: TACT Various Materials**

**Unit ID** Folder 9

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38300

**Unit Date** 2000-2010

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 9, TACT Various Materials, 2000-2010, Charles H. Ford Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 10: Equality Virginia Materials**

**Unit ID** Folder 10

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38301

**Unit Date** 2010-2013

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

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**Folder 11: LGBT Hampton Roads**

**Unit ID** Folder 11

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/38303

**Unit Date** 2016

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

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