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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of materials which document the creation and activities of the Hands On Science Center (HOSC) located in the National Museum of American History. HOSC was created as a part of the exhibition, *Science and American Life* which opened on April 27, 1994. The HOSC is a 1,500 square-foot interactive education center meant to serve as a venue for children age 5 and up to explore scientific and social issues through performing experiments. These records primarily document the early history of the HOSC including its mission statement, original activities, and proposal as well as photographs from preview testing of activities and of staff. Materials include correspondence; memoranda; a mission statement; floor plans, fund proposals; brochures; color negatives, photographs, slides, and transparencies; and black-and-white negatives, photographs, slides, and transparencies.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Experiments
Museums -- Educational aspects
Science -- Study and teaching

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Black-and-white transparencies
Brochures
Color negatives
Color photographs
Color transparencies
Floor plans
Manuscripts

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Hands On Science Center
Science in American Life (Exhibition) (1994: Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 1 American Chemical Society, 1988
- Box 1 of 1 Hands On Science Center (HOSC) - Mission statement, original activities, and proposals, 1992
- Box 1 of 1 HOSC - Floor plans, 1994
- Box 1 of 1 Intellectual Property files, 2002
- Box 1 of 1 HOSC - Notes, 2004
- Box 1 of 1 HOSC brochure
- Box 1 of 1 Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month at the Hands On Science Center
- Box 1 of 1 Latino Initiatives Pool - Fund proposal, 2003-2004
- Box 1 of 1 Microscope activity
- Box 1 of 1 "What is in the garbage bin?," activity, 1994
- Box 1 of 1 Discovering Science and Technology Through American History - Unit 8: Synthetic Fibers, 1991
- Box 1 of 1 Polymers, the Stuff of Life - Science in American Life Curriculum Project; 1993
- Box 1 of 1 Monster Molecules: The Making and Shaping of Polymers - Science in American Life Curriculum Project, 1993
- Box 1 of 1 Inventions cart - Jefferson's Polygraph (Tony Saba), 2001-2002
- Box 1 of 1 Water Wonderworks: Hydro-Investigator Casebook, 1996
- Box 1 of 1 Raveling, Rutting, Pushing, and Shoving: Guide to Decoding Your Road
- Box 1 of 1 "Whatever Happened to Polio?" - Make your own "bottled lung" at home
- Box 1 of 1 "The 'Blob Test' and Beyond" hands-on activity to do at home
- Box 1 of 1 "The Case of the American Settlers' Sinking Dirt" activity
- Box 1 of 1 Kids & Chemistry: Hands-on Activities and Demonstrations (American Chemical Society)
- Box 1 of 1 National Chemistry Week, 1997

Box 1 of 1	Science related "holidays"
Box 1 of 1	Early HOSC photographs, 1991-1992
Box 1 of 1	HOSC staff photographs, 1995-1998
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Box 1 of 1	Europe trip photographs - Palais de la Decouverte
Box 1 of 1	Water treatment plant photographs, 2001
Box 1 of 1	Innovative Lives photographs, 1998
Box 1 of 1	FDA consumer photograph and transparency
Box 1 of 1	Mounted photographs - "Draw Science," 1991
Box 1 of 1	Mounted photographs - "It's Elementary," 1991
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Box 1 of 1	Mounted photographs - "It's Your Universe," 1991
Box 1 of 1	Mounted photograph - Hands on Science Exhibition preview area, 1991
Box 1 of 1	HOSC slides, 1984-1986, 1989-1992, 1998
Box 1 of 1	Garbage Dilemma slides, 1993
Box 1 of 1	Miscellaneous slides, 1990 and undated
Box 1 of 1	Early HOSC negatives, 1991-1992
Box 1 of 1	Water Wonderworks photographs, contact sheets, and negatives, 1996
Box 1 of 1	Information Age negatives
Box 1 of 1	Science Museum of Minnesota negatives
Box 1 of 1	Miscellaneous negatives
Box 1 of 1	Color transparencies - Pages of research notebook (Yves Poirier, MSU)