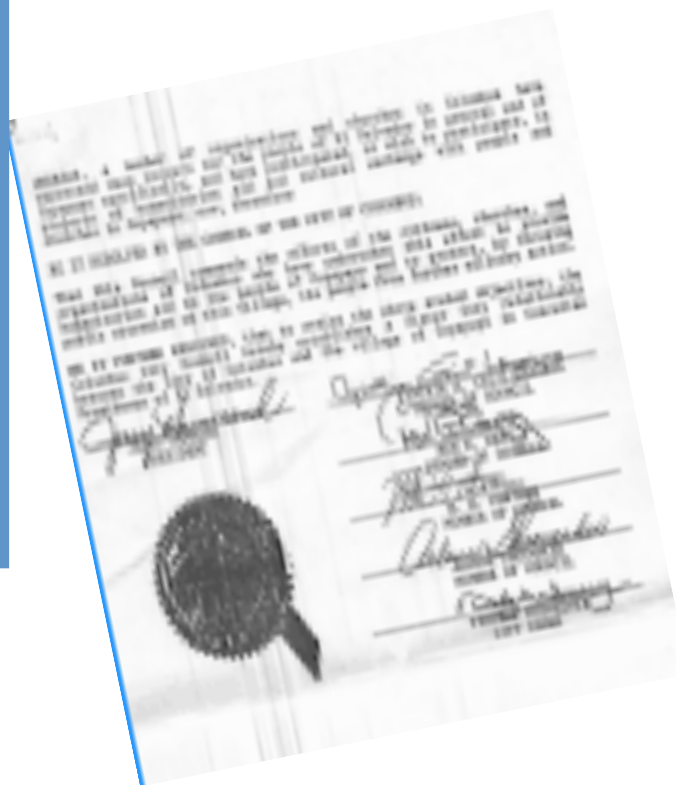


Columbus-Copapayo Sister City Project at OSU Folklore Archives

Solidarity and sanctuary movements emerged in the U.S in the 1980s while El Salvador was in the midst of a twelve-year civil war largely supported by U.S. aid. These movements were principally church-based and worked at creating awareness and providing aid and refuge to those impacted by the civil war. Many in Columbus were active in these efforts.

As part of these movements, and with the support of several other grassroots groups including Pastors for Peace, CRIPDES (Christian Committee for the Displaced of El Salvador), CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador), SHARE (Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid, Research and Education Foundation), and many others, Columbus became a “Sister City” to Copapayo, El Salvador. Copapayo is located in central El Salvador and was deeply impacted by the civil war. The Sister City agreement was ratified in 1987 by Columbus city council and led to many continued efforts including sending numerous delegations to Copapayo. Through these efforts members of the Columbus community transported humanitarian aid, medical supplies, and other necessities and funds to their sister city.



The Project at the OSU Archives

What?

- ✓ Key documents of the Columbus-Copapayo Sister City Project and surrounding movements and organizations have been archived at The Ohio State University Center for Folklore Studies Archives. Mark Stansbery, Ruth Jost and Martha MacFerran provided key documents. Documents collected include newspaper clippings, delegation information, letters, a video about the project, a book and other miscellaneous documents. Moreover, archived are a number of interviews conducted from February-April 2014 with key leaders and community members involved with the project.

Where?

- ✓ All collected information about the Columbus-Copapayo Sister City Project is archived at the Ohio State University Center for Folklore Studies. The Archives are **open to the public** and located at The Ohio Stadium, Suite 218, in Columbus, OH 43210. For more information on visiting the archives call 614-292-9936.

The Project Continues...

- ✓ The Columbus-Copapayo Sister City archive project is currently ongoing. The project team envisions finishing the product in the upcoming years. For questions about the nature of the project, or interest in collaborating please contact project leader Professor Katherine Borland at Borland.19@osu.edu

