

# Michael L. Charney papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Medical Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 86

**CREATOR:** Charney, Michael (Michael L.)

**TITLE:** Michael L. Charney papers

**DATES:** 1968–1972, 1988–1989

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (3 boxes plus several oversize posters)

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** Michael L. Charney (1946 - ) is a psychiatrist and life-long public health and social rights activist. The collection documents Charney's student activism while attending the Yale School of Medicine from 1968-1972 including his work as editor of the *Yale Medical Center Newsletter*, a student activism newsletter for the Yale School of Medicine; his work for a student strike and the creation of *The Organizer's Manual*; and his involvement with health activism and social justice movements including the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Nader's Raiders, the Vietnam War protests, women's liberation movement, and the Black Panthers. The collection also includes materials documenting Charney witnessing and reporting arson of a student protest structure on the Beinecke plaza in 1988. Materials include newsletters, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, documents, correspondence, ephemera, and posters.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Michael L. Charney (Yale School of Medicine class of 1972), 2022.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is unprocessed. Contact the Medical Historical Library at [historical.library@yale.edu](mailto:historical.library@yale.edu) to request access.

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Civil rights -- Connecticut  
Civil rights -- United States  
Civil rights workers  
Medical students  
Protest literature  
Protest movements -- United States  
Protest movements -- United States -- 20th  
Century  
Student protesters  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Protest movements

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