



Al Giordano Collection

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Collection overview

A native New Yorker born in 1959, Al Giordano was drawn into the antinuclear movement as a teenager, becoming an important organizer for the antinuclear and environmental movements. Giordano sharpened his organizing skills through a close association with Abbie Hoffman, with whom he often collaborated throughout the 1980s. Giordano has worked as a journalist for several decades, primarily with the alternative press, founding his own periodical *Narco News* in 2000 and the School of Authentic Journalism in 2002. He currently resides in Mexico City.

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Background on Al Giordano

The journalist Al Giordano was born in New York City on Dec. 31, 1959, and was drawn into the antinuclear and environmental movements as a teenager. Living in Rowe, Mass., he became a successful grassroots organizer beginning with his work opposing the twin power plants Yankee Rowe and Vermont Yankee, which straddled the Vermont border.

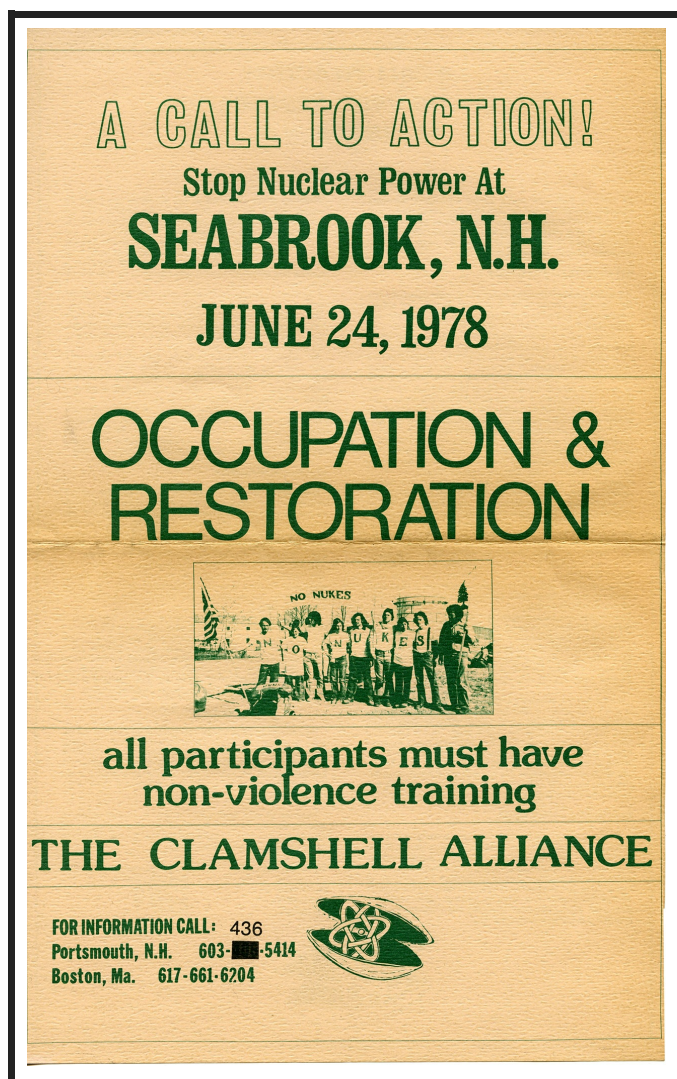
In 1981, Giordano met the radical and activist Abbie Hoffman, who became a mentor and close collaborator throughout the 1980s. Working within the political system to effect change. He was a key organizer and campaign director for the successful ballot measure in 1982 that required that proposals to construct new nuclear power plants or disposal facilities for low-level radioactive waste would be first vetted by the legislature and approved by a majority of voters, and worked throughout the country in antinuclear and environmental organizing for most of the decade.

Giordano's journalistic career began in 1989 when he became a staff reporter for the *Valley Advocate*, moving to work as a political reporter for the *Boston Phoenix* and *The Nation* in 1993. He moved to Mexico in 1997 to

support the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, leading to formation of his own online periodical, Narco News, in 2000, to focus attention on the so-called War on Drugs, and he founded the School of Authentic Journalism in 2002. Giordano currently resides in Mexico City.

Scope of collection

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Clamshell Alliance poster recruiting to Seabrook Occupation, 1978

Inventory

Abalone Alliance: Labor outreach guide for anti-nuclear activists	1980		Box 1: 1
An act relative to assessing the effects of toxic releases and radionuclide emissions into communities of the Commonwealth and adjacent states	ca.1994		Box 1: 2
Alternative Energy Coalition: Montague nuclear power project fact sheet	ca.1976		Box 1: 3
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Anti-nuclear brochures	1977-1980	7 items	Box 1: 5
Anti-Nuclear Media Fund: Stop Nuclear Waste: Vote Yes on 4 (If Chernobyl happens here, they won't evacuate me)	ca.1986	Flier	Box 1: 6
Beauvais, Dave: Background materials on invitation to discuss issues with Northeast Utilities "Turkey Buzzard"	1980		Box 1: 7
Boston Clamshell Coalition: No Nuclear News	1979-1982	5 issues	Box 1: 8
Boston Edison Company: Presentation to Special Legislative Commission on low-level radioactive waste	1983 Nov. 14		Box 1: 9
Campaign Against Nuclear Waste: Question 4. Vote. Yes.	1989	Brochures	Box 1: 10
Citizens Awareness Network: 1993 legislation: A Massachusetts environmental health campaign	1993		Box 1: 11

Citizens Awareness Network: Adverse effects of radiation: third Thursday meetings	ca.1994	Poster	Box 1: 12
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Clamshell Alliance: It's a fact: understanding the Seabrook nuke	ca.1977		Box 1: 18
Clamshell Alliance: Join us / Brayton, Mt. Hope Bridge, Cape Cod Canal, Hampton Seabrook / Non-violent blockade	1977	Flier	Box 1: 19
Clamshell Alliance: Medical implications of nuclear power, by Helen Caldecott	ca.1975	Flier	Box 1: 20
Clamshell Alliance: Safe energy for New England in the 1980s	ca.1979		Box 1: 21
Clamshell Alliance: Seabrook '78: a handbook for the occupation and restoration beginning June 24	1978		Box 1: 22
Clamshell Alliance: We can stop the Seabrook Nuclear Plant: Occupier's handbooks: join us April 30	1977		Box 1: 23
Clinch River Breeder Reactor Plant: Breeder Briefs (Nuclear women learn about the breeder)	1979 Apr.		Box 1: 24
Cohen, Armond: Moving New England towards energy efficiency and renewables	1993 Oct. 24		Box 1: 25
Correspondence	1981-1987		Box 1: 26
Critical Mass: Manpower requirements for nuclear and coal power plant (draft)	ca.1975		Box 1: 27
Critical Mass: Relationship between energy and employment	ca.1975		Box 1: 28
Decommissioning nuclear power plant [Yankee Rowe, etc.], U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	1993-1994	7 items	Box 1: 29
Defense Environment Alert, vol. 1, 1	1993		Box 1: 30
Doc Schnuke's atomic water story: a comical coloring book	undated		Box 1: 31
Doroshov, Joanne: A decade of delay, deceit and danger: Three Mile Island 1979-1989, a retrospective	1989		Box 1: 32
Drey, Kay: Nuclear power's dirty secret. Viewpoint	1990		Box 1: 33
Energy update: restarting TMI	1984		Box 1: 34
Environmental Action (Earth Day '80)	1979 Nov.		Box 1: 35
Environmental Action Foundation: The case for a nuclear moratorium	1973		Box 1: 36
Everyone's Backyard, vol. 13, 1	1996		Box 1: 37
General Electric: Atomic power from A to E	ca.1969		Box 1: 38
Giordano, Al: Solving the low-level water problem in Massachusetts: a proposed strategy for the Commonwealth	ca.1981		Box 1: 39
GPU Nuclear Corp.: Three Mile Island reports	1988	9 items	Box 1: 40
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Inside EPA Weekly Report	1993 Sept. 27		Box 2: 3
Lipschutz, Ronnie and Steven]. Nadis: Pilgrim II: we can do without it [pre-publication draft]	1979 May 15		Box 2: 4
Low-level radioactive waste	1985		Box 2: 5
Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee: Arts auction	1987		Box 2: 6
Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee: Phone script for Maine Nuclear Referendum	1986 Dec.		Box 2: 7
Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee: Stop the dumpers [bumper sticker]	ca.1987		Box 2: 8
Mass Alert Referendum Campaign: Fund appeals: Vote Mass Alert Referendum Campaign	1986	Circular letters	Box 2: 9
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Massachusetts. Special Legislative Commission on Low-Level Radioactive Waste: Summary of provisions, Massachusetts Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act	1985	2 items	Box 2: 14
Miller, Jack: A primer on nuclear power, North Country Anvil	1979		Box 2: 15
National Review (special issue on the anti-nuclear lobby)	1979 Feb. 2	Photocopy	Box 2: 16
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Pro-nuclear brochures	1970-1977	9 items	Box 2: 21
River Valley Voice, vol. 1, 3	1981		Box 2: 22
Rowe (Mass.) Board of Assessors: Minutes of meeting with representative from Yankee Atomic Energy Co.	1992		Box 2: 23
Rowe Nuclear Issue, no. 1	1981 Spring		Box 2: 24
Ryan, B. F. and R. Blumberg: Lower core support assembly defueling plans and tools, US Department of Energy Three Mile Island Operations Office	1988 Oct.		Box 2: 25
SANE/Freeze: World Focus	1989		Box 2: 26
Screw DOE (bumperstickers)	1986		Box 2: 27
Silkwood, Karen: articles	1974-1977	2 items	Box 2: 28
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Story board for antinuke film	ca.1989	1 page	Box 2: 30
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