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JOAN GIVNER

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This collection is comprised of the personal and research papers of Dr. Joan Givner who first began lecturing in English at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus in 1965. Prior to that she had lectured at Port Huron Junior College in Michigan since 1960. In 1972 Dr. Givner was appointed Assistant Professor at Regina followed by a promotion to Associate Professor in 1976. Since then, she has been appointed Professor of English. Dr. Givner completed her B.A. Hons. in 1958 at the University of London. In 1962, she received her M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. In 1972, after having returned to the University of London, she was awarded her Ph.D.

In addition to having published several articles, reviews, poems and short stories, Professor Givner has been the recipient of several Canada Council Grants. In addition, she was awarded a prestigious United States National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship in 1977-78. Perhaps her most notable publication to date is her biographical work, Katherine Anne Porter: A Life published by Simon and Schuster in 1982.

This small, but significant, collection (20 inches/50 cm) reveals the intensive research carried out by Professor Givner on the life of Katherine Anne Porter. This is particularly evident in her correspondence with various individuals and institutions between 1973 and 1981. A substantial proportion of the collection is also comprised of drafts and background material to the numerous short stories she has authored. Aside from providing vital information on the construction of these works, the files provide insight on Dr. Givner as a person. They show her to be a persistent and particular researcher, a flourishing scholar and personable individual.

BIOGRAPHICAL

CLIPPINGS

CORRESPONDENCE

- Personal
- Fellowships and Research Funding
- Professional - Intra - University
- Publishers and Booksellers
- Research - Katherine Anne Porter: A Life

WRITINGS, SPEECHES AND RESEARCH

- Writings of Joan Givner: Drafts, etc.
- Journals Containing Work by Joan Givner
- Others: Writings and Speeches

PUBLISHING AGREEMENTS

Box 1 BIOGRAPHICAL

1. Curriculum Vitae – 1978

CLIPPINGS

2. Newspaper Clippings 1979, 1983

CORRESPONDENCE

Personal

Family and Others

3. Givner Children - 1976
4. Others - 1974 - 1975, 1978

Colleagues

5. Alexander, Milnor -1975, 1982, 1985
6. Costain, Keith – 1972
7. Murad, Anatol - 1975 - 1983
8. Murad, Orlene - 1975 - 1983
9. Robinson, Anabel - 1982

Friends and Acquaintances

10. Bennett, Robert - 1973, 1975
11. Berland, Jayne - 1979, 1982, 1985
12. Bowen, Gail - 1984
13. Hall, Kay - 1979
14. Higginson, Margaret - 1984 - 1985
15. Ingram, Maria - 1976
16. Neussendorfer, Margaret - 1979 - 1981
17. Price, Stephen - 1983
18. Swift, M.R. - 1972
19. David _____ - 1975 - 1977
20. Margarita _____ - 1980
21. Assorted - 1967, 1972 - 1973
22. Assorted - 1974 - 1976
23. Assorted - 1977 - 1978
24. Assorted - 1979 - 1980
25. Assorted - 1981 - 1982
26. Assorted - 1983 - 1985

Fellowships and Research Funding

27. Bunting Fellowship Program - 1977-1978
28. Bunting Fellowship Program - 1979
29. Bunting Fellowship Program - 1980
30. Bunting Fellowship Program - 1981
31. Bunting Fellowship Program - 1982, 1984
32. Canada Council - 1973 - 1977

Professional - Intra - University

33. Chief Accountant - 1970, 1977
34. Dean of Arts - 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978
35. English, Dept. of - 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1981
36. Graduate Studies and Research, Faculty of - 1977 - 1978
37. Personnel, Dept. of - 1975, 1977, 1978, 1981
38. President's Office - 1974 - 1977
39. Principal's Office - 1970 - 1974

Publishers and Booksellers

40. Givner, Joan to Various Publishers - 1974

Box 2

41. Acute - 1973, 1976
42. English Studies in Canada - 1973 - 1974
43. Harper and Row - 1977 - 1979
44. International Fiction Review - 1976, 1980 - 1982
45. Louisiana State University Press - 1973 - 1974
46. McGraw-Hill Ryerson - 1973
47. Mexico Quarterly Review - 1971
48. Mississippi Quarterly - 1974, 1975, 1977
49. Southern Literary Journal - 1975 - 1976, 1981
50. Southern Methodist University Press - 1979 - 1980
51. Southern Quarterly - 1968, 1977 - 1978
52. Southern Review - 1976
53. Southwest Review - 1970, 1974 - 1975, 1977 - 1980, 1983
54. Studies in the Novel - 1973
55. University of North Carolina Press - 1973, 1977
56. University of Texas Press - 1973, 1978
57. University of Toronto Quarterly - 1973 - 1974
58. Western American Review - 1971, 1973 - 1974
59. American Publishers - Various - 1971 - 1979, 1981
60. Canadian Publishers - Various - 1973, 1977 - 1978, 1980 - 1981

Research - Katherine Anne Porter: A Life

Individuals

61. Givner, Joan - 1976 - 1979
62. Hudson, Michelle - 1979 - 1980
63. Macbride, Roger Lee - 1977 - 1978
64. Stang, Sandra - 1979 - 1980
65. Stokes, J.F. - 1975 - 1976
66. Various - 1973, 1976 - 1978
67. Various - 1974 - 1983, 1985

Libraries

68. University of Maryland Library - 1973, 1981
69. Various - 1977 - 1979
70. Yale University Library - 1977 - 1978

Ecclesiastical Institutions

71. Annunciation Church - 1977
72. Churches and Religious Orders - 1977 - 1980

Educational, Museum and Research Institutes

73. Educational Institutions - 1973 - 1979
74. Museums and Research Institutes - 1977 - 1979
75. Texas, University of, at Austin - 1977 - 1980

Governmental, Business and Legal Agencies

76. British Government Bodies - 1978
77. Chambers of Commerce - 1973
78. External Affairs Canada - 1973 - 1975, 1977 - 1978
79. Legal and Financial Agencies - 1978 - 1979
80. Texas Department of Health - 1977 - 1978
81. United States Governmental Bodies - 1976 - 1978

Literary and Film Agencies

82. 1978

WRITINGS, SPEECHES AND RESEARCH

Writings of Joan Givner - Drafts and Background Material

83. "Brains" - n.d.
84. "The Celebrant" - n.d.
85. "A Climate of Extremes" - n.d.

Box 3

86. "Conversation Pieces" - n.d.
87. "The First Love" - n.d.
88. "The First Love" - n.d.
89. "A Gift of Friendship" – 1979
90. "The Headline Game" - n.d.
91. "Katherine Anne Porter's Career as a Journalist" - n.d.
92. Katherine Anne Porter Material - Galley Draft - n.d.
93. "The Lost Sheep" - n.d.
94. "The Lost Sheep" - Galley Draft - n. d.
95. "The Narrator Who Lost Her Omniscience" - n.d.
96. "The Narrator Who Lost Her Omniscience" - n.d.
97. "The Narrator Who Lost Her Omniscience" - n.d.
98. "On the Champs Elysees" - n.d.
99. "Remembering Miss Charnock" - n.d.
100. "Remembering Miss Charnock" - n.d.
101. "The Rhinoceros of the Plains" - n.d.
102. "The Rhinoceros of the Plains" - n.d.
103. "The Saskatoon Papers" - n.d.
104. "A Study of the Grave in the Context. - n.d.
105. Tentacles of Reason - Anthology - 1984
106. Tentacles of Reason - Anthology - 1984
107. Tentacles of Reason - Anthology - 1984
108. "The Testament of Leyla, Wife of Lot" - n.d.
109. "To Light a Fire" - n.d.
110. "Why I don't Read Dickens" - n.d.
111. "The Woman Who Couldn't Imagine Men" - 1985

Box 4

Journals Containing Work By Joan Givner

112. Ascent - 1982, 1984
113. North American Review - 1983
114. Southwest Review - 1974, 1978, 1979
115. Vision – 1981

Others' Writings and Speeches

116. Articles by or About K.A. Porter - 1950, 1952, 1966, n.d.
117. Archival Guides - n.d.
118. Givner, David - "Concepts, Precepts and Perceptual Systems" - n.d.
119. Harvard Research in Progress on Women - Spring - 1979
120. Horner, Matina "Sex-Role Stereotyping" - Nov. 1969
121. Mathews, Eleanor B. - Poems – 1974
122. Merrick, Anne "The Nightwatchman' and 'Charlie...' as Books to read by Children - n.d.
123. "Mississippi History Newsletter" - 1980, 1983
124. Murad, Orlene "The 'Theatre Letter' of Archduchess..." Moszic (X,4) - n.d.
125. Radcliffe College - "A Guide to the Institute for Independent Study" - 1978
126. Sny, David - "Biography of a Man Who Had an Affair..." - Parts I-III - n.d.
127. Sny, David - "Biography of a Man Who Had an Affair..." - Parts IV-VII - n.d.
128. Sny, David - "Biography of a Man Who Had an Affair..." - Parts VIII-X - n.d.
129. Speech - "Leader's Report" N.D.P. Convention - 1984
130. Women's Studies - Notes for Contributions - n.d.

PUBLISHING AGREEMENTS

131. Harper and Row – 1977
132. Southern Literary Journal - 1978