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JOAN GIVNER

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Note on Arrangement: New file order and file titles generated. Collection reorganized.

This collection is comprised of the personal and professional 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. Promotions to Associate and Full Professor status were granted respectively in 1976 and 1982. After completing her B.A. Hons at the University of London, she received her M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1962. In 1972, she was awarded her Ph.D. from the University of London.

Besides having published several articles, poems, reviews and short stories, Professor Givner has been a recipient of several Canada Council Grants. In addition, she was, during 1977-1978, awarded a prestigious United States National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship. Her most notable publication to date is her biographical work Katherine Anne Porter: A Life published by Simon and Schuster in 1982.

This small collection reflects the intensive research carried out by Professor Givner on her Katherine Anne Porter biography. In addition, it shows her to be an avid letter writer with friends and acquaintances from far and wide. Finally, various drafts of her short stories can be found within the collection. Although the vast majority of material is dated between the mid-1970's to mid-1980's occasional pieces predating this period can be found.

Box 1 CLIPPINGS

1. Katherine Anne Porter: A Life - 1982
2. Katherine Anne Porter: A Life - 1983 - 1985
3. Thatcher, Colin - Trial - 1984

CORRESPONDENCE

Personal

Family

4. Givner, David, Emily - 1977, 1985
6. Non - Immediate - 1985

Friends and Acquaintances

7. Berry, Ralph - 1970 - 1971, 1973 - 1977
8. Berry, Ralph - 1978 - 1983
9. Cruttwell, Patrick - 1958, 1959, 1960, 1972, 1975 - 1976
10. Cruttwell, Patrick - 1977 - 1979, 1982
11. Hudson, Michelle - 1975
12. Hudson, Michelle - 1976
13. Hudson, Michelle - 1977 - 1978
14. Kirk, Myrtle - 1977
15. Kirk, Myrtle - 1978 - 1980-
16. Kirk, Myrtle - 1981 - 1982
17. Kirk, Myrtle - 1983
18. Kirk, Myrtle - 1984 - 1985
19. Purton, Valerie - 1974
20. Purton, Valerie - 1975
21. Purton, Valerie - 1976 - 1977
22. Purton, Valerie - 1978 - 1981
23. Various - 1984 - 1985

Professional

24. Editor's Letter - Dan _____ - 1983 - 1985
25. Kentucky Foundation for Women - 1985 - 1986
26. Media - 1982, 1984, 1986
27. Readers Report - Untitled Collection - 1983
28. Writer's Union of Canada - 1986

Box 2

Publishers and Booksellers

29. American Voice - 1985-1986
30. Ascent - 1979 - 1982
31. New Yorker - 1982
32. Ontario Review - 1985
33. Press Procepic - 1977
34. Sewanee Review - 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985
35. Southwest Review - 1980, 1982-1983, 1986
36. University of Georgia Press - 1983 - 1984, 1986
37. University of Illinois Press - 1982 - 1985
38. Virginia Quarterly Review - 1982-1983
39. Vision - 1980 - 1981
40. Weidenfeld and Nicolson - 1986
41. American and British - 1982 - 1984, 1985
42. Canadian - 1982 - 1983, 1985 - 1986

Research - Katherine Anne Porter: A Life

43. Chambers of Commerce - 1977
44. Educational Institutions - 1977
45. Governmental Bodies - 1974, 1975, 1977 - 1978

- 46. Individuals - 1977 - 1978
- 47. Libraries - 1977 - 1978
- 48. Louisiana State Museum - 1977
- 49. San Antonio State Chest Hospital - 1977

Students

- 50. Smith, Michael - 1974 - 1975
- 51. Various - 1973 - 1976

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 52. Givner, Joan - Biography - n.d.
- 53. Porter, Katherine Anne - Biography - n.d.

WRITINGS, SPEECHES AND NOTES

Givner, Joan – Drafts and Background Material

- 54. "Brains" - n.d.
- 55. "Katherine Anne Porter in Conversation" - n.d.
- 56. "Lacoon, My Father" - n.d.
- 57. "Mazo Book (Ascribed)" - n.d.
- 58. "Nelly's Place" - n.d.
- 59. "Saskatoon" - n.d.
- 60. Tail of the Jilted Maiden" - n.d.
- 61. Tentacles of Unreason - Author's Correction Draft - 1985
- 62. Tentacles of Unreason - Editor's Draft - 1985
- 63. Tentacles of Unreason - Galley Proof - 1985
- 64. Tentacles of Unreason - Master Set Proofs - 1985
- 65. "Unfortunate Incidents" - n.d.
- 66. "Unfortunate Incidents" - n.d.

Box 3

Other Works

- 67. Boston Sunday Globe - September 7, 1971
- 68. Centennial Convocation of Radcliffe College - 1978
- 69. Children's Papers Editors – "Writing to Earn" - 1973
- 70. Cruttwell, Patrick - "The Metaphysical Poets and Their Readers" - 1977
- 71. Cruttwell, Patrick – "Swift, Miss Porter, and the 'Dialect of the Tribe'" - 1966
- 72. Kenyon Review Editorial Staff – "What Does it Mean to be Human?" – n.d.
- 73. Mississippi History Newsletter – 1975 1976, 1977
- 74. Purton, Valerie – "Dickens and Bulwer Lytton" - 1976
- 75. Purton, Valerie - "Fieldings Amelia and The Turn of the Screw"
- 76. Russell, Irwin – "Private Notes" - Reproduction - 1970
- 77. Unknown - "Forty Literary Journals Reviewed by Student of English 560"

PERSONAL FILES

Box 4

- 78. Award Certificate - Y.W.C.A. - 1985
- 79. Calendar - From Emmy Givner - 1982
- 80. Notebook - Myrtle Kirk - 1969

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH FILES

- 81. Agreement - University of Illinois Press - 1984
- 82. Catalogue - St. Agnes' Academy - Reproduction - 1906 - 1907, 1917
- 83. Exams - English 100, 219 - n.d.
- 84. Promotional - K.A. Porter Memorial Lectures - 1984

- 85. Promotional - Symposia, Joan Givner Publications - 1983, 1984
- 86. Promotional Poster - Nevada Humanities Symposia - 1985
- 87. Questionnaire - K.A. Porter Research - 1971