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JOAN GIVNER

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Biographical Sketch: Joan Givner (nee Short) graduated from the University of London with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in 1958 and a Ph.D. in 1972. She earned a Masters degree in Arts from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1965. While in the United States she taught high school from 1959 until 1961. She then taught English at Port Huron Junior College (now St Clair County Community College) from 1961 until 1965. Givner joined the predecessor of the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, as a Lecturer of English in 1965 and in 1972 became an Assistant Professor, in 1975 an Associate Professor and in 1981 she became a Professor of English. Joan retired from the University of Regina in 1995 to Victoria, British Columbia and taught creative writing at Malaspina College – Cowichan Campus during the spring of 1997.

Joan Givner's Ph.D. thesis is titled *A Critical Study of the Worlds of Katherine Anne Porter* (1972), since then, Joan was chosen by Katherine Anne Porter to undertake the task of writing Porter's biography. *Katherine Anne Porter: A Life* was published in 1982. Other publications by Givner are *Tentacles of Unreason* (1985), *Katherine Anne Porter: Conversations* (1987); *Unfortunate Incidents* (1988), *Mazo de la Roche: The Hidden Life* (1989), *Katherine Anne Porter: A Life (Revised Edition)* (1991), *Scenes from Provincial Life* (1991), *The Self-Portrait of a Literary Biographer* (1993), *In the Garden of Henry James* (1996), *Thirty-four Ways of Looking at Jane Eyre: Essays and Fiction* (1998) and *Half Known Lives* (2000). She has also published numerous short stories. She has published articles in *Studies in Short Fiction*, *Genre*, *International Fiction Review*, *Southwest Review* and *Descant* to name a few. She has contributed chapters for several books and delivered many papers and readings on Katherine Anne Porter and other topics across Canada and the United States

Givner continues to write fiction books such as *Half Known Lives* and *Ellen Fremedon* as well as reviewing books for *B.C. Bookworld*, *The Toronto Star*, *Books in Canada* and other publications.

Scope and Content: The date range for this collection is 1977 to 1993, it includes 14 photographs, 2 negatives and 5 slides. A few of the files are marked closed.

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54	Gavin, Joseph, B. (S.J.)	1983
55	Gionea-Bovainuk, Joan	1991
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81	Institute of Public Administration in Canada	1983
82	International Fiction Review Re: Katherine Anne Porter	1982
83	Irving Layton: A Portrait by Elspeth Cameron	n.d
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86	Louisiana State University	1977, 1992
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90	Montana State University	1986
91	New Star Books	1993
92	Oberon Press	1990-1992
93	Panofsky, Ruth	1991

94	Regarding Plays	1991-1993
95	Saskatchewan Arts Board	1986
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97	Saskatchewan Women Artist's Association	1982, 1984
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99	Scholastic Canada Ltd.	1993
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101	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	1989-1991
102	Sullivan, Rosemary	1991
103	Texas A and M University, College Station	1988
104	The Texas State Historical Association	1983
105	Trithart, Greg	1990
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111	University of Texas at Austin	March 24-26, 1983
112	University of Waterloo	1986
113	Unrue, Darlene Harbour Re: Katherine Anne Porter	
114	Wang International Festival of Authors	1989
115	Weaver, Robert	1992
116	Womens Education Committee, Esterhazy	1986
117	W.W. Norton and Company	1985
Box 4	Publications Featuring Joan Givner	
118	Ascent, vol. 9, no.2	1984
119	Book of the Month Club News - Re: Katherine Anne Porter	1983
120	Canadian Author and Bookman	1987
121	Interim, vol.8, no.2	Fall 1989
122	North American Review	1981, 1983
123	Oxford Books, Spring/Summer 1989 Oxford University Press, Fall 1989	
124	Prairie Forum - vol. 12, no.2, Prairie Forum - vol.15, no. 1,	Fall 1987, Spring 1990
125	Simon and Schuster - Publishers Weekly Simon and Schuster Catalog	Spring/Summer; Fall, 1982
126	Texas Libraries, vol. 45, no. 4	Winter 1984
127	Third Degree, vol. 4, no.2	Fall 1992
128	University of Regina Preview, vol. 1, no.10	May 19 1992
129	University of Regina Report, vol. 9 no.3	March/April 1992
130	The Writer's Union of Canada	1985-1987
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131	Clippings about Joan Givner	
132	Dandelion, vol. 13, no. 2	1987
133	National Library of Canada	n.d.
134	Katherine Anne Porter: A Life revised Edition	
	Reviews	
135	Katherine Anne Porter: A Life	1983
136	Mazo de la Roche: The Hidden Life	1989

	137	Scenes from s Provincial Life	n.d
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	144	English 100-029 Course Evaluations	Winter 1992
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	168	Katherine Anne Porter: Prophet Not Without Honor	
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	171	Life is a Bugger Club	
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	176	The Narrator Who Lost Her Omniscience Draft 1	
	177	The Narrator Who Lost Her Omniscience Draft 2	
	178	Novel	n.d
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183	Scenes from a Provincial Life	
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194	Givner, David	
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195	Gunnars, Kristjana	1983
196	Jansen, Ann	May 1980
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197	Rendall, Barbara	
198	Robinson, Julie	1990
	A Piece of the Puzzle: Mazo de la Roche	