Vandiver, Margaret; Papers

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Margaret Vandiver Papers
ID: apap355
Date [inclusive]: 1975-2012
Physical Description: 31 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English.
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X
Abstract: The Margaret Vandiver Papers document Dr. Vandiver's research in capital punishment, involvement with abolitionist organizations, and work with individuals sentenced to death.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Margaret Vandiver Papers, 1983-2012. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Vandiver Papers).

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Historical Note

Dr. Margaret Vandiver is retired from the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Memphis. Dr. Vandiver's main area of research interest is state and collective violence, ranging from the use of the death penalty in the United States to contemporary instances of genocide. She is the author of Lethal Punishment: Lynchings and Legal Executions in the South (2006), co-author with Michael Radelet of Capital punishment in America: an annotated bibliography (1988), and co-editor of Tennessee's New Abolitionists (2010), in addition to numerous articles. In retirement, she continues to speak and research historical homicides and death penalty cases.
Scope and Contents

This collection contains subject files, case files, correspondence, and clippings created or collected by Margaret Vandiver about the death penalty. Many files relate to specific cases or organizations.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Processing Information

Processed in 2016 by unprocessed.

Access

Per the memorandum of agreement governing this collection, all correspondence in this collection is closed for no shorter than 75 years from the date a letter was written. No correspondence may be photocopied, scanned or duplicated in any way. All case files are closed for no shorter than 50 years from the date of donation. No materials in the case files may be photocopied, scanned or duplicated in any way. In addition, Vandiver's phone logs and calendars; data, correspondence and interviews for a
specific publication; and notes from select meetings and working groups are closed for 50 years from the respective date of creation of the materials.

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**Acquisition Information**

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**Controlled Access Headings**

- Capital punishment -- United States
- Files by subject
- Case files
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Vandiver, Margaret