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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Judith Filler Papers
ID:	apap409
Date [inclusive]:	1991-2010
Physical Description:	.5 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains material related to the death penalty abolitionist work of Judith "Jude" Filler in Texas.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Judith Filler Papers, 1991-2010. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Filler Papers).

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Biographical Note

Judith Evelyn "Jude" Filler was born in Ohio in 1949, graduated Antioch College, and received her MBA from Simmons College. During a later move to Texas for her career in business, she became a volunteer for Amnesty International. Filler subsequently served as Amnesty's state coordinator against capital punishment and become executive director of the Texas Alliance for Human Needs, a coalition of grassroots groups seeking social justice and change. In addition, she was a member of Friends Meeting of Austin and highly involved in the community for many years.

As part of Filler's work on the death penalty, she visited and corresponded with individuals incarcerated on Death Row. One of those individuals was David Lee Powell, convicted in a 1978 murder of a police officer. Powell remained on Death Row for 32 years until his execution in 2010. As she sought to abolish capital punishment, Filler and Powell became friends.

Following an extended battle with cancer, Filler died in 2016.

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Content Description

This collection contains correspondence Judith Filler sent to David Lee Powell which was later returned by Powell to Filler and letters from other individuals incarcerated in Texas and their families. It also consists of other materials related to the criminal justice system and the death penalty.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is currently unprocessed and is not yet arranged. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.

Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

All items in this collection were donated by the Texas After Violence Project, arranged by Mark Menjívar in 2023.

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Related Materials

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Controlled Access Headings

- Filler, Judith Evelyn (1949-2016)
- Capital Punishment--Texas
- Death Row--Texas
- Powell, David Lee (1951-2010)

- Death Penalty
- Criminal Justice and Prisons