



Beth Pike Papers (C4790)

Collection Number: C4790

Collection Title: Beth Pike Papers

Dates: 2002-2015

Creator: Pike, Beth

Abstract: The papers of a former journalist and president of the Columbia Media Resource Alliance (CMRA) include meeting minutes, board materials, reports, financial records, correspondence, and other materials pertaining to public-access television in Columbia. Also included is a video created by Pike on the legacy of Jim Mathewson, the longest-serving President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic feet, 4.16 GB of digital files
(10 folders, 1 mp4)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Beth Pike on February 24, 2026 (Accession No. CA6799).

Alternative Forms Available: The Born Digital Files series can be accessed online in SHSMO's [Born Digital Repository](#).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Beth Pike Papers can be found in the following collection:

[City Channel \(Columbia, Mo.\) Videos](#), (C4408)

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Historical Note:

A native Missourian, graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism, and an Emmy award winning journalist, Beth Pike has worked as a producer for national news and entertainment programs including ABC News, NBC News, *America's Most Wanted*, and *Entertainment Tonight*. Pike also served as an adjunct professor at her alma mater, leading students abroad to work on journalism assignments in five countries.

In the mid-2000s, Pike served as president of the Columbia Media Resource Alliance (CMRA) and was a member of the City of Columbia's cable task force. She later served as president of Columbia Access Television (CAT-TV), the local public access channel. Pike also co-owned a multimedia company, Orr Street Productions, which produced documentaries and video projects for a variety of clients.

In 2019 Pike joined the State Historical Society of Missouri and is currently the Assistant Director of Communications and Educational Outreach. She also serves on the board of directors for the Missouri Press Foundation.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series:

Public Access Television
Born Digital Files

Scope and Content Note:

Public Access Television

This series consists of materials pertaining to the Columbia Media Resource Alliance (CMRA), the City of Columbia's cable task force, and CAT-TV, the local public access channel. The material includes meeting minutes, reports, correspondence, a proposal, workshop materials, press material, and miscellaneous material. The series has been arranged alphabetically.

Born Digital Files

This series contains a video directed and edited by Pike concerning the legacy of Jim Mathewson, former state senator, and the longest-serving President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate. The video covers Mathewson's childhood growing up in Benton County, his military service, and running a steakhouse before embarking on a political career in the Missouri Legislature.

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- f. 6-8 Columbia Media Resource Alliance, Binder, 2002-2006 (board minutes, budgets, strategic planning materials, bylaws, correspondence, proposal, resource material, press material, etc.)
- f. 9 Columbia Media Resource Alliance, Brochure and directory, 2003, n.d.
- f. 10 Columbia Media Resource Alliance, "Proposal to City Cable Task Force," December 19, 2003

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- b.d.f. 1 Jim Mathewson Legacy Video, 2015

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