Introduction
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The Mary Ann McGivern Papers includes correspondence, personal calendars, newspaper clippings, lesson plans, newsletters, and photographs chronicling McGivern's career from 1971-2001 as a peace activist. McGivern was active in the Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment and founded the St. Louis Economic Conversion Project, an organization that focused on redirecting arms resources toward peaceful uses.

Mary Ann McGivern joined the Sisters of Loretto at the age of seventeen. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Webster University and a master's degree in school administration from Stanford University. While teaching English and Social Studies in Denver, a student convinced McGivern to help deliver Thanksgiving food to migrant workers. The poor conditions of the migrant workers compelled her, through writing and protesting, to change the capitalistic system.

In 1972, McGivern permanently moved to St. Louis. From 1972-1976, McGivern worked for the Institute of Peace and Justice at St. Louis University, a group that taught teachers how to teach nonviolence. In 1977, McGivern became the director of the Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment and founded the St. Louis Economic Conversion Project, an organization that is concerned with redirecting arms resources toward peaceful uses. Also, in 1977, McGivern was one of seven women who founded the Karen House in St. Louis, a Catholic Worker shelter for homeless women and children.

In addition to being active in many social justice and peace organizations, McGivern worked as a freelance writer. She has written various political and economic essays for the St. Louis Review, the St. Louis Post Dispatch, the Catholic Worker Round Table, and various other publications. McGivern worked as an editor for the Peace Curriculum Review, the Economic Conversion Journal, Interchange, and Economic Conversion News. She has also written four plays and a cookbook. McGivern has broadcasted a KWMU Monday morning commentary segment entitled 'Living in St. Louis' since 1985.

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  Loretto newsletters, 1984-2001
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100 Ways to Start the Day: A Career Education Activity Booklet For use During High School Advisory Periods, no date
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  Questioning, 1971
  Using student ideas, 1971
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The Round Table, 1981-1999 (4 folders)
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  Pity the Poor Whales, 1990
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  Not By Bread Alone: Recipes and Reflections for Christian Cooks, 1998

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  V685.1 Barbers and Robbers and Nuts, 1994
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  T685.3 Mary Ann McGivern 'Living in St. Louis' KWMU radio commentary. Side a includes the following topics: Stock market crash, Plowsharing Crafts
on the Delmar Loop, potlucks, is it right to deal with terrorism with terrorism, and donations, 1988. Side b includes the following topics: Pledge drive, the confusion of St. Louis street names, promises made in mass-market sweepstakes, choosing a symbol of the African American population, the death of her brother Frank and Joe from AIDS, political candidates using silence, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the auction of Loretto Academy artifacts, no date

T685.4 Mary Ann McGivern 'Living in St. Louis' KWMU radio commentary. Side a includes the following topics: her pets Fleetwood and Morris, economic workshop of the Church Women United, nonviolent resistance, cooking and gardening, 6th Annual Playwrights Festival in St. Louis, Eagle Days, and China, 1989. Side b includes the topic pains of possession and music, 1989

T685.5 Reel to reel audiotape of Mary Ann McGivern 'Living in St. Louis' KWMU radio commentary, no date (Unidentified topics)

T685.6 Reel to reel audiotape of Mary Ann McGivern 'Living in St. Louis' KWMU radio commentary, no date (Unidentified topics)

Photographs
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Box 4 (048748)
QPB Calendar of Days, 2002
Loretto: Working for Justice, Acting for Peace Trumpet for Justice Award, 4/13/97
Does the Third World Need Multinationals? A Response to John B. Caron St. Louis Economic Conversion Project News
St. Louis Economic Conversion Project: Formulating A Regional Industrial Policy, 10/14/93
Emily Dickinson's Book of Days Calendar, 1984
Throwing $ At The Military
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United Nations Conference on Conversion of the Aerospace Complex, Moscow, 1992
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