

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
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GENEVA OVERHOLSER PAPERS**

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Dates: 1970s-2000s

Creator: Overholser, Geneva, 1948-

Collection Size: 19 cubic feet, 40 audio cassettes, 44 video cassettes, 13 DVDs, 1 CD, 5 computer discs, 1 oversize volume

Introduction

Papers of a journalist who was an editor for the *Des Moines Register*, on the editorial board of the *New York Times*, ombudsman for the *Washington Post*, and director of the school of journalism at University of Southern California. The papers consist of her writings, administrative files, speeches, and correspondence documenting her career in newspapers and public affairs journalism.

Donor Information

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Geneva Overholser on 23 June 2008.

Box List

Box 1

Northwestern University Graduate Program in Editorial Journalism brochure, 1971-1972
Colorado Springs Sun tear sheets, 1971-1974
Paris freelance tearsheets, 1974-1979
APSA Fellowship, 1980
 Liz Holtzman binder
 Gary Hart binder
Knight Fellowship, 1985
Washington Post, 1985
Nieman Fellowship, 1985-1986 (3 folders)
Notebooks (2)

Box 2

New York Times

 Resume, announcement (2 folders)
 General (3 folders)
 Women and leadership
 Editorials, July 1986-December 1987 (2 binders, 2 folders)
 Arms Control (2 folders), 1983-1984
 China trip, 1988 (3 folders)
 Personal/financial
 Moving

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Des Moines Register

- Resource Allocation
- Speeches, 1988-1989 (4 folders)
- Irene Nolan, 1991
- Gannett News 2000 Meeting, 1991
- Gannett News 2000 Meeting, 1992
- Gannett Program/APME, 1990
- Columns, 1994
- Columns, 1995
- Hiring announcement, 1988
- Misc. unfolded

Box 3

Des Moines Register

- American Society of Newspaper Editors Convention, 1994
- Stanford Feedback, 1995
- Columns, 1988-1989
- Misc. articles on journalism
- Marketing- local
- Newsroom retreat, 1994
- Washington Journalism Review*, 1992 (article- Best in the Business)
- Gannett Management Seminar, 1989
- Newspaper Management Conference, 1993
- Speeches, 1990s (16 folders)
- Interview notebooks and corresponding microcassettes (22)
- Computer discs- Ben Julia; mag.docs (2)

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Des Moines Register

- Rape series, 1990-1991

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Des Moines Register

- Speeches (16 folders)
- Columns, 1990-1993 (4 folders)
- New *Register*- Reaction (2 folders)
- Journal- Notes
- Newsprint
- Resignation
- Possibilities to do
- MBO Goals (2 folders)
- Wimp vs. Cat fight
- ASNE thoughts
- Hope and despair
- Staff speech
- Misc. Mag stuff

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Publishers retreat, 1989
New York Times Senior News Execs Annual Meeting, 1990
Gannett Meeting, 1991
Publicity clippings

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Des Moines Register

Memos (2 folders)
Correspondence (2 folders)
Maddy Blaise
Operating plan, 1993, 1995 (3 folders)
Budget, 1995
ASNE
Misc. unfolded- memos, articles, notes, etc. (6")

Box 7

Des Moines Register

Ready reference
Self appraisal
Gang retreat, 1992
Correspondence (6 folders)
New Year Message
Plant proposal
Carol Rose
Local news
Redesign
White House/Clintons
Poynter
Nieman
Speeches
Diversity group
Memos, 1991
1996 election
Publicity
Misc. unfolded

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Des Moines Register

Flood coverage, 1993

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Clippings- arranged alphabetically by topic, 1980s
Editorials, 1980s

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Des Moines Register

- Editorials, 1980s (4 folders)
- Other: Live
- References
- Correspondence- responses (2 folders)
- Gannett- business
- MBO Goals
- Staff memos
- Publicity
- USSR/USA Forum, 1983
- Layouts, 1991
- Focus group report, 1991
- Register and Tribune history
- Photographs
- "Kaul: He's back!" Broadsheet
- Misc. unfolded

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Appointment books, 1989-2003

Washington Post

- Columns, 1995-1999 (8 folders)

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Washington Post

- Columns, 2000-2001 (6 folders, 3 computer discs)
- Ombudsman memos
- Post keepers
- Pre- and first days
- Newspapers Cover Themselves
- American Press Institute seminar
- Ombudsman articles
- Personal
- E-mail- keepers
- Early correspondence
- Anonymous sources
- Trust
- Woodward excerpt
- ASNE- Pre-Post
- Letter of agreement and understanding
- Announcement
- Correspondence
- Past ombudsmen
- Washington College lecture
- Publicity clippings
- Luncheon

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Washington Post

- Correspondence
- Committee of Concerned Journalists
- Washington/China (5 notebooks)
- 1997 Pulitzer
- Judy Mann
- National Press Foundation Award photographs
- "Why America Hates the Press" interview transcript

Washington Post Writers Group

- Subscribers
- Pre-Column
- Column
- Jay
- Some Columns Used
- E-mails
- To Write
- Promotional Materials

Columbia Journalism Review (7 folders)

Freedom Forum

Correspondence

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

NPR (3")

Conferences

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Editor, Inc.

- Interviews with editors, research material, drafts, etc.

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Speeches, 1990s-2000s

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The Press

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University of Missouri- Hurley Chair

- Symposiums, 2001-2007 (9 folders)
- Journalism and Terrorism, 2002 (1 folder, 1 binder)
- WHO- Des Moines
- MPR- Minneapolis
- MPR- Milwaukee
- 3 Ms panel- Public Affairs reporting, 2002
- Kalb panel- Headlines and Bottom Lines, 2001
- Bottom Line and 4th Estate Symposium, 2001
- Reynolds Journalism Institute

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Centennial (2 folders)
Annual Report, 2006-2007
Faculty Reports
MU Multi-Cultural Committee
MU: The Beginning

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University of Missouri- Hurley Chair
Hurley/McL Family
Ethics Lecture
Nov. 1
MU Research
IRE
MU/CCJ (Committee of Concerned Journalists)
Reynolds/Merrill, etc.
Report of the PBS Editorial Standards Review Committee, 2005
MacDougall Handouts
Aaargh! (arms control, Reagan, etc. tidbits), 1987
Photographs, 1970s-1990s
National Press Foundation
National Press Club- Freedom of the Press/FOI
Women's Forum Washington, D.C.
Center for Public Integrity, 2006
Council of Journalism Organizations
Writings
 Debate
 What is Good Journalism? (consent to publish agreement)
 The Yellow Journalism
 Restoring Trust in American Business
 Newspaper Research Journal, "Good Journalism, Good Business"
 What is Good Journalism?
Personal
 James Overholser funeral
 ID cards
 Correspondence
 School papers
 Scrapbook
 Africa correspondence
 Clippings, misc. loose papers (3")

Box 19

Poynter Institute
 Inventing the Future, 1990
 Meetings Folio
 Allies
 New Directions for News

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- Lead-up to Poynter, 2002
- Lacy
- Rape names
- Blog (2 folders)
- QP Active
- Poynter
- Correspondence
- Investigative reporting
- Notes for move re-do
- Correspondence
- FAC
- International
- Post- Objectivity*
- New York Times* Sources
- Fox
- Anonymous sources
- Biographies
- Ombudsman- Accountability
- Seattle Times*
- Oral history
- On Behalf of Journalism: A Manifesto for Change*
 - Pennsylvania Conference Notes
 - Solutions
 - Correspondence
 - Agenda
 - Kitchen Cabinet
 - California
 - Government and Manifesto
 - Outline, drafts, comments, etc. (4")

Box 20

Video cassettes

- Des Moines Police Department: "A Municipal Approach," 4 October 1989
- Iowa Public Television, *Touchstone with Pat Boddy*: Nancy Ziegenmeyer and Geneva Overholser, 9 May 1990
- Geneva TV8 Interview, August 1990
- Conversations with Geneva Overholser*, 7 August 1990
- Des Moines Register*: "Oh What A Year!" 1990-1991
- Inside Oregon*, 24 May 1991, 31 May 1991
- Des Moines Register*: "Oh What A Year!" 1992 (3 cassettes, parts II-IV)
- Jones School Finale, 7-8 May 1992
- Faith Journey Institute: Geneva Overholser, 26 September 1993
- Voice of the People*: Town Hall Meeting, 11 October 1993
- Alumnae Achievement Awards, 16 February 1994
- Des Moines Register*: "Oh What A Year!" 1995
- FMN Post Ombudsman, 27 June 1995

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Why American Hates the Press, 22 October 1996
Media Matters, 13 January 1997, 24 January 1997 (3 cassettes)
Media Matters, Interview: Mike McCurry and Scenics at White House, 11 April 1997
Commencement, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, 17 May 1997
Media Studies Center: "The Future of News in Print," 10 September 1997
A Place Called Poynter, 1999
Disconnected: Politics, the Press and Public, 2000
The Kalb Report: Journalism at the Crossroads, 12 November 2001
News Hour With Jim Lehrer: Presses Under Pressure, 10 December 2001
NPC College Panel, 18 February 2002
Brookings Institute/Harvard Forum: *Dissent Against American's War on Terror: Too Much or Too Little Media Attention?* 27 February 2002
Geneva Overholser Estlow Lecture, 22 October 2002
Baruch College: *A Free Press and the Public Trust*, June 2003
Karen Frenkel Interviews Geneva Overholser, 16 June 2003
Nightline, 20 September 2004/CBS Monday Politics

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Video Cassettes

Fox News, n.d.
Elizabeth Drew on American Politics, n.d.
Public Affairs Reporting, n.d.
BEA of State, n.d.
Seduction of Secrecy, n.d.
A Celebration of Excellence: American Press Institute's 50th Anniversary Celebration, n.d.
Media Matters, n.d.
To the Contrary, n.d.
C-SPAN, n.d. (2 cassettes)
Kalb Report: Geneva Overholser and M. Cranburg, n.d.
Unidentified

Audio Cassettes

Knight Lecture, 29 October 1991
Geneva 5th Anniversary Party, 13 November 1993
Derek McGinty, Geneva Overholser- Post, 16 September 1996 (2 cassettes)
ASNE Convention: A CEO's Point of View- M. Willes, 1998
Newseum Radio #222, "The First Amendment Calendar," 1999
Freedom Forum: *University of Missouri Journalism and Terrorism*, 7-8 October 2002 (6 cassettes)
Seduction of Secrecy, 2005
Laura Schaffer Interview, n.d.
National Lesbian and Gay Journalists: *A View From the Top*, n.d. (2 cassettes)
Victims, Tape #12, n.d.

DVDs/CD

The Kalb Report: Journalism at the Crossroads, 2002 (4 DVDs)

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A World of Possibilities, 2003 (3 DVDs)
A Celebration of the Life of Richard M. Schmidt, Jr., 20 November 2004
Anonymous Sourcing and Government Secrecy, C-SPAN, 2005
Journalism, Sources and Secrecy, C-SPAN, 2005
Public Insight Journalism, American Public Media, 2006
*Are We Safer in the Dark? A Sunshine Week National Dialog on Open
Government and Secrecy*, 13 March 2006
Museum of Television and Radio: *Reporting on the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars*,
10 April 2007
Geneva Scans

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v. 1 Pulitzer Prize Entries, 1991