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**Dates:** 1942-2017  
**Creator:** Bartimus, Tad  
**Collection Size:** 16.4 cubic feet, 73 audio cassettes, 4 video cassettes, 73 computer discs, 35 CDs, 9 DVDs, 1.19 GB of digital files

**Introduction**  
Articles, photographs, correspondence, and other writings of AP reporter, Tad Bartimus.

**Donor Information**  
The papers were donated by Tad Bartimus on 26 August 2000. Multiple additions to the collection have been made by Bartimus over the years. The oral history interview was donated by Giovanna Dell’Orto on 17 August 2017.

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**Scope and Content Note**

**Articles series** contains articles and columns written by Bartimus from 1964 to the present. Includes column she wrote for Belton Star-Herald while in high school, stories written during summer internships at Kansas City Star, stories for Columbia Missourian and Daily Tribune while in college, AP work in Topeka, Miami, Vietnam, Alaska, London, Central and South America, and as Roving Reporter and Special Correspondent in the American West. Also includes “Among Friends” columns.

**Correspondence series** contains correspondence from 1961 to the present. Letters describe her problems as a young inexperienced reporter in Miami and her experiences in Vietnam and include correspondence with AP executives and friends.

**Photographs series** contains personal photographs from Bartimus’ from her youth to the present including pictures from Miami, Vietnam, and Alaska. Also pictures from stories she worked on in the 1970s and 1980s and award ceremonies in 1990s.

**University of Alaska-Anchorage series** documents Bartimus’ stint as Atwood Professor of Journalism at UA-A from 1993-1996. Includes letters and evaluations from students, copies of the student publications she supervised, and evaluations of the Journalism Department.
Speeches, conferences, and writings series contains speeches, information on conferences where Bartimus spoke, and her miscellaneous writings (non-AP writings). Book subseries includes background information, notes, correspondence, and publicity regarding *Trinity’s Children* and *Requiem*. Bartimus co-wrote *Trinity’s Children* with fellow AP reporter Scott McCartney and she wrote the text for *Requiem*.

Subject files series contains miscellaneous files from Bartimus’ time in Miami, Vietnam, Alaska, and London, biographical and family information, and publicity clippings. Also contains her Pulitzer Prize entries, Pulitzer judging information, and the transcript from her oral history interview with the Washington Press Club Foundation.

Rock Bottom Remainders series contains correspondence, photographs, and publicity clippings of the Rock Bottom Remainders, a music group made up of authors including Stephen King, Dave Barry, Amy Tan, Barbara Kingsolver, and Bartimus. Also contains the book they wrote entitled, *Mid-Life Confidential*.

JAWS series includes correspondence, member lists and biographies, newsletters, photographs, and a scrapbook from the 1985 and 1986 JAWS meetings.

Audio/Video Materials series includes audio cassette interviews for stories she worked on in Vietnam, Alaska, London, and the West. Also contains tapes from *Trinity’s Children* publicity tour, numerous interviews for The Nature Conservancy project, excerpts from *Mid-Life Confidential*, interviews and panel discussions with Bartimus, and personal recordings made by and for Bartimus over the years.

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