



International Women's Forum Oral History Collection (S1148)

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Abstract: The International Women's Forum Oral History Collection consists of oral history interviews conducted by Dr. Blanche Touhill with St. Louis City and St. Louis County members of the Missouri chapter of the International Women's Forum. The collection documents the interviewee's personal and professional lives and how they established themselves as successful, enterprising women leaders in the St. Louis region. These materials include DVD recordings of the interviews, as well as accompanying transcripts. The interviews date from 2013 to 2015.

Collection Size: 3.5 cubic feet
(72 folders, 72 HDV tapes, 72 DVDs, 1 book)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: This collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri-Research Center, St. Louis](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center. The HDV tapes are the archival source and cannot be accessed for research. Patrons must use the DVD copies or transcripts of the interviews.

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Donor Information: This collection was created in-house by The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis. All interviewees who participated in this collection signed a consent form allowing any researcher, scholar or individual access to this collection.

Sponsor: The Missouri chapter of the International Women's Forum provided the funding for the recording and transcribing of all oral histories in this collection.

Alternate Forms Available: Digital copies of the transcripts are available at <https://shsmo.org/manuscripts/collections/transcripts/s1148/>.

Existence and Location of Originals: The HDV Tapes are housed with the DVD copies.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: A computer with a DVD Rom/CD Rom is needed to view the interviews.

Related Material:

Women as Change Agents Oral History Collection (S1207)

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Historical Note:

Dr. Blanche Touhill, a Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a member of the International Women's Forum (IWF), developed the IWF Oral History Project in 2013. Founded in 1974 by Elinor Guggenheimer, IWF seeks to provide leadership opportunities for women across the globe. This oral history project documents the experiences of members of the Missouri chapter—specifically women of the St. Louis metropolitan area—including the socioeconomic changes they experienced during the Great Depression through the post-World War II era (1940s-1960s) and how they established themselves as successful, enterprising women leaders.

In late 2013, Dr. Touhill brought the project to William Fischetti, the former Associate Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis. Under Fischetti's leadership, staff members recorded these interviews using a one hour video tape format while Dr. Touhill asked each interviewee a set of seven questions covering early childhood experiences, education, influences inside and outside of the home, professional pursuits, including career advancement and awards received. The project ended in May 2015 with 72 interviews completed.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content:

The International Women's Forum Oral History Collection consist of oral histories on HDVs and DVDs, as well as accompanying transcripts, of members of the Missouri chapter of the IWF, discussing their experiences as women during the Great Depression, World War II, the Equal Rights Amendment, and the Civil Rights and Women's Movements. Topics of interest include the interviewees' reflections on the role their families played in their development, their perceptions of a female's place in the hierarchy of higher education, the effect sexism had on their educational and professional advancement, and leadership activities they pursued. Some interviewees also discuss how the institution of marriage and family influenced their career ambitions. The collection also includes a book written by interviewee Susan Elliot titled, *Across*

the Divide: Navigating the Digital Revolution as a Woman Entrepreneur and CEO. The DVDs and transcripts are in chronological order, from June 2013 to May 2015.

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