Register of the Jo Ann Gasper papers, 1970-1993

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Biographical Note  
Jo Ann Gasper was born September 25th, 1946, in Providence, Rhode Island. She received her B.A. in Political Philosophy in 1967, and an M.B.A. in 1969, from the University of Dallas. Gasper started her professional career in 1976 as the editor and publisher of The Right Woman newsletter, whose primary focus was centered on family and women’s issues. Additionally, the newsletter provided independent consultation on public policy issues and business procedures. Due to her expertise in family and social policy, Gasper served as a Family Policy Advisor to the Reagan and Bush 1980 presidential campaign. She continued her political career at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs. During her time as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs she was responsible for the administration of the National Family Planning Program and the Adolescent Family Life Program. Gasper was released from her position in 1987 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis R. Bowen, for her refusal to issue grants to two Planned Parenthood groups. In 1987, Gasper joined the U.S. Department of Education in the capacity of Policy Advisor to the Under Secretary of Education, where she worked on issues related to Youth and Family Policy, specifically: adolescent pregnancy, abortion, sex education, and contraceptive services. Jo Ann Gasper retired from her political career in the 1990s.  
Scope and Content of Collection  
The collection documents the political activities of Jo Ann Gasper from 1970 to 1993. The collection is focused on her time as the editor and publisher of The Right Woman newsletter, as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and as the Policy Advisor to the Under Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education. Materials in the collection are comprised of biographical files, correspondence, printed matter, research, speeches and writings.  
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Women--United States.

Scope and Contents
Comprised of articles, certificates, photographs, resume copies, interviews, and documents regarding termination of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs position.

Box/Folder: 1 : 1 Articles, 1977-1987
Box/Folder: 1 : 2 Certificates, 1985
Box/Folder: 1 : 3 Interviews, September 16, 1993
Box/Folder: 1 : 4 Photographs, circa 1970
Box/Folder: 1 : 5 Professional Appointments and Resumes, circa 1980
Box/Folder: 1 : 6 Receipts, 1988
Box/Folder: 1 : 7-8 Termination Documents, July, 1987

Correspondence, 1977-1987
Scope and Contents
Composed of professional and personal correspondence during time in office and prior to retirement.

Box/Folder: 1 : 9 Letters by Others, 1977-1987
Box/Folder: 1 : 10 Letters of Endorsement, 1986
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Scope and Contents
Comprised of pamphlets, brochures, newspaper clippings, newsletters, and conference materials.

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Box/Folder: 2 : 2 Christian Citizen, 1981
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Box/Folder: 3 : 7 Clippings, circa 1980
Box/Folder: 3 : 8 Conference Materials, 1987
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Box/Folder: 4 : 2 The Newsletter of Newsletters (Administration), 1978-1981
Box/Folder: 4 : 3-6 The Right Woman, 1978
Box/Folder: 5 : 1 The Right Woman (Administration), 1978-1981
Research, 1978-1990

Scope and Contents
Composed of research materials gathered during time in office regarding family planning, education, pro-choice materials, abortion, pornography, domestic violence, sex education, homosexuality, religion, Family Protection Act, Title X, child welfare, social security, and IRS exemptions.

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Adolescent Pregnancy and Childbearing, circa 1990
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Education, 1988
Box/Folder: 5 : 6
Family Protection Act, 1979
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I.R.S. - Tax Exempt Organizations (Application Materials), 1979
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I.R.S. - Tax Exempt Schools, 1978-1979
Box/Folder: 6 : 3
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Pornography, 1986
Box/Folder: 6 : 5
Presidential Documents, 1987
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Right to Life Bill, 1981
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Sex-Education, circa 1990
Box/Folder: 7 : 2
Social Security, 1979-1980
Box/Folder: 7 : 3
Taxpayers Bill of Rights, 1981
Box/Folder: 7 : 4
The Pope in America, October 1-7, 1979
Box/Folder: 7 : 5
The Presidential Commission for the National Agenda for the Eighties, 1979-1980
Box/Folder: 7 : 6
Title X - Family Planning, 1985-1987
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97th Congress: Congressional Record, 1981

Speeches and Writings, 1981-1990

Scope and Contents
Comprised of drafts of speeches and talks, correspondence regarding speaking engagements, notes, as well as copies of authored writings.

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Accepted Speaking Engagements, 1987
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