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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Lou Anna Simon has a long history at Michigan State University (MSU), spanning over four decades. She enrolled at MSU in 1970 as a graduate student. She then joined the faculty and became the assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research.

In 1993, Simon served as the provost and vice president for academic affairs. Simon became the interim president in 2003 while current president Peter McPherson was helping to rebuild Iraq's economy. In January 2005, she became the first female president in the university's history.

Simon earned her PhD in administration and higher education from MSU in 1974. In addition, Simon also holds a master's degree in student personnel and counseling (1970), and a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics (1969), both from Indiana State University.

Simon resigned from the presidency on January 24, 2018. William "Bill" Beekman, vice president and secretary of the Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2018, briefly served as acting president. Former Michigan governor John Engler was voted interim president on January 31, 2018. Simon remained a John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor following her resignation.

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Scope and Content

The collection contains a brochure describing Simon's strategic positioning initiative for the university. The electronic resources includes correspondence in the form of e-mail memos, a video of President Simon at Michigan AgExpo 2009, and two videos from the induction of President Simon into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2016.

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- College presidents -- Michigan -- East Lansing
- Education, Higher
- Sex crimes -- Prevention
- Universities and colleges -- Administration
- Brochures
- Electronic mail messages
- Memorandums
- Video recordings
- Simon, Lou Anna Kimsey
- Michigan State University. Office of International Studies and Programs
- Michigan State University. Office of the President

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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"Boldness by Design", 2005	box 5351	folder 1
President Designate's Retreats, September 4, 2004, January 2005	box 5351	folder 2
President's Retreats, 2005	box 5351	folder 3
Inauguration - Platform Party Invitations, January 2005	box 5351	folder 4
Appointment Book, 2005	box 5351	folder 5
Embracing the World Grant Ideal: The Sesquicentennial of the Morrill Act, 2009	box 5351	folder 6
<i>Notes</i> section of <i>Gulf News</i> [contains an article about the MSU branch in Dubai], November 16, 2008	box 5928	
Book - Zaha Hadid - Guggenheim Museum Exhibit catalog, with inscription to President Simon, 2006 publication date, 2008 inscription date	box 5351	folder 7
Founders' Day Packet including President's Address, February 11, 2005	box 5351	folder 8

Electronic Resources

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Title/Description	Instances
Deans, Directors, and Chairs Memos, 2008-2014	
Announcements about university events, projects, and initiatives; Letters and reports from the President, 2008-2013	
Founders Day activities, winter weather announcements, and President's Report notice, 2014	
Announcements and updates about university events, projects, and initiatives, 2013-2015	
160th anniversary; Policy revisions, 2015	
Delegation of Signature Authority memo, 2014	

Videos

Digital Object: [WXYZ SpotlighOnTheNews DVD: 2021-12-09](#)

Digital Object: [President Simon LEAD Presentation: 2021-12-01](#)

Digital Object: [2009 Simon Budget Talk: 2021-12-03](#)

Digital Object: [2016-PresidentSimon InductionIntoMIWomensHallofFame videos: 2022-05-27](#)

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