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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Lou Anna Simon has a long history at Michigan State University, spanning over three decades. She started at MSU in 1970 as a graduate student, earning her doctorate in 1974. She then became a member of the MSU faculty and assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research.

Simon has served as the provost and vice president for academic affairs since 1993. Simon ran the university in 2003 as interim president while current president 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 Ph.D. 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 remains 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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 - Education, Higher
 - Sex crimes -- Prevention
 - Universities and colleges -- Administration
 - Brochures
 - Electronic mail messages
 - Memorandums
 - Video recordings
 - Michigan State University. Office of the President
 - Michigan State University. Office of International Studies and Programs
 - Simon, Lou Anna Kimsey
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
"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

Electronic Resources

Title/Description	Instances
Lou Anna K. Simon Rides Tractor at AgExpo, 2009	object A.2014.0078_003-54ce
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

Michigan Hall of Fame Induction videos, 2016

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