

Marjorie Bakken, (1994-2004)

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Biography

Marjorie Bakken was the twelfth President of Wheelock College. Bakken graduated from the University of Wisconsin and received a Master's of Education degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. She was awarded a Ph.D. from Boston University and a Master's of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where she was a Lucius N. Littauer Fellow. Bakken served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines in 1961. In the early 1970's she worked in the Boston public schools and the Liberation School as a preschool teacher. She joined the Wheelock faculty in 1970 as a member of the Head Start supplementary training program. Bakken served in a number of administrative posts including Undergraduate Dean, Academic Dean and Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs. She became interim President in June 1994 and was selected as the first President from the faculty in October 1994. Bakken stepped down from her position as President of Wheelock in 2004.

Scope and Content

The Marjorie Bakken Collection in the Records of the Office of the President documents the life and professional work of Bakken, twelfth President of Wheelock College. The collection is made up of biographical materials, photographs and other images, items that document Bakken's involvement in professional activities, writings and lectures, as well as records relating to Bakken's office of President at Wheelock College. The collection is organized into three series with the third series being organized into three subseries.

- I. Biographical**
- II. Images**
- III. Professional Work**
 - 1. Professional Affiliations and Activities**
 - 2. Writings and Lectures**
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Restrictions

Access:

Access to the collection is unlimited. Researchers are allowed to view all pieces of the collection. The archives is open by appointment only. Call the Reference Librarian at (617) 879-2222 to make an appointment.

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Cataloging Entries

The following catalog entries provide controlled subject access to the collection. All these entries are searchable in the Wheelock College Library's online catalog to find materials of related interest.

Bakken, Marjorie
Wheelock College -- History
Wheelock College. President
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Speeches, addresses, etc.
Letters (correspondence)
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Programs
Invitations

Administrative Information

Acquisition:

The collection was the donation of Wheelock alumnae, faculty, and staff.

Processing Information:

The collection was re-processed by Theresa B. Davitt in December 2002, and updated by Abigail Blachly in 2004. The collection was initially organized by Laura Reade and Judy Ceven. The collection was rearranged based on archival principles. Accession correspondence as well as inquiries into information from the archives was removed from the collection. Acidic materials such as newsprint were photocopied onto acid-free paper and then discarded unless the original

had some intrinsic value.

Series Description

Series I:

Biographical

Contains articles and clippings about the life of Marjorie Bakken.

Series II:

Images

Contains photographs and photocopies of photographs of Bakken taken at Wheelock College. Most Marjorie Bakken photographs located in the photograph collection have been relocated to this series.

Series III:

Professional Work

Documents Bakken's professional work. Contains information relating to Bakken's work within the educational community, and speeches and addresses given by Bakken. The series is divided into three subseries:

1. Professional Affiliations and Activities

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3. Wheelock College Administrative

Subseries 1. Professional Affiliations and Activities

Documents the professional affiliations, activities, and awards of Marjorie Bakken. Includes the Mayor's Task Force on After-School Time report, May 2000, as well as citations from the City of Boston.

Subseries 2. Writings and Lectures

Contains Bakken's writings and lectures. These consist of published writings, lectures, addresses and speeches, all arranged chronologically. The speeches and lectures are organized within each year into categories of type of speech, including: alumni, students, open houses, all-college, parents and family, faculty staff and trustees, honorary degrees, donors, and miscellaneous. This subseries also includes a list of speeches from 1994 on file in the Office of the President. For earlier writings by Bakken, see Collection 2: Officers of the College: Deans and Vice-Presidents Series I. Check the Wheelock College Library Catalog at <http://www.wheelock.edu/library> for other writings by Bakken.

Subseries 3. Wheelock College Administrative

Documents some of Bakken's work at Wheelock College. It includes memoranda concerning her appointment as President as well as inaugural invitations, programs and the inaugural address. You will also find memoranda from Bakken and the draft of the 1992/93 Strategic Planning Report. For materials concerning the Presidential Search of 1993, see Collection 17: Faculty,

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