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Administrative/Biographical History

Born in New Orleans in 1952, Julia Schwam-Harris is a longstanding grassroots organizer and advocate for environmental issues, women's rights, and racial injustice in the state of Louisiana. Schwam-Harris is a graduate of the Newcomb College at Tulane University and a founding member of Ellevate Louisiana, an organization that seeks to empower women leaders throughout the state of Louisiana. In 2013, she co-founded the coalition LAW (Legislative Agenda for Women), which advocates for women's rights including access to healthcare and equal pay. She was also appointed to the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission in 2016.

Through her involvement in local government, Schwam-Harris has worked to keep the public informed about racial and environmental injustices facing the South. As a former city official (1994-2010), she developed initiatives to ensure the rights of New Orleanians

such as the Office of Public Advocacy, which connects residents in need to government resources. She served as a leader of Intergovernmental Relations and worked with the Justice Department on several projects including compliance with the American Disabilities Act. Schwam-Harris was also involved in lobbying efforts to rebuild the city of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Schwam-Harris' life-long commitment to environmental and social justice has been recognized through awards such as the National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. Solomon Award (2015), Newcomb Alumnae Association Community Service Award (2015), and ACLU Ben Smith Civil Liberties Award (2016).

Scope and Content

The Julie Schwam-Harris Environmental Research Collection consists of materials pertaining to environmental issues in Louisiana ranging from 1980-2008. The collection includes newspaper clippings, newsletters, pamphlets/fliers, correspondence, written notes, reports, publications, books, and ephemera. It is largely made up of publications that Schwam-Harris collected from grassroots organizations that she was involved with, as well as correspondence, and newspaper clippings on environmental concerns.

System of Arrangement

This collection is divided into four different series. Series I is further divided into two subseries. Within each series, the arrangement scheme is organized alphabetically. The original order of the materials in this collection was sorted by environmental topics and advocacy organizations. Because of this, the current arrangement follows this format. Additionally, due to the large amount of newspaper clippings collected with each topic, the clippings were arranged by date, following the related topic it is connected to, in a separate folder following its respective topic.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use.

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Language and Scripts of the Material

The collection is in English.

Processing Information

Processed by Em Lessley, January 2025.

Series Description

Series I: Research & Subject Files, 1984-2008

Subseries I-A: Environmental Issues

Subseries I-B: Organizations & Publications

Series II: Printed Materials, 1980-1994

Series III: Audiovisual Materials, 1993

Series IV: Ephemera, undated

Container List

Series I: Research and Subject Files, 1984-2008

Subseries I-A: Environmental Issues, 1984-2008

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Air Pollution, 1989-1993
	2	Air Pollution Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1994
	3	Chemical Plants, 1985-1992
	4	Chemical Plants Newspaper Clippings, 1985-1994
	5	Department of Environmental Quality, 1988-1993
	6	Department of Environmental Quality Newspaper Clippings, 1991-1995
	7	Economics vs. Environment, 1993-1994
	8	Economics vs. Environment Newspaper Clippings, 1992-1995
	9	Endangered Species Act, 1992-1993
	10	Endangered Species Act Newspaper Clippings, 1992-1995
	11	Energy, 1987-2003
	12	Energy Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1994
	13	Environmental Justice, 1988-1993

14 Environmental Justice, 1993-2007

15 Environmental Justice Newspaper Clippings, 1992-1994

2 1 Environment - General, 1988-1991

2 2 Environment - General, 1992-1994

3 3 Environment - General Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1993

4 4 Environment - State of Louisiana, 1984-1989

5 5 Environment - State of Louisiana, 1989-1991

6 6 Environment - State of Louisiana Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1996

7 7 Environment vs. Legislation, 1992

8 8 Environment vs. Legislation Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1992

9 9 Forest Issues (Parks), 1989-1993

10 10 Forest Issues (Parks) Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1994

11 11 Freeport, 1992-1993

12 12 Freeport Newspaper Clippings, 1993-1996

13 13 Health, 1984-1987

14 14 Health, 1990-1992

15 15 Health, 1992

3 1 Health, 1993-1995

2 2 Health Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1994

3 3 Inactive and Abandoned Sites, 1990-1992

4 4 Inactive and Abandoned Sites Newspaper Clippings, 1993

5 5 Incinerators, 1989-1992

6 6 Incinerators, 1992-1994

7 7 Incinerators Newspaper Clippings, 1991-1997

8	Landfill, 1992-1993
9	Landfill Newspaper Clippings, 1993-1994
10	Laws, 1984
11	Laws Newspaper Clippings, 1994
12	Marine Shale, 1984-1991
13	Marine Shale Newspaper Clippings, 1989-2006
14	Mining, 1992-1993
15	Mining Newspaper Clippings, 1992-1993
16	Takings and Natural Resources, 1991-1996
17	Takings and Natural Resources Newspaper Clippings, 1994-1995
18	Nuclear, undated
19	Nuclear Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1993
4	Oil Field Waste, 1990-1991
2	Oil Field Waste, 1991-1993
3	Oil Field Waste Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1994
4	Pesticides, 1993-1994
5	Pesticides Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1995
6	Produced Water, 1990-1992
7	Produced Water Newspaper Clippings, 1993
8	Recycling and Solid Waste, 1989-1992
9	Recycling and Solid Waste, 1993
10	Recycling and Solid Waste, 1993-1995
11	Recycling and Solid Waste, undated
12	Recycling and Solid Waste Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1999
13	River Sentinel, 1994

	14	Solid Waste, 1989-1993
	15	Solid Waste Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1995
5	1	Superfund, 1988-1990
	2	Superfund, 1992
	3	Superfund, 1992-1995
	4	Superfund Newspaper Clippings, 1988-2005
	5	Tauzin, 1995
	6	Tauzin Newspaper Clippings, 1993-1996
	7	Toxic Pollution, 1988-1990
	8	Toxic Pollution, 1990-1993
	9	Toxic Pollution Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1991
	10	Toxic Pollution Newspaper Clippings, 1992-1996
	11	Water Quality, 1987-1989
6	1	Water Quality, 1989-1992
	2	Water Quality Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1995
	3	Wetlands and Coast, 1988-1993
	4	Wetlands and Coast, 1994-1996
	5	Wetlands and Coast Newspaper Clippings, 1988-2008

Subseries I-B: Organizations and Publications, 1986-2005

Box	Folder	Description
6	6	Delta Sierran, 1987-1991
	7	Delta Sierran, 1992-1997
	8	Delta Sierran Newspapers, 1989-1999
	9	Everyone's Backyard, 1992-1993

	10	Everyone's Backyard, 1994
	11	Everyone's Backyard, 1995
	12	Everyone's Backyard, 1996
7	1	Environmental Advocate, 1989
	2	Environmental Advocate, 1990
	3	Environmental Advocate, 1990
	4	Environmental Advocate, 1991
	5	Friends of the Lake, 1992-1995
	6	Friends of the Lake Newspaper Clippings, 1992
	7	LA Consumer League Info, 1989-1991
	8	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, 1990-1992
	9	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, 1992-1993
	10	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, 1994-1997
	11	Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation Newspaper Clippings, 1988-1994
	12	Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN), 1986-1993
	13	Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN), 1993
8	1	Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN), 1994-2003
	2	Louisiana Bucket Brigade, 2002-2005
	3	Louisiana Coalition for Tax Justice (LCTJ), 1991-1992
	4	Louisiana Coalition for Tax Justice (LCTJ), 1993
	5	Louisiana Coalition for Tax Justice Newspaper Clippings, 1989-1992
	6	Mid City Green Project, 1994-1997

7	Misc., 1993-1996
8	Misc. Newspaper Clippings, 1993
9	National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), 1990-1993
10	Sierra Club, 1992-1993
11	SLAPP, undated
12	Universities, 1991
13	Universities, 1992-1996
14	Universities Newspaper Clippings, 1992-1994
15	Waste Watchers, 1991-1994

Series II: Printed Materials, 1980-1994

Box	Folder	Description
9	1	Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class, Environmental Quality, 1990
	2	The Great Louisiana Tax Giveaway, 1980-1989
	3	Takings L.A.W., 1994

Series III: Audiovisual Materials, 1993

Box	Folder	Description
9	4	Cassette tape: NPR Weekend Edition Saturday, 1993

Series IV: Ephemera, undated

Box	Folder	Description
9	5	Button: People Before Profits!