Carla Levine Klausner Papers  
(K0667)

Collection Number: K0667

Collection Title: Carla Levine Klausner Papers

Dates: 1974-1980

Creator: Klausner, Carla Levine

Abstract: This collection includes newspaper clippings and pamphlets concerning activities and accomplishments of Dr. Klausner, professor of History at University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Collection Size: 0.03 cubic foot  
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City. If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Dr. Carla Levine Klausner on August 24, 2005 (Accession No. KA1398).

Notes: This collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

Carla Levine Klausner was born Carla Joy Levine on November 9, 1936, in Missouri. She received her doctorate from Harvard University in history and Middle East studies in 1963, the first year that Harvard granted the doctorate to women. She began her teaching career at University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) with a part-time appointment in 1964 and received a tenure track position in 1966. In her years at UMKC, she taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in Medieval European, Islamic, Ottoman, Middle East, Jewish, and Holocaust history. She also participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities grant that established the Cluster Course program and taught the “Courts and Culture in the High Middle Ages” course with emerita professor Linda Voigts. Klausner received the Shelby Storck Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the Interfraternity Council Good Teaching Award, the UMKC Interdisciplinary Doctorate of Philosophy Faculty Award from the Doctoral Student Association, was a Mortarboard Honoree, and in 2004, was named Curators Distinguished Teaching Professor. As the only full-time female faculty member in the history department for at least twenty years, and among the handful of women on the faculty in those early days, she was tapped for service on countless college and university committees. For many years, she served as the History Master of Arts degree advisor and Interdisciplinary Doctorate of Philosophy degree coordinator. Her expertise on the Middle East led to countless lectures to academic and community audiences on various aspects of the history, culture and politics of the region, as well as numerous media appearances. Additionally, she taught in the Danciger Judaic Studies Program and served as the president of the UMKC chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Klausner co-wrote From Destruction to Rebirth: The Holocaust and the State of Israel (1978) with Joseph P. Schultz and A History of the Arab-Israel Conflict (1986) with Ian J. Bickerton. She married Tiberius Klausner, a Romanian immigrant and graduate from the Juilliard School of Music (1955), on June 2, 1963. He was concertmaster of the Kansas City Philharmonic (1955-1967) before serving as a music professor at UMKC for 32 years. The couple had three daughters, Danielle and twins Mirra and Serena. After retiring from UMKC in June of 2012, she planned to continue to teach there part-time for the next three years.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into three folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The Carla Levine Klausner Papers contain materials related to Klausner’s career with UMKC. The first folder contains a program from the initiation ceremony for the UMKC chapter of Phi Kappa Phi dated April 29, 1979. Dr. Klausner is listed as serving as the chapter president for the 1978-1979 academic year. The second folder contains pamphlets from April 1979 advertising the Danciger Judaic Studies Program at UMKC, which allowed students to graduate with a bachelor’s of arts degree in Judaic Studies. The pamphlet includes information on the classes taught in the program, the faculty members involved, and the general benefits of the program. Dr. Klausner is listed as one of the professors teaching in the program. The third folder includes newspaper articles from 1974 to 1980 regarding Dr. Klausner’s life and accomplishments, including articles on the publication of From Destruction to Rebirth, the Danciger Judaic Studies Program, awards that Klausner received, an event on Iran in which she served as a moderator, Phi Kappa Phi, and a trip that she and her family took to Israel.
Container List:

Box 001  f. 1  Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Program, 1979
       f. 2  Judaic Studies Pamphlet, 1979
       f. 3  Newspaper Clippings, 1974-1980

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