



Bistany, Joanna: Files, 1982-1983

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Record Type

Textual

Biography

Biography

Joanna Bistany (1947-2002) was a native of New York City (Brooklyn). She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky. She then did postgraduate work and taught at the University of Cincinnati. While in Cincinnati, she was a staff member of the developmental diagnostic center at the Children's Hospital Medical Center. Moving on to do more post-graduate work in clinical behavior management at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, she became involved in the Reagan presidential campaign beginning in October 1979. Through the campaign, Bistany met David Gergen and became his assistant for the 1980-1981 transition period. When Gergen joined the White House staff in 1981, he brought Bistany in as his assistant. In mid-1983 Bistany left the Reagan White House staff for a position with ABC News.

Ms. Bistany spent 17 years at ABC News. She was vice president at ABC News, and from 1986-1998 was chief deputy to Roone Arledge when he was president of ABC News. From August 1998 until she left in June 2000 she was senior vice president at ABC News. Bistany left to become an independent program developer.

Bistany died of cancer at her parent's home in Pennsylvania in May 2002.

Scope and Content Note

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Due to the relatively small size of the Communications Office, much of the work product for its staff members was interfiled, particularly in the early years. Because of this filing practice many folders bear the imprint of both David Gergen and Joanna Bistany. The Library created a "Bistany/Gergen" subject file within the Gergen collection to contain this material. For a fuller sense of Bistany's work product and her responsibilities, please see SERIES I: Bistany/Gergen Subject File with the [David Gergen](#) collection.

The Joanna Bistany collection consists of two series: SERIES I: Subject File and SERIES II: Phone Logs.

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SERIES I: SUBJECT FILE

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OPEN	Chron File 1981-1983 (1)-(4)
OPEN	Implementation Update: State of the Union Initiatives Review 04/20/1983 (1)-(3)
OPEN	Inflation 11/15/1982 (1)(2)
OPEN	Interview Requests, 1981-1982 (1)-(9)
CLOSED	New York Articles February 21 -- Nuclear Arms
CLOSED	Press Credential Requests
CLOSED	Press Interviews
CLOSED	Press Log 06/13/1982-06/20/1982
CLOSED	Press Log 06/21/1982-06/24/1982
CLOSED	Resumes - Miscellaneous (Pending)
CLOSED	Resumes - Other Agencies
CLOSED	Resumes Referred by Marge Carlisle - Republican Senate Conference
CLOSED	Resumes - Summer Interns
CLOSED	Resumes - White House Fellows 1982
OPEN	[State of the Union 1983: Key Initiatives Book] (1)-(3)
CLOSED	Summit of Industrial Nations, Williamsburg 05/28/1983-05/30/1983: Background Information
CLOSED	Women's Issues (Briefing Book)

SERIES II: PHONE LOGS

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Status	Title
CLOSED	Phone Log 01/28/1981-05/15/1981
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CLOSED	Phone Log 12/02/1981-02/26/1982
CLOSED	Phone Log 03/01/1982-04/12/1982
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CLOSED	Phone Log 06/14/1982-06/30/1982
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