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Shirley Christian Collection

Collection Number	MS 134
Title	The Shirley Christian Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1968 – 2000
Collection Size	1 linear foot
Creator	Shirley Christian, donated to PSU by Christian in 2009 and 2017
Scope and Content	The majority of the collection are newspaper clippings about governmental conflicts in Central and South America. There are three series in this collection: Education, Clippings, Publications, and Photographs.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access
Languages	English
Biographical Note	Shirley A. Christian was born on January 16, 1938, in Windsor, Missouri to Herbert Walsh and Minnie Lucille (Acker) Christian. She obtained her bachelor's degree in language and literature from the Kansas State College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University) in 1960, and her master's degree in international journalism from Ohio State University in 1966. Christian also did graduate studies at Harvard University from 1973 to 1974. Christian has worked as a journalist, including working for the Associated Press as a United Nations correspondent from 1970 to 1973; a copy editor and foreign desk reporter from 1974 to 1977; the bureau chief in Santiago, Chile from 1977 to 1979; the Miami Herald as a Latin American correspondent from 1979 to 1983; the New York Times as a foreign affairs reporter in Washington, DC, from 1985 to 1986; the bureau chief in Buenos Aires in 1986. She was an adjunct professor of journalism at Columbia University, and a visiting professor of journalism at Baylor University. She has contributed works to several periodicals, including <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , <i>New York Times</i> , and <i>New Republic</i> . Christian is the author of two books, <i>Nicaragua: Revolution in the Family</i> (Random House, 1986), and <i>Before Lewis and Clark: The Story of the Chouteaus, the French Dynasty That Ruled America's Frontier</i> (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2004). She was the editor for Judith Evans' <i>Investing and Selling in Latin America, Hemisphere Business</i> . Christian the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting in 1981, and the George Polk Memorial Award for Foreign Reporting, also in 1981.

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Series

The **Education** series includes a copy of her 1966 master's thesis at Ohio State University.

The **Clippings** series includes a majority of Christian's writings, mostly about the political strife in Central and South America. A few clippings focus on people or events. There are no originals in this series, all of the clippings are photocopies. This series is organized alphabetically by country, and then chronologically with her submissions for the Pulitzer Prize at the back.

The **Publication** series includes articles and book reviews that Christian wrote. All but one of the articles focuses on the political turmoil in Central and South America, as is all her book reviews. This series is organized alphabetically by the title of the publication and then chronologically.

The **Photograph** series includes photos of Christian with international political figures; office settings, and "at work."

Folder List

Box 1

Education

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Christian, Shirley A. *Juan Bosch and his Supporters As Viewed by Some Segments of the United States Press – A Comparative Analysis*. Thesis, Ohio State University, 1966.

Clippings

- f. 2 Argentina, 1986 – 1988
- f. 3 Argentina, 1989 – 1991
- f. 4 Bolivia, 1977 – 1990
Brazil, 1988
- f. 5 Chile, 1968 – 1988
- f. 6 Chile, 1988 – 1995
- f. 7 Colombia, 1992
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- f. 19 Uruguay, 1986 – 1990
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"This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land." *The New York Times Magazine*, November, 1992, pp. 32-38.
"The First Fine Day: Kansas City." *The New York Times Magazine*, February, 2000, pp. 10-12.

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El Salvador- "struggling up hill" 1990
With Raul Sendic (Tupamaros Guerrillas) 1989
Archbishop of Montevideo c. 1989
Outside of Helicopter, El Salvador 1990
Inside Helicopter, El Salvador 1990
With Colonel Majano, Salvadoran Junta 1980
With General Pinochet, Chile 1986
With Zubin Mehta, Orchestra Conductor, 1988

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Champagne Toast with John McMullan, Editor of The Herald 1981

Rutgers Speech 1983

In San Salvador 1981

Associated Press in Chile Farewell Party 1979

Breakfast with General Pinochet in Chile c. 1978

Nieman Fellowship Class, Harvard 1974

Touring Beekman Place 1972

Associated Press in New Orleans Farewell Party 1968

With Ardeshir Zahedi, Foreign Minister of Iran, 1970