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# Ruth and Richard Shack papers

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Miami Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Ruth and Richard Shack papers
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## Scope and content

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The Ruth Shack Papers archive the life of a remarkable woman who was elected to her first of three terms as a Dade County Commissioner in 1976. She had an unsuccessful campaign for Dade County Mayor which led to her taking over as the President of the Dade Community Foundation in 1984. She led the Dade Community Foundation with great distinction for 25 years until her retirement in 2009. As president she expanded the Foundation's finances exponentially and was able to positively affect the community of Miami Dade County. She received the Susan B. Anthony Award in 1975 and the Sojourner Truth Award in 1977, she has been recognized as the Citizen of the Year, honored with the Spirit of Excellence Award and countless other recognitions for her service. Known as the "Kissing Commissioner" for her affectionate demeanor, she was proud to sponsor the Human Rights Ordinance and admired by the Gay Community for her dedication to fighting discrimination.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Ruth Shack, 2013.

### Restrictions on access

The collection is open for research.

## Related material

### Anita Bryant Books

1. Bryant, Anita. *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*. Old Tappan, N.J.: Revell, 1970.
2. Bryant, Anita. *Amazing Grace*, Old Tappan, N.J.: Revell, 1971.
3. Bryant, Anita. *Fishers of Men*, Old Tappan, N.J.: Revell, 1973.
4. Bryant, Anita & Green, Bob. *Light My Candle*, Old Tappan, N.J.: Revell, 1974.
5. Bryant Anita. *Bless This Food: The Anita Bryant Family Cookbook*, Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1975.

### Ruth Shack: Donated Books and Art

6. Abrams, Michael and Rosemary Grillo. *Michael Abrams* New York, NY: THE Gallery, Three Zero, 1991.
7. Belichick, Meg. *Wire Book*. [sculpture] [no date]
8. "Members 3 Exhibition." Loch Haven Art Center Exhibition, August 26, 1980 – September 14, 1980. Loch Haven Park, Orlando, 1980. [includes information on Eitharon Ummarid]
9. *Management by Objectives* (1999) by Robert [T?] [carved gun-shaped book housed in Museum of Contemporary Art box]
10. Lacy, Suzanne. *Rape Is*. Los Angeles, CA: Suzanne Lacy, 1976.
11. Michelson, Alan. *The Conspiracy of Pontiac* (Autobiography) Philadelphia, PA: Alan Michelson and Pyramid Atlantic, 1994.
12. Zimmermann, Philip. *High Tension : Montage '93* Rochester, NY: Visual Studies Workshop Press, 1993.
13. Hollo, Anselm. *High Beam*. Riverdale, MD: Anselm Hollo and Pyramid Atlantic, [1993?].
14. Borges, Jorge Luis and Rolando Estevez Jordan. *Cristo en la Cruz y Otros Poemas* Matanzas, Cuba: Ediciones Vigia, 1996.
15. Alatalo, Sally and Anne Wilson. *Imperfect Sutures* Chicago, IL: Sara Ranchouse Publishing, 1995.
16. Benaim, Ricardo. [17 cards of artwork and timeline biography (in Spanish) in red folded box] (with accompanying information about the artist)
17. Reiner, Karen. *Forgeries*. Chicago, IL: Sara Ranchouse Publishing, 1996. [18 loose postcards]
18. Holzer, Jenny. *Laments* New York, NY: Dia Art Foundation, 1989
19. Harman, Barbara. *Some Mountains*. Washington, D.C.: Pyramid Atlantic, 1988.
20. King, Susan E. *Support Living Artists!* [series]. Santa Monica, CA: Paradise Press, [1989].
21. Downs, Buck, et al. *Signature Series Number One: Washington DC [Riverdale, MD]*: Pyramid Atlantic, 1987.
22. Gelfman, Lynne Golob. *17 Paintings with Details and Text* New York, NY: Joyce Goldstein Gallery, 1997.
23. Kahn, Robin. *Reveries of a Spinster*. New York?]: Mis Dias Press, 1997
24. King, Susan E. *Treading the Maze: An Artist's Book of Daze* Rochester, NY: Montage 93, International Film Festival, 1993.
25. Rosenberg, Barry. *In the lineage of Eva Hesse* :[exhibition] January 23-May 1, 1994. Ridgefield, CT: Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, 1994.
26. Frazier, Ian and Saul Steinberg. *Canal Street* New York: Library Fellows of the Whitney Museum of American Art, 1990.
27. *Your Lovely Wedding Kit* [box of items].
28. O'Doherty, Brian (Editor). *Aspen 5+6 – The Minimalist Issues* Fall – Winter 1967. New York, NY: Roaring Fork Press, 1967. [mixed media: film reel, printed works, sculpture, records]

29. Bontecou, Lee, Louise Bourgeois, et al. True Grit. March 9-6, 2000. New York, NY: Michael Rosenfeld Galler, 2000.
30. Nordstrom, Alison (Curator). Voyages (per)Formed: Photography and Travel in the Gilded Age [Daytona Beach, FL]: Daytona Beach Community College, 2000.
31. MacLise, Angus and Hetty (Editors). Dreamweapon. Aspen, number 9. New York, NY: Roaring Fork Press, 1970.
32. Presser, Elena. Red Sonata. [framed art]
33. Elena Presser: Transpositions: From the Goldberg Variations and Anna Magdalena Bach Notebooks January 15 – February 20, 1988. Philadelphia, PA: Goldie Paley Gallery Moore College of Art, 1988.
34. Warhol, Andy and David Dalton (Designers). Fab Issue Aspen, number 3. New York, NY: Roaring Fork Press, 1966.
35. Flore, Quentin. [Marshall McLuhan issue]. Aspen, number 1. New York, NY: Roaring Fork Press, 1967.
36. Kirk, Frank (designer). Aspen, number 2. New York, NY: Roaring Fork Press, 1966.
37. Johnson, Phyllis (Editor). Aspen, number 1. New York, NY: Roaring Fork Press, 1965.
38. Rubio, Lydia. Shack in a Box. [Florida]: Lydia Rubio, 1994.
39. Rhymer, Eve. Legendary, Lexical, Loquacious Love. Chicago: Sara Ranchouse Publishing, 1996.
40. Alatalo, Sally. A Rearranged Affair Chicago: Sara Ranchouse Publishing, 1996.
41. Baker, Bridget. World Healer/Traveller. [embroidery, photograph on pillow]. [Easter Cape, South Africa]: Bridget Baker, 1998. [includes description and artist's CV]
42. Ranchouse, Sara. Sara Ranchouse Publishing Catalog 1998. [Chicago, IL]: Sara Ranchouse Publishing, 1998.
43. Schmitt, Tom. [3 Paintings] (no frame). Tom Schmitt: It Still Works, Paintings 1958 – 1971.
44. Colp, Norman B. A Primer on Art Criticism. [New York, NY]: Hand and Mind Books, 1983.
45. Tunga. Assalto. [Brasilia: Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, 2001].
46. Ambrosino, Genero, Susan Feliciano, and Chris Ingalls. A.K.A. Miami, FL: Ambrosino Gallery, 1998.
47. Jepetra. La Historia de las Historias. 14 plates. Havana, Cuba: 1997.
48. Paulot, Bruno. If This Book has Nothing to do with Art [no publisher place]: B. Paulot, [1980?].
49. Oldenburg, Claes. Claes Oldenburg: Sculptures and Lithographs at Gemini, 1988-91. Los Angeles, CA: Gemini G.E.L., 1991.
50. Nel, Luan. Paper: An Installation by Luan Nel at the Mark Coetzee Fine Art Cabinet. Cape Town, South Africa: Mark Coetzee Fine Art Cabinet, [1997].
51. Kahn, Julie Lara. [Box of Artists Trading Cards]. [Aztec, NM: D. Bara, 2002].
52. Johnson, Philip, et al. Zelo: Florida Zealous Interviews. Vol. 2, Issue 2. Miami, FL, 1985.
53. Belichick, Meg. Miss Gowanus. [New York, NY]: M. Belichick, 1996.
54. Smith, Champe. Culture: Context Featuring the Artist Meg Belichick, Part I. [VHS]. Champe Smith, 2002.
55. Roper, Craig. Six Landscapes. [6 in box, including 1 external and larger format bundle] 1996. (Artist packet information, letter to R. Shack, and description of works included).
56. Puls, Lucy. Imperfectus, Rubra: (Funk and Wagnall, Incomplete, Red). 1994. [2 pieces, with accompanying description of artist].
57. [Framed wall art: 2 separate images in singular frame].
58. Eitharong, Ummarid. [Framed art, pencil and alphabet]. Orlando, FL: [197-?].
59. [House made from library catalog cards and wooden toothpicks]
60. [39 cut portions of books] Is it: Anasazi, Maria. Untitled, 1997. "made from old books and book covers laid on the floor"

61. [Minnes?], Marie. [2 Framed sections of books with stitching covering text], 2000.
62. [3 wooden rings]. Amasazi, Maria. Numbers 1, 2, and 3 of 18. 1999.
63. [Tied bundle of materials]
64. Ferre, Christina [Nina]. 5 prints. 1993 – 1996. [includes accompanying CV]
65. Scroll of paper with ink text and drawings
66. William Cullen? 1999, 2 index cards with art and 1 postcard “no reference to baseball” on postcard”1 metal base? With tape edge on one side

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

- Human rights (subject)
- Miami (Florida) -- Politics and government -- 20th century (place)

## Series descriptions

### Series id163151: County Commissioner Materials

#### Publication status:

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#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id163152	File -			1
id163167	File - Agenda & Meeting Minutes	1977		1 1
id163184	File - Agenda & Meeting Minutes: Interests of Commissioner Ruth Shack during Commission Meetings	1978-1982		1 2
id163193	File - Agenda & Meeting Minutes: List of Dade County Commission Meetings January 1940 thru July 1941	1981		1 3
id163195	File - Agenda & Meeting Minutes: List of Dade County Public Officials 1957 to 1983	1983		1 4
id163196	File - Awards & Honors: Certificates of Membership	1977-1984		1 5
id163197	File - Awards & Honors: Various Honors	1975-1984		1 6
id163198	File - Board of County Commissioners Issues	1978-1982		1 7
id163199	File - Certificates of Election	1976-1982		1 8

id163455	File - Correspondence	1976-1983	1 9
id163456	File - Correspondence: White House Correspondence	1979	1 10
id163457	File - Endorsements	July 6th 1978- September 12th 1978	1 11
id163458	File - Memoranda	1976-1984	1 12
id163459	File - Newspaper Articles & Other Publications: Newspaper Articles	1976-1988	1 13
id163460	File - Newspaper Articles & Other Publications: Miscellaneous Publications	1976-1983	1 14
id163461	File - Photographs	n.d.	1 15
id163462	File - Photographs	n.d.	1 16
id163463	File - Speeches	n.d.	1 17
id163464	File - Surrounded Islands Project	1983	1 18
id163475	File - Resignation Letter	1984	1 19
id163476	File - Assorted Materials	1977-1984	1 20

### Series id163329: Campaign Promotional Materials

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#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id163482	File -			2
id163483	File - Biographical Sketch	n.d.		2 1
id163484	File - Campaign Plan & Strategy	n.d.		2 2
id163485	File - Flyers	n.d.		2 3
id163486	File - Mayor Campaign	1984		2 4
id163487	File - Newspaper Articles	1976-1978		2 5
id163621	File - Other Candidates	1976-1978		2 6
id163622	File - Photographs	n.d.		2 7
id163623	File - Spanish Ephemera	n.d.		2 8
id163624	File - Stickers	n.d.		2 9
id163625	File - Television Commercial Schedules & Bills	1978		2 10
id163626	File - Assorted Materials	n.d.		2 11

### Series id163627: Organizational Positions

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#### File / item list

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id163628	File -			3
id163828	File - Council on Foundations: 1995 Annual Conference	1995		3 1

id163829	File - Council on Foundations: Correspondence	1995-1997	3 2
id163830	File - Council on Foundations: Foundation News Magazine	1990-1993	3 3
id163831	File - Council on Foundations: Foundation News Magazine	1995-2006	3 4
id163832	File - Council on Foundations: Foundation News, Interview by Ruth Shack	1995	3 5
id163833	File - Council on Foundations, Newsletter	1995	3 6
id163834	File - Dade Community Foundation: Annual Reports	1995-2008	3 7
id163835	File - Dade Community Foundation: Annual Report Reactions	1995-2009	3 8
id163836	File - Dade Community Foundation: Brochures & Handouts	n.d.	3 9
id163837	File - Dade Community Foundation: Correspondence	1992-2010	3 10
id163838	File - Dade Community Foundation: Events	1984-2011	3 11
id163839	File - Dade Community Foundation: Guantanamo Bay Visit	2008	3 12
id163840	File - Dade Community Foundation: Letter of Recommendation	2008	3 13
id163841	File - Dade Community Foundation: Miami Fellows Initiative	2008	3 14
id163842	File - Dade Community Foundation: Newsletters	1989-2011	3 15
id163843	File - Dade Community Foundation: Newspaper Articles & Other Publications	1985-2009	3 16
id163844	File - Dade Community Foundation: Presidential Evaluation	2005	3 17
id163845	File - Dade Community Foundation: Resignation	2009	3 18
id163846	File - Dade Community Foundation: Special Reports	n.d.	3 19
id163847	File - Dade Community Foundation: Speeches, Writings & Notes	n.d.	3 20
id163848	File - Dade Community Foundation: Spirit of Excellence Award Nominations	1992	3 21
id163849	File - Dade Community Foundation: Ten Year Anniversary Party	1995	3 22
id163850	File - Dade Community Foundation: Assorted Materials	1990-2009	3 23
id163851	File - The Miami Foundation: Annual Reports	2010-2011	3 24
id163852	File - The Miami Foundation: Brochures & Handouts	n.d.	3 25
id163853	File - The Miami Foundation: Assorted Materials	n.d.	3 26
id163854	File - Transatlantic Community Foundation Network: Working Group with Dade Community Foundation	2002	3 27



id163855	File - Transatlantic Community Foundation Network: Assorted Materials	1999-2009	3 28
id163899	File - Diversity in Philanthropy Project	2009	3 29

**Series id163786: Personal Papers**Publication status:

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**File / item list**

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id163856	File -			4
id163857	File - Correspondence	1952-2012		4 1
id163858	File - Events	2009-2013		4 2
id163859	File - Jimmy Carter Inauguration	1977		4 3
id163860	File - Newspaper Articles & Clippings	1951-2016		4 4
id163861	File - Photographs	1950-2009		4 5
id163862	File - Photographs	2003-2011		4 6
id163863	File - Playbills	1948-1951		4 7
id163864	File - Publications	2009		4 8
id163865	File - Ruth Shack Resumes	n.d.		4 9
id163866	File - Smithsonian Oral History Interview	1997		4 10
id163873	File - Assorted Materials	1951		4 11
id169893	File -			5
id169894	File - Oversized Materials: Advertising Proof	n.d.		5 1
id169895	File - Oversized Materials: Awards & Honors	1975-1983		5 2
id169896	File - Oversized Materials: Certificates of Election to Dade County Commission	1976-1982		5 3
id169897	File - Oversized Materials: Photographs	n.d.		5 4
id169898	File - Oversized Materials: Poster	n.d.		5 5
id188036	File - Oversized Materials: Miscellaneous Artwork	n.d.		5 6
id188037	Item - "Canal Street", Ian Frazier and Saul Steinberg	1990		5 6
id188038	Item - Art New England Excerpt	1994		5 6
id186224	File -			8
id186225	File - Correspondence: Belichick, Meg	1994-1998		8 1
id186226	File - Magazine Article: Lincoln Road Magazine	n.d.		8 2
id186227	File - Oral History Transcript	1996-1997		8 3
id186228	File - Subject Files: Art	2003		8 4
id384896	File - Photographs	2017		8 5

**Series id163827: Anita Bryant & Gay Rights Ordinance Materials**Publication status:

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File / item list				
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id163867	File -			6
id163874	File - Acting & Singing Materials	1967		6 1
id163875	File - Anita Bryant Advertising	1965-1985		6 2
id163876	File - Anita Bryant Contracts	1964-1974		6 3
id163877	File - Anita Bryant and the First Crusade - Miami-Dade Countys 1977 Referendum on Gay Rights by Michael D. Boucai	2002		6 4
id163878	File - The Bob Hope Christmas Tour			6 5
id163879	File - Correspondence	1965-1976		6 6
id163880	File - Correspondence	1977-2002		6 7
id163881	File - Dick Shack/Anita Bryant Dissociation	n.d.		6 8
id163882	File - Financial Documents	1965-1978		6 9
id163883	File - Memoranda	1966-1977		6 10
id163884	File - Newspaper Articles & Clippings	1964-1985		6 11
id163885	File - Newspaper Articles & Clippings	1977-2007		6 12
id163886	File - Photographs	n.d.		6 13
id163887	File - Photographs	n.d.		6 14
id163888	File - Publications: Alive! Magazine	Aug-Oct 1977		6 15
id163889	File - Publications: Anita Bryant Articles/ Interviews	1972-1980		6 16
id163890	File - Publications: Gay Rights Ordinance Controversy	Apr-Aug 1977		6 17
id163891	File - Publications: Homosexuality Articles	1977-1982		6 18
id163892	File - Publications: The Miami Herald - Tropic Magazine	1977-1980		6 19
id163893	File - Publications: People Weekly Magazine	Jan-June 1977		6 20
id163894	File - Publications: Tupperware Sentinel	1964-1965		6 21
id163895	File - Statement from Senator Harry Cain to Dade County Commission	1977		6 22
id163896	File - Subject Files: National Socialists White People's Party	n.d.		6 23
id163897	File - Testimony of Professor Bruce J. Winick Concerning Gay Rights Ordinance	1977		6 24
id163898	File - Transcript from County Commission Meeting Concerning	1977		6 25
id167857	File - Assorted Materials	n.d.		6 26
id169899	File - The Day It Snowed in Miami Documentary DVD & Related Materials	2014		6 27

### Series id373936: Subject Files - Art

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id373937	File -			7
id373938	File - Artist: Maria Anasazi	ca. 1990s-2000s		7 1
id373939	File - Artist: Bridget Baker	ca. 1990s		7 2
id373940	File - Artist: Ummarid Eitharong	ca. 1970s-1980s		7 3
id373941	File - Artist: Nina Ferre	ca. 1990s-2000s		7 4
id373942	File - Artist: Lucy Puls	1995-2003		7 5
id373943	File - Artist: Craig Roper	ca. 1990s-2000s		7 6
id373944	File - Artists: Tom and Marylen Schmitt	1986-1997		7 7
id373945	File - Artist: David Stark	1999, n.d.		7 8
id380726	File -			8