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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator:</b>	Miller, Annetta
<b>Title:</b>	Annetta Miller Papers
<b>ID:</b>	LP001785
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1965-1995
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1970-1989
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15 Linear Feet (15 SB)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material entirely in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Annetta Miller was a Registered Nurse, peace activist, and three-term member of the Michigan State Board of Education. Her experiences serving in the United States Army Nurse Corps during World War II drove her to join the peace movement during the Vietnam War. A Democrat representing Michigan's 18th congressional district, much of Miller's first two terms on the Board of Education dealt with desegregation of the Detroit Public Schools following the finding in <i>Bradley v. Milliken</i> by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan that the district was guilty of <i>de jure</i> segregation, Judge Stephen J. Roth's order that they desegregate via an inter-district busing plan, and subsequent decisions including the United State Supreme Court overturning Roth's decision in <i>Milliken v. Bradley</i>. Miller opposed the allocation of public funds to private and religious schools, and supported the separation of church and state in public education. The Annetta Miller Papers document the activities of the Board of Education during Miller's 24-year tenure through administrative documentation and supplementary resources on education, as well as Miller's involvement with the peace movement and other political organizing. Of particular interest are materials related to <i>Bradley v. Milliken</i>, desegregation, and busing plans; taxpayer financing of private education and reallocation to public schools; and Miller's son's participation in the 1965 Selective Service Office Sit-In in Ann Arbor.</p>

## Citation Style

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## History

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Annetta Miller was a Registered Nurse, peace activist, and three-term member of the Michigan State Board of Education. She was born Annetta Klein in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1921 to Austrian-born parents who owned and operated a furniture store. Miller obtained her nursing degree from the Jewish Hospital Association of Philadelphia (later absorbed by Albert Einstein Medical Center) during World War II and enlisted in the United States Army Nurse Corps in 1943. She served from 1944 to 1945, treating American soldiers at a rehabilitation hospital in Atlantic City; Italian prisoners of war in a Staten Island ward; and German prisoners of war in Southern England. She met Dr. Sidney Miller while stationed in Europe, a medical doctor also serving. They married in Oxfordshire in 1945 before settling in Dr. Miller's hometown of Dearborn, Michigan. They had three children, Ronald (Ron), Frederick (Fred), and Mark. The family eventually relocated to Huntington Woods to be closer to a Jewish community.

During the Vietnam War, Miller and her family joined the peace movement, participating in protests of the war and draft. Miller became involved with several leftist organizations in the 1960s and 1970s, including Americans for Democratic Action (ADA); Coalition on National Priorities; Michigan Committee Against Repression; and Michigan Citizens for Impeachment in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal. Her affiliation with some of these groups made her the subject of political surveillance.

In 1970, Miller ran as a Democrat in Michigan's 18th congressional district, but lost to the incumbent in the primaries. She was elected to the Michigan State Board of Education the same year and served three consecutive eight-year terms. Much of her first two terms dealt with desegregation of the Detroit Public Schools following the finding in *Bradley v. Milliken* by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan that the district was guilty of *de jure* segregation, Judge Stephen J. Roth's order that they desegregate via an inter-district busing plan, and subsequent decisions including the United States Supreme Court overturning Roth's decision in *Milliken v. Bradley*. Miller was staunchly opposed to "parochialism," or the allocation of public funds to private and religious schools. She supported the separation of church and state in public education, opposing creationism and abstinence-only curricula.

In 1995, Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Wayne State University at the age of 74. She served on the university's Board of Governors from 1997 to 2012.

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## Scope and Content

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The Annetta Miller Papers contain administrative documents created by the Michigan State Board of Education, including meeting minutes, resolutions, correspondence, and supplementary resources related to issues in education. Additionally, the collection contains materials related to Miller's political activism, including correspondence, organizing materials, news clippings, and documentation of her political surveillance by the FBI. Of particular interest are materials related to *Bradley v. Milliken*, desegregation, and busing plans; taxpayer financing of private education and reallocation to public schools; and Miller's son's participation in the 1965 Selective Service Office Sit-In in Ann Arbor.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged in 2 series – Series 1: Michigan State Board of Education, 1966-1987 (Boxes 1-14) and Series 2: Organizing and activism, 1965-1993 (Boxes 14-15). Folders are arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Acquisition

The Annetta Miller Papers were placed in the Walter P. Reuther Library in 2000 and 2002.

## Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Leah Minadeo on April 29, 2022.

## Access

Collection is open for research.

## Use

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Morris Gleicher Papers (UP001536)  
Wayne State University College of Education, Dean's Office: Detroit Public Schools Monitoring Commission on  
Desegregation Records (WSR001371)  
Kathleen Straus Papers (UP001848)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Desegregation in Education
- Peace movements
- Public schools
- Education
- Busing for School Integration
- Michigan. State Board of Education
- Detroit Public Schools

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Michigan State Board of Education, 1966-1987

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Proposal to Desegregate the Detroit Public Schools by Means of a One-Way Student Movement and Reassignment Plan, 1972 January	box 8	folder 8
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Report of Findings and Recommendations from a Public Hearing on the Role of State Agencies in School Desegregation, 1975 March 11	box 8	folder 10
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