



Guide to the Lori Lipman Brown Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Brown, Lori Lipman, 1958-
Title:	Lori Lipman Brown Papers
ID:	MS-00346
Date [inclusive]:	1975 to 2009
Date [bulk]:	1993-2000
Physical Description:	11.13 Cubic Feet (13 boxes, 2 oversized boxes)
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Lori Lipman Brown Papers date from 1975 to 2009 and document former Nevada State Senator Lori Lipman Brown's political career. It includes correspondence and materials from Brown's service as a Nevada State Senator from 1992 to 1994, case files from her defamation lawsuit against Nevada State Senator Kathy Augustine, and papers from her work opposing the Nevada Question 2 ballot measure on same-sex marriage in 2000. The collection also contains photocopies of biographical materials and personal and publicity photographs of Brown, as well as material from her time working with local high school and community theatre programs.

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Biographical Note

Former Nevada State Senator Lori Lipman Brown works as a lawyer, educator, civil rights advocate, and secular activist in the United States. Born in New York on June 17, 1958, Brown graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), and then received her Juris Doctor

from Southwestern University School of Law in 1983. After working as an attorney, Brown returned to UNLV and took courses to get her teaching license and went to work as a high school teacher.

In 1992, voters elected Brown to the Nevada State Senate. As a senator she supported the repeal of the Nevada sodomy statute, funding for social workers, mental health care, and education. Brown lost her reelection campaign to Kathy Augustine. Following the loss, Brown successfully sued Augustine for defamation over Augustine's claims that Brown refused to pray or say the Pledge of Allegiance on the floor of the State Senate.

Following her service in the State Senate, Brown supported progressive causes in Nevada. She worked with Equal Rights Nevada to oppose Question 2 which defined marriage as only a union between a man and woman in 2000. Brown ran unsuccessfully for the Nevada Supreme Court in 2004. She served as the first director of the congressional lobby group the Secular Coalition for Americans from 2005 to 2009. She represented nonreligious Americans and lobbied on issues of religion and civil law.

Source:

"Lori Lipman Brown, Founding Director Emeritus (2005-2009)." Secular Coalition for America. Accessed July 21, 2014. http://secular.org/bios/Lori_Lipman_Brown.html

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Scope and Contents Note

The Lori Lipman Brown Papers date from 1975 to 2009 and document former Nevada State Senator Lori Lipman Brown's political career. It includes correspondence and materials from Brown's service as a Nevada State Senator from 1992 to 1994, including documents related to SB 466 overturning the Nevada sodomy law, case files from her defamation lawsuit against Nevada State Senator Kathy Augustine, and papers from her work opposing the Nevada Question 2 ballot measure on same-sex marriage in 2000. The collection also contains photocopies of biographical materials and personal and publicity photographs of Brown. Other materials in the collection include souvenir t-shirts collected by Brown, campaign ephemera, materials from Brown's 2004 run for Nevada Supreme Court, and her work in the community and high school theatre.

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Arrangement

Material remains in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research, with the exception of materials that are restricted to protect personally identifiable information. Restrictions are noted at the file level of this inventory.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1995, 2001, 2006, and 2008 by Lori Lipman Brown via Dennis McBride; accession numbers 1995-10, 2001-029, 2006-016, and an accretion in 2008. Additional materials were donated by Lori Lipman Brown in 2023; accession number 2023-051.

Processing Note

Material was partially processed by Special Collections staff. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Hannah Robinson wrote the collection description and entered the data into ArchivesSpace. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Angela Moor revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2023, Sarah Jones processed the materials donated in 2023 by Lori Lipman Brown, and updated the finding aid in ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Lori Lipman Brown Oral History Interview, 1998 March 17. OH-00133. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Legislators
- Gay rights
- Women lawyers
- photographs
- Women -- Political activity
- Same-sex marriage -- Law and legislation -- Nevada
- Theater programs
- Nevada Campaign for Choice Committee

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