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**Manuscript Group 229  
Dr. Barbara Balsiger Collection  
(See also RG 134 University Museum at IUP)**

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**Dr. Barbara Balsiger Collection; Manuscript Group 228**  
**Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Special Collection and University Archives**  
**1 box; 1 linear foot**

**Biographical**

Dr. Barbara Balsiger (June 30, 1927-October 15, 2011) was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania., she was the daughter of James C. and Georgina Kahle Balsiger of Rixford, Pennsylvania. She received her bachelor's degree in English history and art from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), a master's degree in art history from the University of Iowa and she was the first woman to receive a history of art doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Balsiger was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and studied in Austria. As a professor at IUP, she founded the art history program and the University Museum (see Record Group 134). The University Museum at IUP was founded in 1976. Dr. Balsiger also taught in the Otto-Eldred and Bradford, Pennsylvania school systems. After retiring from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, she moved to Florida.

**Scope and Content**

This collection includes one box of materials including biographical information and dissertation chapters as well as the doctoral cap and gown worn by Dr. Barbara Balsiger.

**Provenance**

This collection was donated by the family of Dr. Barbara Balsiger and the University Museum: <https://www.iup.edu/museum/>

**Restrictions**

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**Processor**

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on October 15, 2024.

**Container List**

**Box 1 (6 folders and 2 items)**

**Folders**

1. Biographical Information, including obituary about being the founder the University Museum at IUP
2. Dissertation (Part 1)
3. Dissertation (Part 2)
4. Dissertation (Part 3)
5. Dissertation (Part 4)
6. Dissertation (Part 5)

**Item**

1. Doctoral Cap
2. Doctoral Gown