

# The Frances T. “Sissy” Farenthold Papers Digitization Project



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### Women's Search for Peace

*"The contact I have had with the international women's peace movement has challenged many of my own patterns of thought and assumptions. My personal encounters are not intended as a travelogue. But where else do we question and learn, but from our own experience?"*

*-Sissy Farenthold's speech, "Women's Search for Peace", 1988*

Frances T. “Sissy” Farenthold is an influential figure in Texas politics and the women's movement. She is perhaps best known for her political work during the 1970s. In the 1980s, however, she began to work actively in the international women's movement. Much of that work was aimed, at least initially, at nuclear disarmament.

In 1988, after a decade of involvement with the international



*Farenthold at a 1997 anti-nuclear protest.*

# Creating an Online Exhibit Through Cross-Departmental Collaboration

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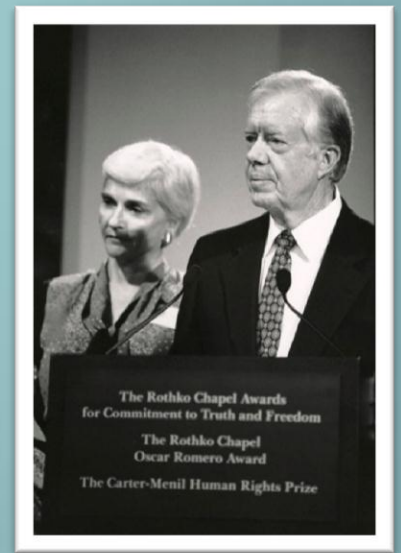
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# Who is Sissy Farenthold?

- Influential Texas politician
- Important figure in the women's movement of the 1970s
- Academic at Wells College and University of Houston
- Human rights activist



## The Project's Development

- Other Rapoport Center digitization projects
- Initial investigation of Farenthold's papers
- School of Information capstone project
- Rapoport Center's collaboration with Briscoe Center, CWGS, and iSchool
- Discovery of speech, "Women's Search for Peace"

## The Website's Development

- Determine site architecture
- Selection & scanning documents
- Research and write narrative
- Informal user studies with grad students
- Behind the scenes:  
Law School Technology & AV Services, Tarlton Law Library, Briscoe Center's Digitization Department, Rapoport Center interns



# Demo the site

[www.utexas.edu/law/centers/humanrights/farenthold](http://www.utexas.edu/law/centers/humanrights/farenthold)

# Lessons about Collaboration

- Know what you are capable of
- Be sensitive to others' workloads but also be assertive
- Keep people in the know



# Lessons about Collaboration

(cont.)

- “Translate” your needs
- Test, test, test
- Utilize free resources as much as possible

