

Frances P. Mainella Papers

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Summary Information

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Creator - dnr:	Mainella, Frances P.
Title:	Frances P. Mainella Papers
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Abstract:	Frances P. Mainella was confirmed as the 16th Director (and first woman) to lead the United States National Park Service in 2001. She had previously been Director of Florida State Parks. After her time as NPS Director, she became a visiting scholar at Clemson University where she was Co-Chair of the US Play Coalition.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Frances P. Mainella was born in 1947 in Willimantic Connecticut. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Central Connecticut State College. In 2002 she received an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Central Connecticut State University.

Prior to her position at the National Park Service, Mainella served twelve years as Director of Florida's State Parks, which were awarded the Gold Medal Award, recognizing Florida as the best state park system in the country. She was the 16th Director of the National Park Service of the United States and first woman to hold that position. She was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2001. She announced her retirement in July 2006 and resigned effective October 15, 2006. Mainella joined Clemson University Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management on November 1, 2006 as a Visiting Scholar.

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Scope and Contents

The papers of Frances P. Mainella contain awards/certificates, correspondence, memoranda, photographs, VHS, DVD, and speeches related to her career in both the Florida State and National Park Service, 1983-2006, no date.

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Arrangement

The Frances P. Mainella Papers have been arranged according to series and folder title.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

Additional accessions were incorporated into collection and finding aid edited. September 2016

Conditions Governing Use

This collection contains audio-visual material. Please contact Special Collections & Archives (cuscl@clemson.edu, 864.656.3031) for details.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Fran Mainella: accessions 07-116, 10-21, 12-7, and 12-157

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Land use.
- United States. National Park Service
- United States -- National parks and reserves -- Management
- National parks and reserves -- United States -- Planning
- National parks and reserves -- United States
- Mainella, Frances P.

Collection Inventory

Audio Visual

Scope and Contents

This series contains VHS and DVD's. Material depicts Frances P. Mainella providing greetings for associations, dedications, retirees, and dignitaries.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award: John McCain, 2006	box 1	folder 1
Denali Park and Preserve - Dedication of Entrance Facilities, 2005	box 1	folder 2
Florida State Park Gold Medal Awards, 1997	box 1	folder 3
Greetings: From Frances P. Mainella to Retirees Roger Giddings and Doug Faris, 2003	box 1	folder 4
Greetings: From Frances P. Mainella to National Hospitality Association , no date	box 1	folder 5
Irvine Ranch National Natural Landmark, 2006	box 1	folder 6

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Awards

Scope and Contents

This series contains certificates of appreciation, awards, and recognition of Frances P. Mainella's work within the Florida State and National Park Service, 2001-2007. Materials arranged by folder title.

Title/Description	Instances	
Awards, Appreciations, and Recognitions, 2001, 2004, 2006-2007	box 2	folder 1

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Correspondence

Scope and Contents

This series contains letters of commendation, thanks, and congratulations which chronicle Frances P. Mainella's professional advancement from the Florida State Park system to her nomination and confirmation as National Park Director, 1983-2006. In addition, there is social correspondence related to the inauguration of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, 2005. Materials arranged by folder title.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Correspondence, 1983-2006

box 2

folder 2

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National Park Service

Scope and Contents

This series contains files related to Frances P. Mainella's time as Director of the National Park Service, 2001-2006. Included are bio information, confirmation hearing files, memoranda, and speeches. The confirmation file includes her oath, along with a briefing that documents and highlights the activities of the United States Department of Interior during George W. Bush's first administration. There is memoranda, 2004- 2006 which detail appointments to the NPS Advisory Board, NPS performance accomplishments, reports on diversity initiatives, recommendations on national heritage areas, implementation of President Bush's directives for the future of America's national parks (known as Centennial Challenge), and Mainella's resignation (2006) which highlight the accomplishments of her tenure. There are speeches within the collection. Frances P. Mainella spoke and made appearances at many ceremonies during her time as director and copies are here preserved. In addition to the speeches themselves (many annotated), the files often contain itineraries, press releases, and background/historical articles concerning the visit. The speeches themselves are enlightening, as they often outline the historical significance of the site as well as achievements leading to the commemoration. Materials have been arranged by folder title.

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical (Frances P. Mainella), 2001, 2006, no date	box 2	folder 3
Centennial Mission, 2003	box 2	folder 4
Confirmation Hearing (Mainella), 2001	box 2	folder 5
Legacy Initiative, 2006	box 2	folder 6
Memoranda, 2004-2006	box 2	folder 7
Speeches: Big Thicket National Preserve - Founders Day, 2004	box 2	folder 8
Speeches: Brown vs Board of Education 50th , 2004	box 2	folder 9
Speeches: Cowpens National Battlefield, no date	box 2	folder 10
Speeches: Cuyahoga Valley Important Bird Area Dedication, 2004	box 2	folder 11
Speeches: East Coast Greenway and Designation of the National Recreation Trails, 2003	box 2	folder 12
Speeches: Flag Day on Ellis Island, 2004	box 2	folder 13
Speeches: Fredrick Douglas National Historic Site, 2003	box 2	folder 14
Speeches: Harriett Island State Park, 2004	box 2	folder 15
Speeches: HealthierUS Fitness Festival, 2004	box 2	folder 16
Speeches: Independence Day at Mount Rushmore, 2004	box 2	folder 17
Speeches: International Union for Conservation of Nature - World Park Congress South Africa, 2003	box 2	folder 18
Speeches: Introduction of Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, 2006	box 2	folder 19

Speeches: Irvine Ranch National Landmark Designation, 2006	box 2	folder 20
Speeches: Lava Beds National Monument Visitors Center Dedication, 2004	box 2	folder 21
Speeches: Moccasin Bend Land Transfer, 2004	box 2	folder 22
Speeches: National Association of Park Directors, 2003	box 3	folder 1
Speeches: NRPA Congress - "Horizons: Connecting Current and Future Leaders", 2004	box 3	folder 2
Speeches: National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, 2004	box 3	folder 3
Speeches: Statue of Liberty - Re Opening, 2004	box 3	folder 4
Speeches: Survivors of Fallen Heroes Reception, 2003	box 3	folder 5
Speeches: Take Pride In America - Honeymoon Island State Park, 2004	box 3	folder 6

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Oversize

Scope and Contents

This series contains flat items too large for typical box storage. There are posters, photographs, recognitions, and certificates. Several are commemorative in nature, as they have dedications and autographs from the participants.

Title/Description	Instances
Poster expressing congratulations to Mainella (signed)	oversize_folder 1
Poster (22 x 30) artist print -- Paul McGehee to: Mainella -- "Christmas In Washington"	oversize_folder 2
Poster (18.5 x 24) Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter -- scenes from Plains, Georgia -- signed by Jimmy Carter	oversize_folder 2
Photograph (17 x 20.5) Mainella and Secretary of Interior Gayle Norton at reopening of Statue of Liberty	oversize_folder 2
Photograph on foam-core (13 x 14) "The First Tee" -- November 13, 1997 -- Mainella on right Rudolph Gulliani and George H.W. Bush on right	oversize_folder 3
Certificate on foam-core (15 x 17) stating that Mainella has flown aboard Air Force One as a guest of George W. Bush	oversize_folder 3
Photograph on foam-core (11 x 14) Mainella, Gayle Norton, and (?) -- signed by Norton	oversize_folder 3
Photograph on foam-core -- Mainella with David Dewhurst and Joel Deretchin	oversize_folder 3

Resolution -- appreciation to Mainella for serving as liaison between NPS and Christmas Pageant of Peace -- August 29, 2006	oversize_folder 3
Message of thanks on foam-core (14.5 x 14.5) -- hand written by Gentry Davis	oversize_folder 4
Poster (13 x 19) thanks for support -- signed by John Hope Franklin	oversize_folder 4
Artist print (14 x 16) -- "2001 Christmas Card" by Adrian Martinez	oversize_folder 4
Certificate (12 x 16) Connecticut General Assembly recognizes Mainella -- November 24, 2003	oversize_folder 4
Certificate (10 x 16) Florida Governor Bob Graham appoints Mainella to Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports -- October 7, 1985	oversize_folder 4
Photographs (3) on poster board -- Mainella and Jr. Women's Club in Live Oak, Florida	oversize_folder 4
Photograph -- Mainella on carousel, 2003	oversize_folder 4

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Photographs

Scope and Contents

This series contains photographs depicting Frances P. Mainella as Director of the National Park Service at various appearances throughout the United States, 2001-2006, no date. A general photo file with 38 photos depicts Mainella at various events from around the country. One file contains photos from a July, 2005 visit to Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River as she meets with dignitaries and presents awards. Another file contains photos from Director Mainella's visit to Whiskeytown National Recreation Area in August 2005, during its 40th Anniversary and dedication of the James K. Carr Trail. There are two folders containing jpeg photos on CD-R. One (containing 43 images) depicts a visit to Assateague Island National Seashore in August, 2005 and the other (containing 50 images) depicts a visit to North Cascades, Ross Lake, and Diablo Lake in October 2005. The photographs have been arranged by folder title.

Title/Description	Instances	
Assateague Island National Seashore, 2005	box 3	folder 7
General, 2001-2006, no date	box 3	folder 8
North Cascades - Ross Lake, Diablo Lake, 2005	box 3	folder 9
Upper Delaware Scenic Recreational River , 2005	box 3	folder 10
Whiskeytown National Recreational Area, 2005	box 3	folder 11

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