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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The Elizabeth Chu Richter Architectural Collection consists of correspondence, articles, and project files. Richter and her husband David Richter founded Richter Architects in Corpus Christi, Texas.

### Creator

Richter, Elizabeth Chu

### Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

### Repository

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## Scope and Contents

The Elizabeth Chu Richter Architectural Collection was donated in February 2002. Additional materials were donated in 2003.

## Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Elizabeth Chu Richter Architectural Collection was completed in 2003.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical Note

Elizabeth Chu Richter was born in Nanjing China in 1949. In 1963, before starting high school, she moved to the United States. Chu Richter attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she graduated with a degree in architecture in 1974. While raising three children, she worked part time on larger projects with her husband, David Richter, a fellow graduate of the University of Texas. In 1989, Chu Richter began working full time with her husband at their firm, Richter Architects, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In 1999, one of the firm's projects, the Brooks County Safety Rest Area, received numerous awards including, Texas Society of Architects Design Award, AIA Honor Award for Architecture. Chu Richter also devotes much time to public design education. She has written op-ed pieces for newspapers, and produced a radio program entitled "The Shape of Texas."

See also Elizabeth Chu Richter FAIA in the IAWA Biographical Database.

# Scope and Content

The Elizabeth Chu Richter Architectural Collection consists of correspondence with Milka Bliznakov, letters written which detail the career and personal life of Elizabeth and her husband, David. Numerous articles about the awards given to the Brooks County Safety Rest Area, and the Richter's residence, are also featured. Op-ed pieces that Chu has written and articles featuring the Richter's practice, color printouts of the Rest Area and the Richter's projects in Texas are included.

# Keywords

History of Women in Architecture

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

Women -- History

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# Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Biographical material, correspondence, resume, family photo**

**Unit Date** 1989-2003

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Articles, write-ups for various projects, firm brochure**

**Unit Date** 1985-1989

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **2 newsletters "Maintenance Matters," article from e-architect**

**Unit Date** 1999-2002

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Brooks County Safety Rest Area articles and color photocopies, 1998, South Texas along the King Ranch Rest Area, 2003**

**Unit Date** 1988-2003

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **3 issues of Texas Architect,**

**Unit Date** 1997-2002

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5-6 (folder)

### **Newspaper clippings, op-ed pieces, articles about her firm**

**Unit Date** 1993-2003

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### **Photocopy of AIA Young Architects Award**

**Unit Date** 2001

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### **Cassette tape of "The Shape of Texas" by Elizabeth Chu Richter**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)