

Sandra Steingraber  
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**Biography:**

Advocate, author, scientist, poet, and teacher, Sandra Steingraber drew on her personal experience as a cancer survivor along with her advanced knowledge of ecology to study how harmful toxins in the environment can lead to cancer. In her nationally acclaimed book, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment*, Sandra explains the importance of maintaining a healthy environment in order to prevent diseases such as cancer.

With the success of *Living Downstream*, Steingraber became one of the leading advocates for educating society about how the environment affects our health. Throughout the past decade, she has spoken at many colleges, universities, and health conferences in the United States and Canada conveying her message.

She is also the author of *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*, and *Post Diagnosis*, a collection of her poetry.

Steingraber received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1981. She later received her master's degree in English from Illinois State University and her PhD in Biological Sciences from the University of Michigan.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains Steingraber's original notes, draft manuscript copies, published commentaries and material related to speaking engagements and honors she's received as a result of her work. The collection is organized into the following series:

- I. Books
- II. Correspondence
- III. Articles
- IV. Events
- V. Applications and Awards
- VI. Professional
- VII. Audio/Visual Materials
- VIII. Oversized Materials

**I. Books****Box**

- 1 1-1 Living Downstream  
 1-1/1 Notes Toward Book Proposal  
 1-1/2 Rough Draft of Book Proposal  
 1-1/3 Book Proposal  
 1-1/4 Source Notes, Rough Draft  
 1-1/5 Source Notes Second Draft  
 1-1/6 Source Notes Final Rough Draft  
 1-1/7 Source Notes By Chapter (Chapters 1-5), Draft  
 1-1/8 Source Notes By Chapter (Chapters 6-10), Draft
- 2 1-1/9 Working Copy (Chapters 1-4)  
 1-1/10 Working Copy (Chapters 5-8)  
 1-1/11 Unedited Manuscript  
 1-1/12 Unedited Rough Draft  
 1-1/13 Unedited Final MS  
 1-1/14 Copy Edited MS
- 3 1-1/15 Correspondence w/ Literary Agent Pre-Publication  
 1-1/16 Title Ideas  
 1-1/17 Readers for Fact Verification  
 1-1/18 Permission to Use Copyrighted Material  
 1-1/19 Production Details  
 1-1/20 Cover and Publicity  
 1-1/21 Jacket Blurbs Correspondence  
 1-1/22 Book Excerpts  
 1-1/23 Book Excerpt in Orion  
 1-1/24 Letters of Endorsement  
 1-1/25 Press Packet  
 1-1/26 Press Interview  
 1-1/27 Book Reviews
- 4 1-1/28 Articles Featuring Living Downstream  
 1-1/29 Event Coverage (L.D. Speaking Tour)  
 1-1/30 NEJM Book Review Controversy  
 1-1/31 Letters and Correspondence  
 1-1/32 Ragdale Residency Acceptance  
 1-1/33 Dedication to Jeannie Marshall
- 5 1-2 Having Faith  
 1-2/1 Steingraber Featured in Articles  
 1-2/2 Articles by Steingraber  
 1-2/3 Media Interest  
 1-2/4 Book Reviews  
 1-2/5 Published Excerpts  
 1-2/6 Correspondence  
 1-2/7 Speaking Tour, Events

- 1-3 Post Diagnosis  
1-3/1 Research Materials  
1-3/2 Rough Draft  
1-3/3 Correspondence w/ Publisher  
6 1-3/4 Excerpt  
1-3/5 Reviews  
1-3/6 Book Party  
1-3/7 Performances/Speeches

## **II. Correspondence**

- 2-1 Cancer  
2-2 Miscellaneous  
2-3 Island Press Endorsement Refusal  
2-4 Letters to the Editor Globe and Mail  
2-5 Poetry  
6-7 2-6 General (Arranged Chronologically)

## **III. Articles** (Arranged Chronologically)

- 7-8 3-1 Articles About Steingraber  
3-2 Articles Featuring Steingraber  
8-9 3-3 Articles By Steingraber  
3-4 General Articles

- 9-14 **IV. Events** (Arranged Chronologically)

## **V. Applications and Awards** (Arranged Chronologically)

- 5-1 Applications  
5-2 Awards

- 15 **VI. Professional**

- 6-1 "Deer Browsing, Plant Competition, and Succession in a Red Pine Forest, Itasca State Park, Minnesota," PhD (Biological Sciences), University of Michigan, 1989.  
6-2 Curriculum Vitae  
6-3 Career  
6-4 "The Universe Expanding: A Collection of Original Poetry," MS, Illinois State University, 1982.

- 16-20 **VII. Audio/Visual Materials**

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