Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program Records 1977-2009, undated

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See Also: Loyola University Archives, Feminist Forum Records, Gannon Center Records, and Mundelein College Records, Women and Leadership Archives.

Administrative History

The origins of the Women's Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago date back to the 1977-1978 academic year when four faculty members, Dr. Suzanne Gossett, Dr. Randa Dubnick, Dr.

Judith Wittner, and Dr. Susan Kerstein, were awarded a Mellon Foundation Grant. This grant enabled the women to explore the possibilities of establishing a comprehensive women's studies program that would address the needs of a changing university and a rapidly growing discipline. Women's studies as a field was becoming more influential at this time as the National Women's Studies Association was established in 1977 and more universities were developing programs in this area. In June 1978, the Women's Studies Planning Committee, consisting of Dr. Randa Dubnick, Dr. Suzanne Gossett, and Dr. Judith Wittner, submitted a proposal for the establishment of a Women's Studies Program at Loyola. The proposal was approved during the 1978-1979 academic year, and the program officially began in the Fall of 1979, making it the first of its kind at a Jesuit institution.

The Women's Studies Program (sometimes referred to as WOST) at Loyola initially began as an undergraduate minor for students interested in the discipline. The program expanded in 1999 and can now be taken as a second undergraduate major. A comprehensive graduate program component was added to the department under the direction of Dr. Pamela Caughie, the director of the Women's Studies Program at that time, with the first graduate students in women's studies enrolling in the Fall of 1999. Students can pursue a Master of Arts degree or a certificate in women's studies. In addition, students enrolled in other graduate programs at Loyola can obtain a concentration in women's studies. In 2002, a dual-degree program was developed with the social work department, allowing graduate students to earn both a Master of Arts degree in women's studies and a Master of Social Work degree through the course of a three-year program. The Women's Studies Program has expanded its focus on women's issues to include gender issues and continues to offer more diverse courses to its students. In recognition of these developments within its own department and the discipline at large, the Women's Studies Program changed its name to the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program in the 2008-2009 academic year.

While the core of the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program remains its courses, which explore the intersections of women, gender, and sexuality through the lenses of diverse academic disciplines, it also has offered additional avenues of involvement for the Loyola University population. The program has sponsored numerous special events, seminars, and workshops throughout its history, hosting writers, artists, performers, and scholars, such as Alice Walker, Gloria Steinem, bell hooks, Sheila Tobias, and Barbara Ehrenreich.

Included in this collection are select records of the Loyola Women's Center. While not directly associated with the academic program, the activities of the organization often paralleled the concerns of the department. The members of this group hosted events related to women's issues and rallied for gender equality on Loyola's campus. In addition to the Loyola Women's Center, several attempts were made by women's studies faculty to develop a research center for women and gender on campus. The creation of the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership, which was conceived as a result of the affiliation of Mundelein College and Loyola University Chicago, has served in this capacity since 1993. Also included in the collection are materials related to the Commission on the Status of Women, a group of women employees at Loyola who were invited by President Fr. Michael Garanzini, SJ to look at the experiences of women at Loyola. The commission conducted its work between 2005 and 2006 and delivered to the President a summary of their findings and recommendations on how to improve the status of women at the university.

Scope and Content

The Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program Records consist of items related to the development, administration, and programming of the program at Loyola University Chicago. The records range from 1977 until 2012 and include faculty activities and research, correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, newsletters, programming materials, flyers, and newspaper articles. The audiovisual materials include photographs and video tapes of women's studies faculty and events. The materials are divided into six series and arranged chronologically within each series.

Series 1: Administrative Records, 1977-2007, undated, Boxes 1-7
This series contains administrative materials related to the development of Loyola's Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program during its first 25 years and materials related to the Loyola Women's Center.

> **Subseries 1.1: General, 1977-2007, Boxes 1-6**
> The items include correspondence and materials related to the various directors of the Women's Studies Program, program proposals and descriptions, faculty activities and research, meeting minutes, brochures, newsletters, and newspaper articles related to women's studies activities at Loyola. Also included in this series are materials pertaining to the development of a graduate program in women's studies and various evaluations and annual reports of the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program.
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> **Subseries 1.2: Loyola Women's Center, 1977-1994, undated, Boxes 6-7**
> Materials in this subseries relate to the Loyola Women's Center, an organization founded in conjunction with the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program to serve as a center for research and discussion among students and faculty interested in women's studies and gender issues at Loyola University. The items include meeting minutes, flyers, newsletters, publications, and materials from Women's Centers at other institutions.

Series 2: Course Material, 1977-2007, undated, Boxes 7-9
This series consists of items needed for course development and scheduling within the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program at Loyola, including syllabi, correspondence, course descriptions and schedules, evaluations, and enrollment statistics.

Series 3: Special Events and Programs, 1977-2007, undated, Boxes 9-14
This series contains materials related to special events and programs planned and put on by the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program. The items include flyers, events calendars, correspondence, and other planning materials. In addition to programs for students and the public, this series also contains materials related to faculty workshops and seminars developed by the department.

Series 4: Commission on the Status of Women, 1987-2006, undated, Boxes 14-15
The Commission on the Status of Women was an initiative from Loyola President Fr. Michael Garanzini, SJ in 2005 to examine the status of women at Loyola and determine how the experiences of women could be enhanced at the university. This series is composed of materials from that commission. Items include meeting minutes, correspondence, survey data, articles on gender equity issues in academia, and examples of similar studies conducted at other institutions.

Series 5: Audiovisual, 1979-2009, undated, Boxes 15-18
This series contains audiovisual materials including photographs (some on CDs) and videos (VHS tapes) taken at events sponsored by the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program.

Series 6: Addendum 1, 1984-2012, undated, Boxes 19-21
This series contains Addendum 1, an accrual of materials that were processed but not incorporated with the series above. Similar and/or related materials listed above may also be found here. This series contains items related to the development, administration and programming of the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago. Included are financial records, budgeting, correspondence, event flyers, and information on the coursework offered and required for completion of the program as an undergraduate or graduate student. The materials are divided into four subseries and arranged chronologically therein.

> **Subseries 6.1: Administrative Records, 1984-2007, undated, Boxes 19-20**
> This series contains administrative materials related to the Women's Studies Program. Included are financial records such as budgets and receipts, meeting minutes, memos, and newsletters. Included also is the appendix to the 2005 Commission on the Status of Women at Loyola University Chicago.
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> **Subseries 6.2: Academic Records, 1998-2009, undated, Boxes 20-21**
> This series includes information related to the academics of the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program. These items are related to course listings, professors involved in the program, syllabi, course descriptions, enrollment statistics, professor evaluations, and correspondence. The subseries also includes the 2007 WOST Planning Proposal (concerning the creation of a stand-alone program) and meeting notes from a Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program Gathering.
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> **Subseries 6.3: Events and Programs, 2000-2012, undated, Box 21**
> This series is composed of information related to special events that the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program hosted, planned, curated, or was involved in in some capacity. This includes flyers, calendars and information about the weekly student-produced digest.
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> **Subseries 6.4: Audiovisual, 1994-2003, undated, Box 21 (plus digital content)**
> This series includes photographs from the events and programs represented in Subseries 6.3 as well as several zip disks, miscellaneous photographs, and other miscellaneous 3-D material.

Subjects:
Catholic universities and colleges
Childcare
Loyola University Chicago
Sex discrimination against women
Universities and colleges—Administration
Universities and colleges—Curricula
Universities and colleges—Faculty

Women—Education
Women's History Month
Women's studies
V-Day

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		Women's Studies and Gender Studies Program Records, 1977-2009, undated	
		Series 1: Administrative Records, 1977-2007, undated	
		Subseries 1.1: General, 1977-2007	
1	1	Directors' notes and correspondence	undated
1	2	Mellon Foundation Grant proposal	1977-1978
1	3	Planning workshops	1977-1978
1	4	Workshop surveys	1978
1	5	Women's Studies Program proposal	1978
1	6	Elaine Reuben correspondence	1978-1979
1	7	Committee meeting minutes	1978-1987
1	8	Faculty activities and research	1978-1997
1	9	Newspaper articles and ads	1978-2002, undated
1	10	Women's Studies Program approval	1979
1	11	Program descriptions	1979-1985
1	12	Correspondence and memos	1979-1987
1	13	Annual reports	1980-1997
2	1	Women's studies programs at other institutions	1981-1996, undated
2	2	Child care center proposal	1982-1993
2	3	Dean's Council meeting minutes	1982-2000
2	4	Faculty travel funding	1984-1994
2	5	Library resources	1985-2006, undated
3	1	Correspondence and memos	1987-1990
3	2	National Women's Studies Association	1987-1991
3	3	Committee meeting minutes	1987-1994
3	4	Brochures	1987-2007, undated
3	5	Newsletters	1988-1995
3	6	Budget	1988-2004
3	7	Alice Cook honorary degree nomination	1989
3	8	Four Year Plan	1989
3	9	Correspondence and memos	1990-1991
3	10	Women's Studies Department Affiliations	1990, 1998
4	1	Correspondence and memos	1991-1993
4	2	Mundelein College affiliation	1991-1993
4	3	Gannon Center development	1991-1998
4	4	Program evaluation	1992-1993
4	5	Director Susan Ross records	1992-1994

4	6	National Association for Women in Catholic Higher Education	1992-1995
4	7	Graduate program development	1992-1997
5	1	National Women's Studies Association	1992-2007
5	2	Correspondence and memos	1993-1994
5	3	Campus Awareness for Rape Education (CARE)	1993-1995
5	4	Correspondence and memos	1994-1996
5	5	Luce professorships	1994, 1999
5	6	Committee meeting minutes	1994-2001
5	7	Faculty travel funding	1994-2001
5	8	Faculty retreats	1994-2003
5	9	Correspondence and memos	1996-1999
6	1	Graduate program development	1998-1999
6	2	Director Pamela Caughie records	1998-2003
6	3	Correspondence and memos	1999-2001
6	4	Faculty activities and research	1997-2003
6	5	Weekly Postings online	2000-2001
6	6	Correspondence and memos	2001-2005
6	7	Women's Studies Steering Committee Participants	2001-2003
6	8	Faculty activities and research	2003-2006
6	9	Chicago-area Women's Studies Events and Programs	2004
6	10	E-mail Addresses	undated
		Subseries 1.2: Loyola Women's Center, 1977-1994, undated	
6	11	Survey of Women's Centers at other institutions	undated
6	12	Flyers and newsletters	1977-1992, undated
7	1	Committee meeting minutes	1978-1990, undated
7	2	Women's Centers at other institutions	1979-1990, undated
7	3	Newspaper articles	1979-1991, undated
7	4	*Directory of Researchers on Women, Femininity, and Femaleness at Loyola University of Chicago*	1983
7	5	Development materials	1986-1991, undated
7	6	Women's Centers at other institutions	1991-1994
		Series 2: Course Material, 1977-2007, undated	
7	7	Course descriptions	undated
7	8	Course evaluations	undated
7	9	Course syllabi	undated
7	10	Course descriptions and schedules	1977-1986
7	11	Correspondence	1978-1990
7	12	Course syllabi	1978-1992
8	1	Course descriptions and schedules	1986-1991
8	2	Enrollment statistics	1986-2005
8	3	Course evaluations	1988-1990

8	4	Correspondence	1991-1994
8	5	Course descriptions and schedules	1991-1997
8	6	Course syllabi	1992-1993
8	7	Course syllabi	1993-1995
8	8	Correspondence	1994-1995
8	9	Correspondence	1995-1996
9	1	Correspondence	1996-1999
9	2	Course syllabi	1996-2005
9	3	Course descriptions and schedules	1997-2007
9	4	Correspondence	1999-2005
		Series 3: Special Events and Programs, 1977-2007, undated	
9	5	Domestic Violence Forum	undated
9	6	Flyers	1977-1992, undated
9	7	Planning materials	1979-1990, undated
9	8	Kathryn Kish Sklar	1981
9	9	"Integrating Women's Studies into the Curriculum" faculty workshop	1981-1982
10	1	"Women's Studies in the High School Curriculum" program	1983-1986
10	2	"The Theoretical Bases of Women's Studies" faculty seminars	1985-1986
10	3	Faculty seminars and workshops	1986-2003
10	4	"Feminist Perspectives in Work, Culture, and Politics" lecture series	1987-1988
10	5	Cesar Chavez grape boycott	1988
10	6	Events calendars	1988-2003
10	7	"Educating the Majority: Seminar on Integrating Gender and Race into the Core Curriculum" faculty seminars	1989-1992
10	8	Planning materials	1990-1994
10	9	Women's History Month materials	1990-2001
10	10	Marjorie Agosín	1991, 2000
10	11	Women's Conference	1992
10	12	Marilyn Friedman and Heidi Malm	1992-1993
10	13	Joyce Ann Joyce	1992-1993
10	14	Musica Femina	1992-1994
11	1	Flyers	1992-2007
11	2	Conference on Research in Gender and Communication	1993
11	3	Gail Griffin and Madeleine Grumet	1993
11	4	Mary E. Hunt	1993
11	5	Multicultural Affairs Conference	1993
11	6	Women's Conference	1993

11	7	Emilie M. Townes	1993-1994
11	8	Women Naming Violence and Envisioning Peace Conference	1993-1994
11	9	Kathy Acker	1994
11	10	Nancy Rabinowitz	1994
11	11	Women's Conference	1994
11	12	Planning materials	1994-1996
11	13	Jesuit Higher Education in the Heartland Conferences	1994, 2001-2002
11	14	Dawn Clark Netsch	1995
11	15	Women's Conference	1995
11	16	Ana Castillo	1995-1996
11	17	"Diverse Perspectives on Beijing" panel	1995-1996
11	18	Jane Mansbridge	1995-1996
11	19	Planning materials	1996-1998
12	1	Women's Conference	1997-2000
12	2	Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois community dialogue	1998
12	3	Louise J. Kaplan and Susan Streitfeld	1998
12	4	"Women's Studies Programs Today" symposium	1998
12	5	Sexual harassment panel	1998-1999
12	6	20th anniversary events: Sheila Tobias	1998-1999
12	7	20th anniversary events	1998-2000
12	8	Planning materials	1998-2000
12	9	Martha McCaughey	1999
12	10	20th anniversary events: funding	1999-2000
12	11	V-Day	1999-2001
12	12	"A Tribute to Barbara Christian" program	2000-2001
13	1	*Loyola Magazine*: Women at Loyola	1998
13	2	Women's History Month events poster	2000
14	1	Planning materials	2000-2005
14	2	"Body History" program	2001
14	3	Joyce Outshoorn	2001
14	4	Women's Conference	2001
14	5	Course Transformation Project: "Pedagogy for Gender Equity and Active Learning"	2001-2002
14	6	Barbara Ehrenreich	2001-2003
14	7	"Women's Minds and Bodies: Race and Reproduction" panel	2002
14	8	Women's History Month 2004: Susan Faludi	2003-2004
14	9	25th anniversary events: Kerry Kennedy	2004
14	10	25th anniversary events	2004-2005
14	11	Women's History Month 2005: Gloria Evangelina Anzaldúa Tribute	2004-2005
14	12	Women's History Month 2005: Louise Leakey	2004-2005

		Series 4: Commission on the Status of Women, 1987-2006, undated	
14	13	Gender-inclusive language	1987-2006, undated
14	14	Gender equity studies at other institutions	1999-2001
14	15	Correspondence	1999-2005
14	16	Gender equity in academia	2000-2006, undated
14	17	Gender equity studies at other institutions	2002-2005
15	1	Family policies in academia	2003-2005
15	2	Gender of university employees national data	2003-2005
15	3	Jesuit context	2004-2005
15	4	Gender equity in the workplace	2005
15	5	Motherhood and collegiate athletics	2005
15	6	Women in math and science	2005, undated
15	7	Drafts of the final report of the commission	2005-2006
15	8	Environmental task force materials	2005-2006
15	9	Loyola survey data	2005-2006
15	10	Meeting minutes	2005-2006
		Series 5: Audiovisual, 1979-2009, undated	
15	11	Unidentified events [photographs]	undated
15	12	Faculty [photographs]	1979, undated
15	13	Louise J. Kaplan and Susan Streitfeld [photographs]	1998
15	14	"Women's Studies Programs Today" symposium [photographs]	1998
15	15	20th anniversary events: dinner [photographs]	1999
16	1	20th anniversary events: Gloria Steinem [photographs]	1999
16	2	20th anniversary events: Women's Film Festival [photographs]	1999
16	3	20th anniversary events: Women's Studies display [photographs]	2000
16	4	20th anniversary events: Women's Studies retreat [photographs]	2000
16	5	Emergency March for Women's Lives [photographs]	2001
16	6	"Vagina Monologues" [photographs]	2003
16	7	25th anniversary events: Kerry Kennedy [photographs]	2004
16	8	Women's History Month 2005: Louise Leakey [photographs]	2005
16	9	April 28, 2005 event [photographs] [CD]	2005
16	10	Spring 2006 events [photographs] [CD]	2006
16	11	30th anniversary slideshow [photographs] [CD]	2009
17	1	"A Woman's Place in Politics," Dawn Clark Netsch [VHS]	1995
17	2-3	"Diverse Perspectives on Beijing" (2 copies) [VHS]	1995
17	4	"Sexual Harassment Panel Discussion" [VHS]	1999
17	5-6	"The Future of Feminism: Lessons from Our Past,"	1999

		Sheila Tobias (2 copies) [VHS]	
17	7-8	"Post-baccalaureate Alternatives for Science and Math Majors," Sheila Tobias (2 copies) [VHS]	1999
17	9-10	"20 Years of Women in Film: From Spectator to Director," Molly Haskell (2 copies) [VHS]	1999
17	11-12	"20 Years of Women in Film: From Spectator to Director," Julie Dash (2 copies) [VHS]	1999
18	1-2	"Community Forum on Domestic Violence" (2 copies) [VHS]	2000
18	3-4	"Feminism in the Professions: An Interdisciplinary Discussion" (2 copies) [VHS]	2000
18	5	"A Tribute to Barbara Christian" [VHS]	2001
18	6-7	"Historical Reflections on the Difficult Woman," Regina Morantz-Sanchez (2 copies) [VHS]	2001
18	8	"The Vagina Monologues" [VHS]	2002
18	9	"V-Day 2003" [VHS]	2003
18	10-11	"Barbara Ehrenreich" (2 copies) [VHS]	2003
		Series 6: Addendum 1, 1984-2012, undated	
		Subseries 6.1: Administrative Records 1984-2007, undated	
19	1	WOST meeting invitation	1984-1998, undated
19	2	Budget details	1993-1996
19	3	Receipts	1995-1999
19	4	Miscellaneous correspondence	1995-2002
19	5	Faculty memos	1996-1998
19	6	WOST meeting notes	1997-1998
19	7	Account summary information	1997-1998
19	8	Appropriation transfer requests	1997-2001
19	9	Budget correspondences	1997-2002, undated
19	10	Check requisitions	1998-2000
19	11	Press	1998-2003, undated
19	12	WOST meeting notes	2000, undated
19	13	Budget	2000-2001
19	14	Budget summaries	2000-2001
19	15	Receipts	2000-2001
19	16	Linkage newsletter	2000-2003
19	17	Account balance inquiries	2001-2002
19	18	Check requisitions	2001-2003
19	19	Receipts	2001-2003
19	20	WOST meeting notes	2002-2005
20	1	Interoffice memo on Commission on the Status of Women at Loyola University Chicago	2005

20	2	Appendices for the report on the Status of Women at Loyola University Chicago	2005
20	3	Appendix A: letter to President Garanzini	2005
20	4	Appendix B: Decree Fourteen	2005
20	5	Appendix C: Salary Equity Analysis at LUC	2005
20	6	Appendix D: Benefits comparison data	2005
20	7	Appendix E: Faculty survey	2005
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20	9	Appendix F: Faculty survey, cont'd.	2005
20	10	Appendix G: Faculty items considered 'problems'	2005
20	11	Appendix H: Faculty 'split' item frequency by gender	2005
20	12	Appendix I: Faculty 'no problem' item frequency by gender	2005
20	13	Appendix J: Rotated factor matrix-faculty	2005
20	14	Appendix K: Faculty administrator frequencies	2005
20	15	Appendix L: Staff survey, cont'd.	2005
20	16	Appendix M: Staff gender breakdowns	2005
20	17	Appendix N: Staff overall frequencies	2005
20	18	Appendix O: Staff administrative frequencies	2005
20	19	Appendix P: Staff survey rotated factor matrix	2005
20	20	Appendix Q: Response to open-ended survey questions	2005
20	21	Appendix R: Women's commissions and reports consulted	2005
20	22	WSGS Program Gathering WOST Planning Proposal and Meeting Notes	2007
20	23	Mailing lists	undated
20	24	Departmental information	undated
		Subseries 6.2: Academic Records 1998-2009, undated	
20	25	Graduate program applicants	1998-2001
20	26	Course offerings	1998-2002
20	27	Course listing and enrollment figures	1998-2004
20	28	Syllabi	1999-2000
20	29	Professor evaluations	1999-2001
20	30	WOST master's program evaluation	2001
20	31	WOST major/minor students	2002
20	32	WOST faculty	2003
20	33	Handbook for WOST graduate students	2005-2006
20	34	WSGS faculty list	2009
20	35	Curriculum Vitae B-L	undated
21	1	Curriculum Vitae M-W	undated

		Subseries 6.3: Events and Programs 2000-2012, undated	
21	2	Event calendars and fliers	2000-2003, undated
21	3	V-Day and Eve Ensler workshop	2001
21	4	Angela Davis lecture	2001
21	5	Domestic Violence Panel and Activism	2001
21	6	WOST faculty retreat	2002
21	7	WSGS events calendars and fliers	2009-2012, undated
21	8	WSGS Digest	undated
		Subseries 6.4: Audiovisual, 1994-2003, undated	
21	9	Third Annual WOST General Meeting [photographs]	1994
21	10	Tribute to Barbara Christian [photographs]	2001
21	11	Eve Ensler V-Day workshop [photographs]	2001
21	12	Angela Davis [photographs]	2001
21	13	Emergency Action for Women's Lives march [photographs]	2001
21	14	WOST retreat [photographs]	2001
21	15	Barbara Ehrenreich [photographs]	2003
21	16	Vagina Carnival and Vagina Monologues [photographs]	2003
21	17	Miscellaneous Photographs [photographs]	undated
21	18	Zip disks	undated
21	19	Word magnet sheet	undated