

Women's Studies Program Records,
1977-2009, n.d.

Creator: Women's Studies Program, Loyola University Chicago

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

Accrual

Date of Accrual: September 2013

Dates of Contents: 1990-2006

Contents: Contents include library resources, Women's Studies Department affiliations, Faculty Activities and Research (1997-2003), additional correspondence and memos, Women's Studies Steering Committee participant lists, Chicago-area Women's Studies events and programs, and program e-mail addresses.

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 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 Masters 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 Masters of Arts degree in women's studies and a Masters 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 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 the records of the Women's Studies Program are the selected 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 Women's Studies Program records 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, S.J. 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 Program Records consist of items related to the development, administration, and programming of the Women's Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago. The records range from 1977 until 2007 and include faculty activities and research, correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, newsletters, programming materials, flyers, and newspaper articles. The audio/visual materials include photographs and video tapes of women's studies faculty and events. The materials are divided into five series and arranged chronologically within each series.

Series 1: Administrative Records, 1977-2007, n.d., Boxes 1-7

This series contains the administrative materials related to the development of Loyola's Women's Studies Program during its first 25 years. 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 Program.

Accruals added in 2013 include material placed directly into the already existing folders of Library resources (Box 2), Faculty Activities and Research (Box 6), and Correspondence and memos (box 6) as well as in newly created folders pertaining to Women's Studies Department affiliations (Box 3), Women's Studies Steering Committee participants (Box 6), Chicago-area Women's Studies events and programs (Box 6), and E-mail address (Box 6).

Subseries 1A: Loyola Women's Center, 1977-1994, n.d., Boxes 6-7

Materials in this subseries relate to the Loyola Women's Center, an organization founded in conjunction with the Women's 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, n.d., Boxes 7-9

This series consists of items needed for course development and scheduling within the Women's Studies Program at Loyola, including syllabi, correspondence, course descriptions and schedules, evaluations, and enrollment statistics.

Series 3: Special Events and Programs, 1977-2007, n.d., Boxes 9-14

This series contains materials related to special events and programs planned and put on by the Women's 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, n.d., Boxes 14-15

The Commission on the Status of Women was an initiative from Loyola President Fr. Michael Garanzini, S.J. 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: Audio/Visual Materials, 1979-2009, n.d., Boxes 15-18

This series contains audio/visual materials related to the Women's Studies Program at Loyola. The items include photographs and video tape recordings taken at events sponsored by the Women's Studies Program.

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

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	3	Campus Awareness for Rape Education (CARE)	1993-1995
	4	Correspondence and memos	1994-1996
	5	Luce professorships	1994, 1999
	6	Committee meeting minutes	1994-2001
	7	Faculty travel funding	1994-2001
	8	Faculty retreats	1994-2003
	9	Correspondence and memos	1996-1999
6	1	Graduate program development	1998-1999
	2	Director Pamela Caughie records	1998-2003
	3	Correspondence and memos	1999-2001
	4	Faculty activities and research	1997-2003
	5	Weekly Postings online	2000-2001
	6	Correspondence and memos	2001-2005
	7	Women's Studies Steering Committee Participants	2001-2003
	8	Faculty activities and research	2003-2006
	9	Chicago-area Women's Studies Events and Programs	2004
	10	E-mail Addresses	n.d.

**Subseries 1A: Loyola Women's Center,
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	11	Survey of Women's Centers at other institutions	n.d.
	12	Flyers and newsletters	1977-1992, n.d.
7	1	Committee meeting minutes	1978-1990, n.d.
	2	Women's Centers at other institutions	1979-1990, n.d.
	3	Newspaper articles	1979-1991, n.d.
	4	<i>Directory of Researchers on Women, Femininity, and Femaleness at Loyola University of Chicago</i>	1983
	5	Development materials	1986-1991, n.d.
	6	Women's Centers at other institutions	1991-1994

Series 2: Course Material, 1977-2007, n.d.

	7	Course descriptions	n.d.
	8	Course evaluations	n.d.
	9	Course syllabi	n.d.
	10	Course descriptions and schedules	1977-1986
	11	Correspondence	1978-1990
	12	Course syllabi	1978-1992
8	1	Course descriptions and schedules	1986-1991
	2	Enrollment statistics	1986-2005
	3	Course evaluations	1988-1990
	4	Correspondence	1991-1994

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	5	Course descriptions and schedules	1991-1997
	6	Course syllabi	1992-1993
	7	Course syllabi	1993-1995
	8	Correspondence	1994-1995
	9	Correspondence	1995-1996
9	1	Correspondence	1996-1999
	2	Course syllabi	1996-2005
	3	Course descriptions and schedules	1997-2007
	4	Correspondence	1999-2005

**Series 3: Special Events and Programs,
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	5	Domestic Violence Forum	n.d.
	6	Flyers	1977-1992, n.d.
	7	Planning materials	1979-1990, n.d.
	8	Kathryn Kish Sklar	1981
	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
	2	“The Theoretical Bases of Women’s Studies” faculty seminars	1985-1986
	3	Faculty seminars and workshops	1986-2003
	4	“Feminist Perspectives in Work, Culture, and Politics” lecture series	1987-1988
	5	Cesar Chavez grape boycott	1988
	6	Events calendars	1988-2003
	7	“Educating the Majority: Seminar on Integrating Gender and Race Into the Core Curriculum” faculty seminars	1989-1992
	8	Planning materials	1990-1994
	9	Women’s History Month materials	1990-2001
	10	Marjorie Agosín	1991, 2000
	11	Women’s Conference	1992
	12	Marilyn Friedman and Heidi Malm	1992-1993
	13	Joyce Ann Joyce	1992-1993
	14	Musica Femina	1992-1994
11	1	Flyers	1992-2007
	2	Conference on Research in Gender and Communication	1993
	3	Gail Griffin and Madeleine Grumet	1993
	4	Mary E. Hunt	1993
	5	Multicultural Affairs Conference	1993
	6	Women’s Conference	1993

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

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12 Women's History Month 2005: Louise Leakey 2004-2005

**Series 4: Commission on the Status of Women,
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13 Gender-inclusive language 1987-2006, n.d.
14 Gender equity studies at other institutions 1999-2001
15 Correspondence 1999-2005
16 Gender equity in academia 2000-2006, n.d.
17 Gender equity studies at other institutions 2002-2005

15 1 Family policies in academia 2003-2005
2 Gender of university employees national data 2003-2005
3 Jesuit context 2004-2005
4 Gender equity in the workplace 2005
5 Motherhood and collegiate athletics 2005
6 Women in math and science 2005, n.d.
7 Drafts of the final report of the commission 2005-2006
8 Environmental task force materials 2005-2006
9 Loyola survey data 2005-2006
10 Meeting minutes 2005-2006

Series 5: Audio/Visual Materials, 1979-2009, n.d.

Photographs

11 Unidentified events n.d.
12 Faculty 1979, n.d.
13 Louise J. Kaplan and Susan Streitfeld 1998
14 "Women's Studies Programs Today" symposium 1998
15 20th anniversary events: dinner 1999

16 1 20th anniversary events: Gloria Steinem 1999
2 20th anniversary events: Women's Film Festival 1999
3 20th anniversary events: Women's Studies display 2000
4 20th anniversary events: Women's Studies retreat 2000
5 Emergency March for Women's Lives 2001
6 "Vagina Monologues" 2003
7 25th anniversary events: Kerry Kennedy 2004
8 Women's History Month 2005: Louise Leakey 2005
9 April 28, 2005 event 2005
10 Spring 2006 events 2006
11 30th anniversary slideshow 2009

Videos

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17	“A Woman’s Place in Politics,” Dawn Clark Netsch	1995
	“Diverse Perspectives on Beijing” (2 copies)	1995
	“Sexual Harassment Panel Discussion”	1999
	“The Future of Feminism: Lessons from Our Past,” Sheila Tobias (2 copies)	1999
	“Post-baccalaureate Alternatives for Science and Math Majors,” Sheila Tobias (2 copies)	1999
	“20 Years of Women in Film: From Spectator to Director,” Molly Haskell (2 copies)	1999
	“20 Years of Women in Film: From Spectator to Director,” Julie Dash (2 copies)	1999
18	“Community Forum on Domestic Violence” (2 copies)	2000
	“Feminism in the Professions: An Interdisciplinary Discussion” (2 copies)	2000
	“A Tribute to Barbara Christian”	2001
	“Historical Reflections on the Difficult Woman,” Regina Morantz-Sanchez (2 copies)	2001
	“The Vagina Monologues”	2002
	“V-Day 2003”	2003
	“Barbara Ehrenreich” (2 copies)	2003