

**Connie Kiosse Papers,**  
**1970-2001, n.d.**

**Creator:** Connie Kiosse

**Extent:** 2.15 ft.

**Processor:** Dean Ramos, March, 2012

**Administration Information**

**Access Restrictions:** None

**Usage Restrictions:** None

**Preferred Citation:** Loyola University Chicago. Women and Leadership Archives. Connie Kiosse Papers. Box #, Folder #.

**Provenance:** Connie Kiosse donated this collection to the Women and Leadership Archives on the dates of January 26, 2012 and January 29, 2012 (WLA2012.04 and WLA2012.06).

**Separations:** Less than .25 linear feet of duplicate materials were discarded.

**See Also:** None

**Biographical History**

Connie Kiosse was born and raised in a Greek-Macedonian family in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Leaving home at the age of eighteen, she joined Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), eventually settling in Chicago in 1968 where she married and had two children. Kiosse was a founding member of one of Chicago's first feminist newspapers in the 1970s, *The Feminist Voice*. She also began the Chicago Women's Reading Group that is now in its 37th year. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Kiosse now tutors students in reading and substitute teaches. Her writing has appeared in college magazines and AIDS related newsletters. In 2003, Kiosse self-published a memoir, *The Best of Friends: Two Sisters, One Journey*, recounting her relationship with her younger sister, Christine Kiosse, who passed away from AIDS in 1999 after contracting the virus in 1991. Kiosse is currently editing her first memoir, *It's All Greek to Me*.

**Scope and Content**

The Connie Kiosse papers span the years of 1970 and 2001 and are divided into four series: personal, publishing materials, publications, and objects and oversized materials. The majority of the collection consists of materials relating to the feminist newspaper she helped start in the early 1970s, *The Feminist Voice*. The collection is organized alphabetically within each series.

**Series 1: Personal/Biographical Materials, 1970-2001, n.d., Box 1**

Personal materials include a calendar, items from a woman's reading group she started, correspondence, news clippings, and personal notes. Other items include poetry and artwork by a woman named Marianne (no last name provided), assorted materials relating to the Chicago Women's Liberation Union (CWLU) and a women's studies group, and various flyers and buttons.

**Series 2: Publishing Materials, 1970-1997, n.d., Box 1**

*Feminist Voice* materials include artwork, various forms of content, correspondence, press releases, contact and subscription information, and invoices. Also included are various poetry books, newsletters, and pamphlets.

**Series 3: Publications, 1971-1976, n.d., Box 2**

In addition to copies of *The Feminist Voice*, copies of other feminist publications include *Equality*, *High School Oppression & Liberation*, *Illinois Woman's Agenda*, *Lavender Woman*, *Off Our Backs*, *Pandora*, *Pedestal*, *Seed*, *The Source*, *Womankind*, *The Working Mother*, as well as *Chicago Express*, the *Chicago Reader*, and *The Revolution*.

**Series 4: Objects, Audiovisual, and Oversized, 1970-1984, n.d., Boxes 3-4 and FF**

Items include a set of 15 buttons, a vinyl belt, photographs, a calendar from 1982, and an oversized reproduction of the cover of the first issue of *The Feminist Voice*.

**Subjects:**

Chicago (Ill.)

Feminism

Periodicals

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Series 1: Personal/Biographical Materials, 1970-2001, n.d.</b>			
1	1	Chicago Women's Liberation Union	1971, 1972, n.d.
	2	Chicago Women's Reading Group	2000, 2001
	3	Flyers	1973, 1975, n.d.
	4	Miscellanea	1972, 1974, 1975, n.d.
	5	Newsletters	1970, 1971
	6	News clippings	1971, 1972, n.d.
	7	Pamphlets	1970-1972, 1974, 1975, n.d.
	8	Poetry books	1974, 1975, n.d.
	9	Poetry and artwork by Marianne (no last name provided)	n.d.
	10	Women's Equity Action League	1976, n.d.
	11	Women's Studies 151-152	1972, n.d.
<b>Series 2: Publishing Materials, 1970-1997, n.d.</b>			
	1	Art/graphics	n.d.
	2	Contacts	1972, 1973, n.d.
	3	Content	1972-1974, n.d.
	4	Correspondence	1970-1973, n.d.
	5	Illinois Women's Political Caucus	n.d.
	6	Invoices	1971, 1972, n.d.
	7	Miscellanea	1971-1973, 1993, 1997, n.d.
	8	Poetry	1971, 1972, n.d.
	9	Press releases	1972, n.d.
	10	Subscriptions	1971, 1972, n.d.
<b>Series 3: Publications, 1971-1976, n.d.</b>			
2	1	<i>Chicago Express</i>	1972
	2	<i>Chicago Reader</i>	1973, 1974
	3	<i>Equality</i>	1974
	4	<i>Feminist Voice</i>	1971, 1972
	5	<i>High School Women Oppression &amp; Liberation</i>	1970
	6	<i>Illinois Woman's Agenda</i>	1976
	7	<i>Lavender Woman</i>	1973-1974
	8	<i>Off Our Backs Women's News Journal</i>	1972, 1973
	9	<i>Pandora</i>	1973, 1974
	10	<i>Pedestal</i>	1972

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11	<i>The Revolution</i>	n.d.
12	<i>Seed issues</i>	1973, 1974
13	<i>The Source</i>	n.d.
14	<i>Womankind</i>	1971-1973
15	<i>Working Mother</i>	1972-1973

**Series 4: Objects, Audiovisual, and Oversized**  
**1970-1984, n.d.**

3	1	Buttons	1977-1984
	2	Photographs	1970, n.d.
	3	Vinyl belt	n.d.
4		Calendar	1982
FF7		reproduction of the cover of the first issue of <i>The Feminist Voice</i>	n.d.