

Women and Leadership Archives

Collection Policy

Introduction

The Women and Leadership Archives (WLA) collects and makes available records of enduring historic value, which document women's lives, roles, and contributions. Part of the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership, and the Loyola University Chicago Libraries, the WLA supports the research needs of the Loyola community, visiting students and scholars, and the general public. The WLA makes records available in its Reading Room located in Piper Hall in addition to digital collections and exhibits. More information on Reading Room hours and appointments are available at LUC.edu/wla.

Collecting Scope

The WLA actively seeks records from diverse individuals and organizations.

Records of individuals and organizations should relate to one or more of the Subject Areas listed below. Organizational records should relate to organizations founded by women, women focused organizations, or organizations that have a strong women's component. Collecting will focus on the Chicago area, Midwestern states, and the United States, in that order. International collections may be considered if they are of exceptional research value.

Formats accepted include letters, documents, ephemera, manuscripts, scrapbooks, photographs, slides/negatives, and audio visual materials. Three dimensional and oversized objects including works of art may also be accepted on a case by case basis to ensure they can be cared for properly. Donations that include digital records will be evaluated prior to acceptance to determine the WLA has sufficient resources to preserve and make them available. Accepted digital file formats will be discussed with potential donors.

Subject Areas

- Activism and Women's Issues
- Athletics
- Civic and Cultural Engagement
- Education
- Environment
- Fine, Performance, and Visual Arts
- Mundelein College
- Public Service and Politics
- Science, Technology, and Engineering
- Social Justice
- Women Religious