

Inventory of the

**Academic Centers
Women's Studies Center/Programs**

Records

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Northern Illinois University Archives

UA 30-6

INTRODUCTION

The University Archives acquired the records of the Women's Studies Center in June 1993. Literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the records.

14 Boxes
1 Oversize Folder
12 Linear Feet
1971-2012

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the Women's Studies Center are a subgroup within the Academic Centers record group of the University Archives. The records contained here are divided into two series. **Series I, Women's Studies Program**, consists of course materials including exams, handouts, and some student papers; information on Women's History Week/Month; minutes and correspondence for the Women's Studies Advisory Committee. Also included are course proposals and other related materials. **Series II, University Resources for Women** contains annual reports, brochures, correspondence, newsletters, program reviews, and other information. **Series III, Gender Studies** consists of a folder on LGBT curriculum. Researchers should also consult the materials on the President's Commission on the Status of Women found in the Boards, Councils and Committees record group (UA 17). Digital files from Series I and II can be found in the UA Electronics folder on the Library V Drive and the 3.5 floppy disks and Zip disks containing digital records can be found in UA 11. **Series IV, Oversized Items** contains several large posters mostly pertaining to Women's History Month and an untitled framed watercolor painting.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The **Women's Studies Program** began in 1976 through the efforts of a planning committee of students, faculty, and staff. The Board of Regents approved the interdisciplinary minor in 1979-80 and it began operating in 1981 through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A graduate level concentration was approved in 1991. The director's position is an eleven-month, halftime position held by a faculty member from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Faculty from many departments, as well as off-campus experts, guest lecture or team teach.

Guided by an advisory committee composed of faculty from different disciplines, staff, and students, the program seeks to encourage critical inquiry, reflection, and self-expression in its curriculum while promoting tolerance for diverse views and sources of knowledge. The program maintains a close liaison with the Office of University Resources for Women, and the women's studies staff maintains connections with other campus and community groups concerned with women's issues and status. In addition to offering courses, the Women's Studies Program provides a variety of events and programs designed to promote knowledge about women's experiences and the effects of gender in society.

The **University Resources for Women** was established in May 1979 by acting Provost Wendell Harris. It operates and is funded within the Division of International and Special Programs. The Board of Regents established URW as a permanent entity in the Spring of 1980. The major objectives of URW are to facilitate the re-entry of the mature woman into the university, to provide a centrally located facility for women students, to coordinate existing programming for women on the campus, and to support the recruitment and retention of older, adult women who are potential or enrolled students. University Resources for Women is headed by a full-time director who holds membership on several university committees to provide feedback about women's needs.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
		Series I: Women's Studies Program
1	1	Women's Studies Program History - Outline, 1976-2008
	2	Women's Studies Program- NIU Centennial, 1999
	3	Brochures, 1983, 1992
	4	Women's Studies Bulletin, February 1996
	5	Women's History Week, 1985
		Subject Files: Women's History Month
	6-7	Women's History Month, 1986-1987
	8	1988, Correspondence
	9	Founder's Library Exhibit, March 1988
	10	Publicity
	11	Speakers
	12	Speech

13	1989, Correspondence
14	Publicity
15	Speakers
16	1990, Correspondence, Minutes
17	Ideas/Program Suggestions
18	Publicity/Speakers
19	Misc. Posters, 1985-1993, 2009
20-21	1991, 1994
22	1995, Planning
23	Correspondence
24	Activity Proposals and Programs
25	Publicity
26	Essay Contest
27	1996, Planning
28	Activity Proposals and Programs
29	Essay Contest
30	1997, Planning
31	Proposals and Programs
32	Essay Contest
33	1998, Planning
34	Proposals and Programs
35	Audience Observation Forms
36	Essay Contest
37	1999, Publicity
38	Correspondence
39	Programing
40	"Women in the Director's Chair" Correspondence
41	Essay Contest
42	2000, Planning
43	Publicity
44	Proposals
45	Programing
46	Programing-Feminist Mother and Feminist Daughter Panel
47	Programing-DeKalb Area Women's Chorus
48	Programing-Dr. Barcelo Correspondence
49	Programing-Dr. Garber Correspondence

50	Essay Contest
51	2001, Planning
52	Poster photographer
53	Programing-Musil
54	Programing-Dr. Penelope Correspondence
55	Programing-DeKalb Area Women's Center
56	Programing-"Mary Pickford: A Life on Film 1
57	Programing-Faculty Associate Panel
58	Programing-International Women's Day-Twesigyer
59	Programing-Dr. Denzar Correspondence
60	Programing-Oral History Exchange with Huntley Middle School
61	Programing-Cixous Panel-In Context Theatre Festival
62	Essay Contest
63	Thank You Notes

2002

2	1	Planning
	2	Publicity
	3	Poster
	4	Graduate Colloquium
	5	Programing-Graduate Student Presentation
	6	Programing-International Women in Relationships Panel
	7	Programing-"Iranian Journey" film
	8	Programing-Vagina Seminar
	9	Programing-Lacampagne, Math
	10	Programing-Dr. Stetson
	11	Programing-D.I.V.I.N.E. Women of Culture
	12	Programing-Kiernan 'Women in Law Enforcement'
	13	Programing-Habitat for Humanity, Women in Construction
	14	Essay Contest
	15	Thank You Notes

2003

16	Planning
17	Proposals
18	Poster
19	Publicity
20	Graduate Colloquium

21	Programing-Dr.s Skinner, Burgess, and Layli
22	Programing-Dr. Rhodes
23	Programing-Janet Bloch
24	Programing-Dr. Mayne
25	Programing-Dr. Gillian
26	Programing-Quilt
27	Programing-Dr. Cash
28	Programing-Volunteerism Panel
29	Essay Contest
30	Thank You Notes
31	Program images (21 photos, 8 negative strips)
	2004
32	Planning
33	Publicity
34	Poster
35	Programing-Activism Panel
36	Programing-Graduate Colloquium
37	Programing-Pink Bloque
38	Programing-Play Activities/Wellness
39	Essay Contest
	2005
40	Proposals and Planning
41	Programing-Barbara Peters and President Peters' Breakfast
42	Programing-Dr. Moghadam
43	Programing-Dr.s Inness and Guice Adams
44	Essay Contest
	2006
45	Planning
46	Sticker Day
47	Programing-Dr. Lyon-Johnson
48	Programing-Wage-Gap panel
49	Recognition Ceremony-Essay and Poster Contest
50	Essay Contest
	2007
51	Planning
52	Poster

	53	Publicity
	54	Programing-Dr. Beaulieu
	55	Programing-Dr. Douglas
	56	Programing-Motherhood Panel
	57	Programing-"Little Black Dress" Exhibit
	58	Essay Contest
	59	Cultural Diversity Week, (1988-1992, n.d.)
	60	Correspondence with <i>Northern Star</i> , 1988, 1996
	61	NIU Conference for Young Women, 1996-1998, 2000-2002
	62	Sponsorship speaker-Dr. Frank-Cyrus, 1999
	63	Sponsorship speaker-Maya Angelou, 1999
	64	Film and Discussion-"Don't Ask Why," December 2001
	65	Unity in Diversity funding, 2001-2003
	66	Speaker and Program Ideas and Funding, 2002-2003
	67	Interpersonal Violence Network Committee, August 2002-March 2005
	68	Speakers, Ophira Edut and Sharlene Hess-Biber, circa 2003
	69	Mother Memorial Scholarship, 2007, n.d.
	70-79	ILAS 230, "Women in Contemporary America," Fall 1981-Fall 1990
	80-82	ILAS 235, "Women Across Cultures and Centuries," Spring 1981-Spring 1983
3	1-7	ILAS 235, "Women Across Cultures and Centuries," Spring 1984-Spring 1990
	8-19	ILAS 430, "Special Topics in Women's Studies," Capstone Course, Spring 1983-Fall 1990
	20-21	ILAS 432, "Feminist Theory," Fall 1988, Spring 1990
	22-23	Course Proposals, ILAS 230, ILAS 235, ILAS 432, 1985-86
	24	Graduate Assistant Expectations & Duties, 1983, 1984, 1991, n.d.
	25	Graduate Emphasis, 1988-1991
	26	Women '71 Show-Program, Budget, Entrance Forms, Letterhead, 1971
4	1	Women '71 Show-Female '71 Artist Questionnaire Projects, 1971, 1993
	2	Women '71 Show-Correspondence Regarding Show, July 1971-January 1972
	3	Women '71 Show-Questionnaire and Show Lists, 1971
	4	Women '71 Show-Illinois Questionnaire Responses-Not Participating

- In Show, 1971
- 5 Women '71 Show-Illinois Questionnaire Responses, 1971
- 6 Women '71 Show-Midwest Area Questionnaire Responses, 1971
- 7 Women '71 Show-Questionnaire Responses, 1971
- 8 Women '71 Show-Questionnaire Responses with Notes, 1971
- 9 IBHE Report on Underrepresented Groups in Higher Education, 1991-1993
- 10 Women's Studies, Correspondence, 1998
- Women's Studies Advisory Committee:
- 5 1 African American Institute, Correspondence, 1979-1980
- 2-3 Minutes and Agendas, (1979-1993)
- 4 Member Lists, (1979-1993)
- 5-6 Correspondence/Misc., 1980-1995, (1997-2006)
- 7 Collection Development, (1983-1989)
- 8 Program Review, 1983
- 9 Curriculum, 1987-1990
- 10 Thank-you letters, 1987-1991
- 11 Welcoming Letters, 1987, 1988
- 12 Feminist Research in the Eighties, Conference Proceedings, NIU, September 26-27, 1982
- 14 1 CSWGS Curriculum 2008-2009
- 2 CSWGS Curriculum 2009-2010
- 3 CSWGS Curriculum 2010-2011
- 4 CSWGS Curriculum 2011-2012
- Women 71'**
- 5 Advertising, Judging. Brochure, Catalogue, and Publicity
- 6 Prizes, Donations, Mailing List, Receipts, and Returns
- 7 Midwest Women's Art Competition and Exhibit – Into Meeting Minutes
- Series II: University Resources for Women**
- 6 1 University Resources for Women, Program History, (1979-2009)
- 2 Brochures, (1980-2007)
- 3-4 Newsletters/"Argonauta", 1983-2007
- 5 "Argonauta" (Newsletter) correspondence, 1985-1986, no date
- 6 Women's Resource Center Newsletter, February 2007
- 7 Publicity, (1979-2000)

- 8 Wirtz House, History, [1978]
- 9 Wirtz House, Space Utilization, 1981-1990
- 10 Arndt House/University Resources for Women, 1989-2003
- 11 University Resources for Women, Open Houses after the Move,
November 29, 1990, March 5-6, 1991
- 12 15th Anniversary Open House, October 5, 1994
- 13 20th Anniversary Open House, October 13, 1999
- 14 20th Anniversary Correspondence and Memories, Fall 1999
- 15 Women's Resource Center, 30th Anniversary Memorabilia, September
3, 2009
- 16 Drawings, Emblems, no date
- 17 Student Manuel, September 2007
- 18 University Resources for Women Advisory Committee, 1999
- 19 Women's Resource Center, Transition Agreement and Assignments,
January-July 2006
- 20 University Resources for Women website, 1995-1997
- 21 Division of Student Affairs, Reorganization packet, 2004
- 22 Division of Student Affairs, Reorganization, 2004
- 23 Executive Secretary meeting notes, September 2006-May 2007
- 24 Staff Biographies, no date
- Correspondence:
- 7 1 General Administrative, (1985-2008)
- 2 Division of International and Special Programs, (1985-1992)
- 3 Thanks/Gifts/Donations, (1979-2001)
- 4 Information Requests, (1979-2001)
- 5 Miscellaneous, (1980-2006)
- 6 Orientation Office, (1979-2002)
- 7 Community College Outreach, (1981-1986)
- 8 Ombudsman Office, 1987, 1993, 2005
- 9 Student Affairs, 2006
- 10 Resources and Referral Information on Other Organizations, 1993)
- 8 1 Women's Programming Committee - Activity Report, 1978-1979
- 2 University Resources for Women, Activities Reports, 1980, 1984-
1984, 1986-1989
- 3-4 University Resources for Women, Program Reviews, 1979-1980, Fall
1984

- 5 University Resources for Women, Annual Reports, 1986-1987, 1987-1988
- 6 Division of International and Special Programs, Summary Report, 1987-1988
- 7 University Resources for Women, Assessment Plan, circa 1995
- 8 Plans for Increasing the Participation and Achievement of Underrepresented Groups, 1989
- 9 Underrepresented Groups Report, Correspondence and Related Resource Tables, 1990
- 10-23 University Resources for Women, and NIU's Annual Reports on Underrepresented Groups in Higher Education, 1991-2004
- 9 1 NIU's Annual Report to IBHE on the Status of Underrepresented Groups; and on Individuals with Disabilities, 2005
- 2 University Resources for Women, and NIU's Annual Report on Underrepresented Groups, 2006
- 3 Report to IBHE on Counseling Services at NIU, 1981
- 4 IBHE - Survey of Programs to Advance Minority Success in Higher Education, 1986
- 5 Undergraduate Education, Annual Report on, 1991, 1993
- 6 IBHE - Report on Female Student Participation in Illinois Higher Education, (1986-1990)
- 7 University Resources for Women, North Central Association Accreditation Report, 1993
- 8 University Resources for Women, Activity Report, July 1, 1999-June 2000
- 9 University Resources for Women, North Central Accreditation Review, 2002
- 10 University Resources for Women, Assessment Plan, 2004
- 11 Women's Resource Center, Assessment Summary Report, October 16, 2006
- 12 Women's Resource Center, Annual Report, FY 2005
- 13 Women's Resource Center, Annual Report, FY 2006
- 14 University Resources for Women, Activity Report, July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004
- 15 Rita Reynolds, Activities, 2006-2007
- 16 University Resources for Women, SWOT Statement, October 7, 2004

- 17 University Resources for Women, Impact Statement midyear
Recession, FY 2003
- 18 Women's Resources for Women, Annual Planning Worksheet, FY
2007
- 19 University Resources for Women - Program Announcements, 1979,
1990-2005
- 20 Women's Resource Center - Program Announcements, 2007-2008
- 10 1 Programs, no date
- 2 Women's Resource Center, "60 Second Evaluation" Responses for
Programs, 2006-2007
- 3-4 Brown Bag Lunches - Program Announcements, July 1980-Fall 2008,
[Includes Cassette Recording on Coping with Cross-Cultural Issues,
October 11, 1995]
- 5 Women and Wellness Series, Fall 1993; [Includes Cassette
Recording on "Dating...." by Sharon Howard & Tim Kurth], October
12. 1993
- 6 Caught between Cultures, 1993-1996
- 7 Parenting Series, Spring 1994
- 8 Brown Bag Luncheon Seminars and Workshops, Fall 1998-Spring
1999
- 9 Brown Bag Luncheons, Correspondence, 1992-1995
- 10 Brown Bag Surveys and Evaluations, (1992-2000)
- 11 Women's Health Series, 1996
- 12 Real World 101, March-April 1992
- 13 Career Development Program Survey, 2002
- 14 International Women's Day Luncheons, 1996-1998, 2006
- 15 Career Planning Workshop, February-March 2005
- 16 Single Mothers Support Group, Fall 1990
- 17-19 University Resources for Women - Support Groups and Workshops,
Fall 1991-Fall 1992
- 20 Women's Divorce Group, 1993
- 11 1 Personal Safety Seminary Program Evaluation, 1994
- 2 "Turning Point: A Program for Women in Transition," Fall 1986-Spring
1987
- 3 Communications Skills Group for International Women, 1997-1998
- 4 Managing Stress information, circa 1999

- 5 Coping with Loss Support Group, 2000
- 6 SOAR/DOJ workshop on Sexual Assault and Relationship Abuse, No date
- 7 Self-Esteem Workshop, no date
- 8 Sexual Assault Focus Groups, no date
- 9 Anger Programs, no date
- 10 Students Who Are Parents (SWAP), no date
- 11 University Resources for Women, Career Development Process Survey Questions, no date
- 12 Various Programs information, (1994-2000), no date
- 13 University Resources for Women, Survey Results, 2002, n.d.
- 14 Program Schedule, Fall 2001-Fall 2006
- 15 Counseling Assessment and Intake Forms, no date
- 16 Non-traditional Student Task Force, 1992-1993
- 17 Non-traditional Orientation, no date
SWAN (Students Who Are Non-traditional):
- 18 Constitutions and By-Laws, 1991, 1998, 2003
- 19 Meeting Minutes, (1991-1998)
- 20 Logo, ca. 1992
- 21 Faculty Advisor and Organizational Forms [for Student Association Recognition], (1993-2004)
- 22 Correspondence, (1994-2004)
- 23 Activities, Flyers, Newsletters, (1991-1997)
- 24 Publicity, (1991-2005)
- 25 Parents IN/Kids Out, ca. 2002
- 26 Budget Proposal [Includes Information on SWAN's Mission and Programs], November 2002
- 27 Commuter and Non-Traditional Students, 2005
- 28 Everywoman's Guide to Colleges and Universities - NIU Responses to Questionnaire, Spring 1981
- 29 Sexual Harassment Policy for NIU, 1981; Sexual Harassment Prevention Training, 1991
- 30 Sexual Assault Awareness, February 1991
- 31 Discrimination Task Force Committee, 1986-1987
- 32 Discrimination Task Force, Subcommittee on Structure and Policy, 1987-1988

- 12 33 "Racial Discrimination on Campus: Strategies for Awareness and Action," at NIU, February 4, 1988
- 34 A.C.T. Videotape - Discrimination and Women on Campus, 1991
- 1 Social Justice Coordinating Committee, April 2, 1996
- 2 Safe Zone and City of DeKalb City Ordinance, October-December 1998
- 3 Unity in Diversity, (November 1999-July 2001)
- 4 Unity in Diversity Events, African American Leadership Conference, Life Depends on It, Spring Awards, March 1994-April 1995
- 5 Center for Black Studies, Black Heritage Month, September 1999
- 6 NIU's Gathering of Nations POW-WOW, April-May 1994
- 7 Women's Resource Center, Volunteering Opportunities, ca. 2005; External Environment Worksheet, ca. 2005
- 8 "The Impact of Academic Environment and Student Services on the Academic Progress of Women," by McCanne, McCanne & Keating, NIU, January 1980
- 9 "Melissa's First Twenty-two Years: The Making of a Successful Woman?" by Melissa [Anonymous] and David E. Keys, 1980
- 10 NIU Statistic Reports, (1986-1996)
- 11 Midwest Womyn's Autumnfest, 1995, 2004
- 12 Women's Resource Center photographs and Outstanding Women Student Awards (45 photos, 14 negative strips), 1994, 1996-1997, no date
- 13 University Resource for Women postcard, ca. 1998
- 14 Women's Resource Center Images, 2005
- 15 Sharon Howard Retirement, 2006

Series III: Gender Studies

- 13 1 Getting Real: LGBT Studies in Your Curriculum, 2003
- 2 LGBT Studies Brochure, 2010; Information, (2001-2005)
- 3 Gay/Lesbian Studies Honors Seminar, 1993
- 4 Lesbian and Gay Studies, Correspondence, 1999, 2002

Series IV: Oversized Items

- OS: 14 Untitled watercolor painting (framed), 2/14/1991
- 1 Women at Play – Women's History Month March 1998 Poster

Generations: Not Just Girls Anymore! – Women’s History Month
March 1999 Poster
Women’s Acts: Acting Up, Acting out, Activism – Women’s History
Month March 2000 Poster
NIU Women’s Studies Program: Twenty Years of Warming the
Climate for Women – Women’s History Month March 2001 Poster
Women Around the World – Women’s HERstory Month March 2002
Poster
Body Waves – Women’s History Month March 2005 Poster
Re-Imagining Sisterhood – Women’s History Month March 2006
Poster
NWSA Tenth Anniversary Poster