University of Missouri-St. Louis Women's Studies Program Collection
(S0489)

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Collection Title: University of Missouri-St. Louis Women's Studies Program Collection

Dates: 1949-1988

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Abstract: This collection contains newspapers, magazines, articles, posters, conventions notes, and newsletters from across the United States, focusing on women-oriented issues and feminist-lesbian literature. Publications of interest include several lesbian-feminist publications such as Off Our Backs, Lesbian Connection, DYKE, The Lesbian Tide, and Moonstorm.

Collection Size: 5 cubic feet
(240 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Women’s Center, an educational resource for female students, faculty, and staff of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, formed in 1973. Women associated with the university worked toward the formation of the Center because they believed the university was not adequately addressing the needs of women on campus. The Center's function has evolved from being solely a service unit to one able to influence institutional policy and academic climate around issues of gender. The Center, currently, an office of the Division of Student Affairs, provides the following direct services: drop-in lounge, programs on women's issues and career choices, sexual harassment information, short-term counseling, advocacy for women students, library of literature by and about women, topical resource files, referral services, and information on women's activities in the community. Networking and leadership opportunities are also available to patrons of the center. The Women’s Center is a member of the Alliance, a consortium of business and professional women's organizations in St. Louis, and serves as an informal conduit for female student leaders, who have access to leadership training through the center.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

- Newspapers
- Periodicals
- Articles
- Other Publications

Scope and Content Note:

Newspapers

This series consists of radical, feminist, and feminist-lesbian newspapers from 1968 to 1982. It is arranged alphabetically by title.

Periodicals

This series consists of radical, feminist, lesbian and women’s magazines, journals, and newsletters dated 1968 to 1983. They are arranged alphabetically by title.

Articles

This series consists of published articles concerning women’s issues, and are dated from 1949 to 1978. The articles are arranged alphabetically by title.

Other Publications

This series contains posters, broadsides, pamphlets, general fact sheets, handbooks, surveys, notes on workshops, and guides dating from 1968 to 1988. This information is arranged alphabetically by topic.
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