



## Woman Gathering II Collection (S0208)

**Collection Number:** S0208

**Collection Title:** Woman Gathering II Collection

**Dates:** 1984

**Creator:** Woman Gathering

**Abstract:** The Second National Woman's Gathering met in St. Louis at Fontbonne College on August 17-20, 1984. The Gathering was intended to empower women and reject the powerless and inferior gender roles placed upon them by society. The materials in this collection include a registration sheet, *Off The Wall II*, two cassette tapes documenting the Gathering, and a 16mm film entitled *Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie*.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic foot  
(1 folder, 2 cassette tapes, 1 16mm film)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

Sonia Johnson, Susan Horwitz, and Mary Beall called the first national Woman Gathering held in Washington, DC in August 1983. This gathering drew one hundred and sixty-five women. After that, hundreds of smaller gatherings have been held around the country.

On August 17-20, 1984, the second national Woman Gathering met at Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Missouri. At this conference, Sonia Johnson, 1984 Citizen's Party presidential candidate, spoke of the need for women to reject roles of powerlessness and inferiority and to take themselves seriously. Other events at the conference included street theater in which women re-enacted the 1929 Igbo women riots against unfair taxes in Nigeria, as well as demonstrations in front of the St. Louis County Court house and the Reagan-Bush headquarters. The demonstrations celebrated women's rights and the rights of other marginalized people.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into one folder and includes two cassette tapes and a 16mm film.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains a registration sheet, two cassette tape recordings of speakers at the Gathering, and *Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie*, which is recorded on a 16 mm film and was used by the National Organization of Women during the 1934 presidential election. The collection also includes *Off the Wall II*, a chronicle of the second national Woman Gathering. These materials relate to the Second National Woman's Gathering, held in St. Louis. The majority of the materials in this collection date from August 17, 1984 to August 20, 1984.

**Container List:**

- f. 1 Woman's Gathering, Fontbonne College, August 17-20, 1984
- a.c. 1 Women gathering, August 17, 1984
- a.c. 2 Woman Gathering, Sonia Johnson tape, August 18, 1984
- reel 16mm film *Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie*, 16mm and DVD viewing copy, no date

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder	Image	Media
Equality	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Feminism--Missouri--Saint Louis	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Gender identity	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Igbo (African people)--Social conditions	1		
Johnson, Sonia	1		a.c. 2

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Sex discrimination	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Social justice--Missouri--Saint Louis	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Women--Missouri--Saint Louis	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Women--Social life and customs	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film
Women's Revolt, Nigeria, 1929	1		
Women's rights	1	Yes	a.c. 1-2, reel_16mm film