



St. Louis Women Historians Records (S0478)

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Collection Title: St. Louis Women Historians Records

Dates: 1982-1988

Creator: St. Louis Women Historians

Abstract: This collection contains reports, correspondence, photographs, and publicity relating to the St. Louis Women Historians from 1982-1988. The St. Louis Women Historians was founded in 1981 to provide a local forum for women historians throughout St. Louis.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(57 folders, 10 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The St. Louis Women Historians was founded in 1981 to provide a local forum for women historians throughout St. Louis. From 1983 to 1988, the members held a yearly conference to commemorate National Women's History Month. Each seminar had a different historical topic of discussion relating to women's history. For example, the 1983 conference was on the "History of St. Louis Women, 1900-1920", followed by the 1984 conference on "St. Louis Women in World War II." The following two conferences were "Technology and Women's Domestic Role" in 1985 and "St. Louis Women and the Labor Movement" in 1986. The final two conferences discussed "And She Generally Decides: Mississippi Valley Creole Women in the 18th Century" in 1987 and "From Suffrage to the Smoke-Filled Room" in 1988.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 5 series with 6 sub-series:

Conferences

- 1983 Conference
- 1984 Conference
- 1985 Conference
- 1986 Conference
- 1987 Conference
- 1988 Conference

Correspondence

History Resources

Membership

Photographs

Scope and Content Note:**Conferences**

This series contains reports, correspondence, proposals, and publicity concerning the planning of the St. Louis Women Historians (SLWH) conferences from 1983-1988. The organizers structured each conference around a specific theme in women's history. For example, the theme for the 1983 conference was "History of St. Louis Women, 1900-1920." However, the materials in this series focus more on the administration of these events than on the presentations and lectures presented at the colloquiums. The materials in this series date from 1982 to 1988 and are arranged chronologically.

The 1983 Conference subseries contains reports, publicity, and proposals documenting the conference's "History of St. Louis Women, 1900-1920" theme. Materials of interest include feedback forms completed by conference attendees critiquing the conference, and a grant funding proposal submitted to the Missouri Committee for the Humanities (later Missouri Humanities Council). The 1983 Conference subseries has been arranged alphabetically.

Within the 1984 Conference subseries are sign-up sheets, correspondence, and reports pertaining to the conference's theme, "St. Louis Women in World War II." Materials of interest include

attendance statistics and a schedule outlining the presentations for that year's conference. The 1984 Conference subseries has been arranged alphabetically.

The 1985 Conference subseries contain correspondence, publicity, and reports relating to the 1985 SLWH conference "Technology and Women's Domestic Role." Materials of interest include a report written by Kathy Peterson, SLWH's project director, chronicling the events at the 1985 conference. The 1985 Conference subseries has been arranged alphabetically.

Within the 1986 Conference subseries are handouts, reports, and correspondence regarding the "St. Louis Women and the Labor Movement" conference. Materials of interest include Mayor Vincent Schoemehl's proclamation of National Women History Month for 1986 and newsletters, pamphlets, and flyers from the Coal Mining Women Support Team and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The 1986 Conference subseries has been arranged alphabetically.

The 1987 Conference subseries contain correspondence, financial reports, and publicity regarding the "And She Generally Decides: Mississippi Valley Creole Women in the 18th Century" conference. Materials of interest in the subseries include a program schedule and an evaluator's report of the event. The 1987 Conference subseries has been arranged alphabetically.

Finally, the 1988 Conference subseries contain reports, mailing lists, and financial records regarding the 1988 conference "From Suffrage to the Smoke-Filled Room." Materials of interest include information regarding the conference's opening reception and statistics documenting conference attendance. The 1988 Conference subseries has been arranged alphabetically.

Correspondence

This series includes correspondence regarding other activities of SLWH. Topics of interest include SLWH's opposition to the University of Missouri-St. Louis' proposed closure of its Women's Center and guidelines for a grant application from the Missouri Committee for the Humanities. The series is organized alphabetically by subject and contains materials from 1983 to 1984.

History Resources

This series consists of directories of history resources throughout Missouri from 1982-1983 and 1985. The series contains an inventory of the women's history collections at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection and a directory of local historical societies in Missouri. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Membership

This series contains lists and applications relating to membership in the SLWH. Materials of interest include an un-dated mailing list of SLWH members and applications of members from 1985-1987. The materials are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Photographs

This series contains photographs of the 1983-1985 SLWH conferences. The photographs cover subjects such as the advertising for the 1983 conference, exhibits such as "Doing Our Bit", and

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