

WOMEN'S CENTER, RECORDS OF THE, 1986-1991

Series 5/8

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HISTORY

Until 1986, the Northwestern Women's Center existed as the Program on Women, a research program on gender-related studies which had been established in 1974 by Northwestern University faculty. The Women's Center was created September 1, 1986. The name change reflected a change in organizational focus and an increase in service capabilities. The original mission statement indicates a commitment to educational, professional, and personal equality for all women through programs to help women make successful choices and to advocate for increased access to health, economic stability, justice, and systemic equality for Northwestern and community women.

The four program components of the Women's Center are Educational Programming; Career, Professional and Personal Counseling; Referrals and Resources; and Advocacy. Two early Center projects were the Campus Climate Project (CCP) and the Sexual Assault Education Program (SAEP). Based on the hypothesis that theatrical performance can facilitate cultural change, the CCP examines sexism and racism through workshops and performances. The SAEP organized freshman orientations, counselor training programs, speakers, and workshops, and furnished reference materials. The Center's resources include the Women's Collection in the University Library's Special Collections department. The Women's Center is funded by the University and by grants.

The first director of the Women's Center, June Terpstra, was hired September 2, 1986.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES

The records of the Women's Center fill three boxes, spanning the years 1986 to 1991, and consist of general administration files, correspondence, program files, applications for grants, and flyers. They are filed in chronological order. The administrative materials and correspondence span 1986 to 1990. The correspondence is general and specific. Grant proposals range from 1986 to 1989. The program files include the Campus Climate Project (CCP) and the Sexual Assault Education Program (SAEP). The CCP files, from 1986 to 1990, include administrative and organizational material, correspondence, scripts, grant proposals, workshop outlines, and audience transcripts for the CCP. The SAEP files range from 1986 to 1990. Four files of flyers, spanning 1986 to 1991, document activities and programs that were sponsored by the Women's Center.

PROVENANCE: These records were transferred to the University Archives by Becket Bessolo of the Women's Center on October 15, 1998 as Accession No. 98-192.

RESTRICTIONS: None.

SEPARATIONS: One inch of duplicate material was discarded. One-third of a cubic foot of records relating to the Program on Women was separated and added to the Records of the the Program on Women, Series 8/2/10.

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<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATES</u>
General Administrative Files			
1	1	Interim Report and Statement of Needs	1986
	2	Job Descriptions	1986
	3	Press Releases	1987-1990
	4	Correspondence - General	1986-1991
	5	African Studies and Women's Center Joint Program	1986
	6	Speakers' Bureau	1986
	7	Imagination Theatre	1986-1987
	8	Women's Collection	1986-1989
	9	Evanston Shelter interview with June Terpstra	1987
	10	Organization of Women Faculty	1987
	11	<i>Daily Northwestern</i> , sexual harassment	1987-1988
	12	Task Force on Undergraduate Education	1988
	13	<i>Daily Northwestern</i> interview, June Terpstra	1988-1989
	14	Residential Life	1988-1989
	15	Feminist Therapists Needs Assessment Survey	1989
	16	Bateson Visit	1990
Grant Proposals			
	17	Drafts	n.d.
	18	Alumnae of Northwestern	1986-1987
	19	Brunswick Public Charitable Foundation	1987
	20	Hummel Foundation	1987
	21	Chicago Foundation for Women	1987-1988
	22	Evanston Arts Council	1987-1989
	23	Kreeger-Wolf Professorship	1987-1989
	24	Sophia Fund	1987-1989
	25	Fel-Pro Mecklenberger Fdn	1988
	26	Illinois Arts Council	1989
	27	Dance Department of Northwestern	n.d.
Campus Climate Project			
	28	First Year Report	1986-1987
	29	Creating CCP and Interim Report	1988
	30	CCP -- General	1987-1988
2	1	Correspondence	1987-1989
	2	Theatricalizing Racism and Sexism on Campus	1988
	3	Grant Proposal, Draft	n.d.

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2	4	Grant Proposal – Alumnae of Northwestern	1987-1989
	5	Grant Proposal – Women's Educational Equity Act Prog.	1988
	6	Evaluation Form, Completed Staff Evaluations	1987-1988
	7	Scripts	1987-1988
	8	Audience Discussion Transcripts	1988
	9	Workshops	1988-1989
	10	Independent Study paper, <i>Working on the CCP</i>	1989
	11	Manual, Chapter 5 – Audience Discussion	1990
	12	CCP – SAEP – General, Correspondence	1986-1990
	13	CCP – SAEP – Escort Service – Correspondence	1987
Flyers			
	14	Flyers	1986-1990
	15	Flyers, part 1 of 2	1987-1988
3	1	Flyers, part 2 of 2	1987-1988
	2	Flyers	1988-1990
	3	Flyers	1990-1991