

Guide to the National Organization for Women Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Title:	National Organization for Women, Las Vegas Chapter Records
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Date [bulk]:	1971-1974
Physical Description:	4.65 Linear Feet (9 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The National Organization for Women, Las Vegas Chapter Records document the philosophy, activities, and politics of the National Organization for Women (NOW) from 1966 to 2009 with most materials covering the period of 1971 to 1974. The records demonstrate the activities and political positions of NOW and they include correspondence, policies, memoranda, files, publications, and ephemera from the Las Vegas, Nevada chapter.

Preferred Citation

National Organization for Women, Las Vegas Chapter Records, 1966-2009. MS-00354. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Note

The National Organization for Women (NOW) was formed in 1966 after the founding members became frustrated by the inaction of the United States government following the National Conference of Commissions on the Status of Women report that found widespread discrimination against women. Betty Friedan, prominent feminist and author of *The Feminine Mystique*, invited a group of women to discuss alternative strategies. At this meeting, where they decided to form a separate civil rights organization dedicated to achieving full equality for women.

NOW was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on February 10, 1967, after finalization of its National Constitution and bylaws. Task forces were established to deal with several women's issues, including

employment, education, religion, poverty, law, politics, and image in the media. Committees were organized to handle finance, membership, public relations, legislation, and legal activities. Today, NOW continues to pursue its mission.

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Scope and Contents Note

The National Organization for Women, Las Vegas Chapter Records documents the philosophy, activities, and politics of the National Organization of Women from 1966 to 2005 with most materials covering the period of 1971 to 1974. It includes administrative records of the Las Vegas, Nevada chapter, files from NOW task forces, information on NOW-related issues like abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment, newsletters from NOW chapters around the United States, and NOW ephemera.

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Arrangement

The records are organized into five series:

Series I. Administrative Records (1966-1974);

Series II. Task Forces (1971-1974);

Series III. Issues and Interests (1970-1974);

Series IV. Newsletters (1973-2005);

Series V. Realia (1972-1974)

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Administrative Information

Access

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1995 by Lynn Cleary; accession number 1995-030.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Caryll Batt Dziedziak in 1995. In 2014, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Lindsay Oden revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. Subsequently Lindsay Oden entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

Revision Description

The finding aid was revised by Lindsay Oden to bring it into compliance with DACS. The finding aid was revised by Maggie Bukowski to add the 2017 accession. June 2014 May 2017

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Names and Subjects

- Women's rights -- United States
- Women -- Political activity
- Women political activists -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Administrative Records, 1966-19742009

Physical Description: 0.9 Linear Feet (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: This series is comprised of administrative records of the Las Vegas, Nevada chapter of the National Organization for Women from 1966 to 1974. The series includes the files of the Board of Directors, bylaws, conference reports, correspondence, financial records, membership, and press releases.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Board of Directors: Executive Committee Officers, October 1973	box 01	folder 01
Board of Directors: Meeting minutes, 1974	box 01	folder 02
Board of Directors: reports, 1973	box 01	folder 03
Budget, April 8, 1973	box 01	folder 04
Bylaws: proposed for the Metro Denver Chapter, undated	box 01	folder 05
Bylaws: proposed changes for the National Organization of Women, 1974	box 01	folder 06

Bylaws: Western region, 1972	box 01	folder 07
Commemoration: 53rd Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, 1973	box 01	folder 08
Conference: Sixth National Conference of NOW, February 16-19, 1973	box 01	folder 09
Conference: Seventh National Conference of NOW, May 1974	box 01	folder 10
Conference: Western Regional Conference, September 28-30, 1973	box 01	folder 11
Congressional records, 1973-1974	box 01	folder 12
Correspondence, (1973-1974) 2000-2004 Physical Description: 4 Files	box 01	
Correspondence, 1973	box 01	folder 14
Correspondence, 1974	box 01	folder 15
Correspondence, 2000-2004	box 01	
Federal revenue sharing, 1974	box 01	folder 16
Financial records, 1973	box 01	folder 17
Goals, undated	box 01	folder 18
Guidelines: chapters, coalitions, and committees, 1974	box 01	folder 19
Laws: Las Vegas and Clark County, 1971	box 01	folder 20
Las Vegas, Nevada chapter activities and records, 1973	box 02	folder 01
League Units, 1973	box 02	folder 02
Legal Defense and Education Fund, 1973-1974	box 02	folder 03
Letterhead, undated	box 02	folder 04
Lobbying reports and action, 1974	box 02	folder 05
Los Angeles, California chapter, 1974	box 02	folder 06
Membership: interested persons, 1973	box 02	folder 07
National Conference, 2009, July 16-18	box 01	
National Public Information Office, 1973-1974	box 02	folder 08
News releases, 1973	box 02	folder 09
NOW event brochures and fliers (Las Vegas and National), 2004-2007	box 02	
Policies and resolutions, 1971	box 02	folder 10
Political action research, 1973	box 02	folder 11
Press releases, 1974	box 02	folder 12
Public relations, undated	box 02	folder 13

General Note: As of June 26, 2014, the materials in this folder are missing.

State structure, 1974	box 02	folder 14
Statement of purpose, October 29, 1966	box 02	folder 15
University chapter, 1973	box 02	folder 16

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Task Forces, 1971-1974

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: This series includes files from NOW's task forces from 1971 to 1974. The topics covered by the task forces include broadcast media, education, fundraising, health, unions, legislation, marriage, minority women, poverty, rape, reproduction, and volunteerism.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Broadcast Media and Federal Communications Commission, 1973	box 03	folder 01
Compliance and regulation, 1973	box 03	folder 02
Coordinators of task forces, October 1973	box 03	folder 03
Education, 1974	box 03	folder 04
Fundraising, 1973	box 03	folder 05
Health, 1973	box 03	folder 06
Higher education, 1973	box 03	folder 07
Image of women, 1973	box 03	folder 08
Labor unions, undated	box 03	folder 09
Legislation, 1973	box 03	folder 10
Marriage, divorce, and family relations, 1973	box 03	folder 11
Masculine Mystique, 1974	box 03	folder 12
Minority women and women's rights, 1973	box 03	folder 13
Politics, 1972-1973	box 03	folder 14
Rape, 1973	box 03	folder 15
Reproduction and population, 1973	box 03	folder 16
Summaries of task forces, 1974	box 03	folder 17
Poverty, 1973	box 03	folder 18
Religion, 1973	box 03	folder 19
Sports, 1973-1974	box 03	folder 20
Volunteerism, 1971-1973	box 03	folder 21

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Issues and Interests, 1970-19742005

Physical Description: 1.3 Linear Feet (3 boxes)

Scope and Contents Note: This series includes files on NOW-related issues, including news articles, position statements, correspondence, and memoranda from 1970 to 1974. Topics covered include abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, gay rights, health, politics, rape, sexism, minority women, poverty, and prostitution.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Abortion, 1973-1974	box 04	folder 01
Anti-abortion, 1974	box 04	folder 02
Anti-Equal Rights Amendment, 1973	box 04	folder 03
Bibliography, 1970-1974	box 04	folder 04
Child development, 1974	box 04	folder 05
Consciousness raising, 1973	box 04	folder 06
Equal Rights Amendment, undated	box 04	folder 07
General Note: As of June 26, 2014, this folder is missing its contents.		
Equal Rights Amendment: testimony, 1974	box 04	folder 08
Family planning, 1973	box 04	folder 09
Family planning: news articles, September 9, 1973	box 04	folder 10
Family planning: Population Reporter, 1973-1974	box 04	folder 11
Feminist enterprises, 1973-1974	box 04	folder 12
Gay rights, undated	box 05	folder 01
Health, 1974	box 05	folder 02
Image of women, 1973	box 05	folder 03
"Legal Abortion in the United States: Facts and Highlights", 1973	box 05	folder 04
Marriage equality, 2004-2005	box 05	
Minority women: "Black Women's Liberation", 1972	box 05	folder 05
Miscellaneous, 1972-1973	box 05	folder 06
Miscellaneous Las Vegas, Nevada news articles, 1973-1974	box 05	folder 07
Nevada NOW questionnaires sent to Nevada political candidates, 2005	box 05	
Pandora: Seattle, Washington women's newspaper, September-December 1973	box 05	folder 08
Poetry and songs, 1973	box 05	folder 09

Political: national, 1973	box 05	folder 10
Political: Nevada, 1972-1974	box 05	folder 11
Political: news articles, 1973	box 05	folder 12
Political: news articles, 1974	box 05	folder 13
Prostitution, 1971-1973	box 06	folder 01
Prostitution: news article, 1973	box 06	folder 02
Psychology, 1970-1974	box 06	folder 03
Rape: information on Nevada, 1973-1974	box 06	folder 04
Rape: news articles, 1973	box 06	folder 05
The Second Wave Magazine, 1972	box 06	folder 06
Sexism, 1973	box 06	folder 07
Sexism in education, 1972	box 06	folder 08
Walmart discrimination against women, 2004	box 06	
Women and marriage, 1971	box 06	folder 09
Women and poverty, undated	box 06	folder 10
Women and religion, 1974	box 06	folder 11
Women and work, 1972	box 06	folder 12
Women Artists' Movement, 1972	box 06	folder 13
Women's History Library, 1973	box 06	folder 14
"Women's Work and Women's Studies", 1971	box 06	folder 15

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Newsletters, 1973-2005 (1973-1974)

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: This series contains National Organization for Women newsletters from various chapters around the country from 1973 to 1974. The Las Vegas and Southern Nevada folders include newsletters up to 1998 and 2005, respectively.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Boulder City, Nevada, 1973	box 07	folder 01
Chicago, Illinois, 1974	box 07	folder 02
Denver, Colorado, 1974	box 07	folder 03
Florida, 1973	box 07	folder 04

Highline, Seattle, Washington, 1974	box 07	folder 05
Las Vegas, Nevada, 1973	box 07	folder 06
National NOW, 1973-1983	box 07	folder 07
	box 09	
Nevada, 1973-1998	box 07	folder 08
Northern Nevada, 1973-1974	box 07	folder 09
Portland, Oregon, 1973	box 07	folder 10
Sacramento, California, 1973	box 07	folder 11
Salt Lake City, Utah, 1973	box 07	folder 12
Southern Nevada, 1998-2005	box 07	folder 13
Physical Description: 5 Files		
Thurston County, 1974	box 07	folder 14
University chapter, 1974	box 07	folder 15
Virginia Beach, Virginia, 1973	box 07	folder 16
Washington State, 1973	box 07	folder 17

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Memorabilia and Audio Recordings, 1972-1974

Physical Description: 0.4 Linear Feet (1 box)

Scope and Contents Note: This series includes NOW-related ephemera from 1972 to 1974, including a *Wonder Woman* comic book, bumper stickers, and an audio tape of Unitarian Universalist Association President Robert Nelson West on women's rights.

Arrangement: Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Containers	
Bumper stickers: "Maya Miller - US Senate," "Support the Equal Rights Amendment," and "Equal Rights Amendment All The Way", undated	box 08	folder 01
Cocktail Reception invitation and Feminist Bureau of Investigation poster, 1974	box 08	folder 02
Wonder Woman 209 comic book, January 1974	box 08	folder 03
Unitarian Universalist Association President Robert Nelson West cassette and Equal Rights Amendment buttons, 1972	box 08	folder 04

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