

Guide the Harriet Trudell Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Trudell, Harriet
Title:	Harriet Trudell Papers
ID:	MS-00540
Date [inclusive]:	1949-2006
Physical Description:	1.28 Cubic Feet (1 Box)
Physical Description:	1.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Harriet Trudell Papers (1949-2006) consist of correspondence, photographs, conference programs, election memorabilia, speeches, and newspaper clippings relating to her political activities. There are also papers from the various organizations Trudell was involved in including The Feminist Majority, International Plans for Action, Americans for Democratic Action, and the Nevada Democratic Party.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Democratic Party advocate, feminist, and civil rights activist, Harriet Trudell was born in 1932 in St. Petersburg, Florida. She spent her childhood in both St. Petersburg and Mobile, Alabama. Her father was a plumber and a union organizer who was a "rabid democrat." In 1948, when Harriet was sixteen years old, she accompanied her father to the Democratic National Convention in Alabama. At this convention, Herbert Humphrey's speech on civil rights opened her eyes to the extensive racism that permeated the South. From this moment on, Trudell devoted her life to social change. In her twenties, she worked with the Florida branch of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) organizing unions while marching and protesting against injustice. During this period, she was arrested several times. In 1962 Trudell relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband and children. Once in Las Vegas, she was an activist for social issues such as welfare rights, the Equal Rights Amendment, and the Campaign for Choice. She also worked against nuclear waste and pushed for school integration. In local,

state, and national politics, Trudell became an influential voice. She was in charge of the 1968 Presidential campaign of Herbert Humphrey in Nevada and she managed the Southern Nevada campaign for George McGovern. From 1974-1978 she was the Southern Nevada aide for Governor Mike O'Callaghan. Between 1983 and 1986, she was the Foreign Affairs Aide in Washington D.C. for Congressman Harry Reid. Later, Trudell travelled across the country recruiting women to run for elected office. She has served on the National Board of the National Organization of Women (NOW) and in the 1990s Trudell worked for the Feminist Majority Foundation in Washington D.C. Trudell returned to Las Vegas in 2000 and worked in Democratic politics serving as the Political Director for the Nevada State Democratic Party in Clark County. As of 2015, Harriet Trudell still lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

"Woman's Research Institute of Nevada". wrinunlv.org, <http://wrinunlv.org/research/our-history-profiles-of-nevada-women/harriet-trudell/>. Accessed 6/30/2015

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Scope and Content Note

The Harriet Trudell Papers (1949-2006) document her activities as a Democratic Party advocate, feminist, Civil Rights activist, campaigning advisor and precinct organizer. Materials consist of correspondence, photographs, conference programs, election memorabilia, speeches, and newspaper clippings. There are also papers from the various organizations Trudell was involved in including The Feminist Majority, International Plans for Action, Americans for Democratic Action, and the Nevada Democratic Party.

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Arrangement Note

Materials are in rough chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2007 by Harriet Trudell; accession number 2007-31

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections staff in 2007. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, John Grygo revised the collection, describing it at the collection level. In 2017 Joyce Moore revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it up to current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information to the materials in this collection:

Trudell, Harriet Interview, 1977 February 02. OH-01849. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas Nevada. and OH-02668.

Trudell, Harriet Interview, 2006 May 3. OH-2668. Oral History Research Center, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Women's rights -- Nevada
- Women in politics -- Nevada
- Nevada -- Politics and government -- 20th century
- Elections -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Welfare rights movement -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Feminist Majority Foundation
- Democratic Party
- National Organization for Women

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Academic papers, 1996	box 01
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), agendas, meetings, issues, 1999	box 01
Article on abortion, Vogue Magazine, 1991 February	box 01
Biography, undated	box 01
Correspondence, personal, 1950-2006 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Correspondence, political, 1974-2004	box 01
Election buttons, stickers, and ephemera, undated	box 01
The Feminist Majority, correspondence and miscellaneous papers, 1991-1994	box 01
The Feminist Majority, information on sweat shops, 1997	box 01
High school records, 1949-1950	box 01
High school yearbook, 1950	box 01
International Plans for Action, undated	box 01
Miscellaneous political information, 1987-2005	box 01
Nevada Democratic Party Convention, 1984-1985	box 01
Nevada Legislative Roll Call, 1979	box 01
Nevada Now, state conference, 1985	box 01
Newspaper clippings regarding travel, 1972-1989, 1998	box 01
O'Callaghan election headquarters, supply lists, 1974	box 01
100 Years of Influence, art exhibition program, 1974	box 01
Photograph album, Trudell's birthday, 1975 August 22	box 01
Photographs, political, undated	box 01
Photographs, personal, undated	box 01
Speeches written by Trudell, undated	box 01