

**The Ruth F. Brenner Papers
1935 - 1987
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ruth F. Brenner was born on 20 October 1900, in New York City. Brenner graduated from Girls High School on 26 June 1919, and four years later received a Bachelor of Arts from Adelphi College in 1923. Brenner continued her education by acquiring a Masters of Arts in Social Work from Columbia University on 25 October 1964; a diploma in Social Work from the New York School of Social Work on 19 April 1967, and finally certification as a Social Worker, from the University of the State of New York, on 19 June 1967.

Professor Brenner worked at numerous sites as a caseworker, supervisor, and executive director. Among the agencies that she worked for were included the Women's Prison Association in N.Y.C., the St. Louis Children's Aid Society, the Community Service Society, the Free Synagogue Child Adoption Committee, the Newark Children's Aid Society, and the Youth Bureau of Community Service Society. Professor Brenner was hired as a lecturer in the Hunter College School of Social Work and as a Field Instructor with the Family Court of the State of New York, Support and Conciliation Term and served in these positions from 1958 to 1975.

The paucity of existing documents in this collection sheds little light on the professional and private life of Ruth F. Brenner. However, Professor Hernandez-Delgado expects to expound on this brief biographical sketch as new information on Professor Brenner becomes available.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ruth F. Brenner Papers consists of lecture notes, correspondence, certificates and diplomas, correspondence, publications, papers, and newspaper articles. The bulk of the collection includes papers and publications that Brenner gathered throughout her career as a social worker and as a field worker in the Hunter College School of Social Work. Various aspects of the social work profession are covered in many of the papers, speeches, and periodical articles.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I – Personal and Biographical Information

This series consists of certificates and diplomas that Professor Ruth F. Brenner received between the years 1923 and 1967 and they are arranged chronologically.

Series II – Hunter College

This series consists of correspondence, notebooks, papers, presentations, and published articles. The notebooks are from courses Brenner took at Hunter College from 1983 to 1985 and range in coverage from Ancient Jewish History to United States Foreign Policy. Brenner's addresses, articles, and papers range in topics from foster homes, psychiatric Social Work, child guidance, unmarried mothers, adoptive parents, and social work education.

Series III – Writings By Other Authors

Subseries 3.1 Articles

Subseries 3.2 Papers

Subseries 3.1 and 3.2 are works that Brenner gathered throughout her professional career. The works range in topics from child welfare, tolerance, family, and marriage to child development, identity, etc. The writings are arranged alphabetically by surname, article, and/or publication.

Series IV – Reports

This series consists of reports that Professor Brenner gathered from the 1940's to the 1970's.

Series V – Publications

This series consists of publications that Professor Brenner gathered between 1958 and 1973.

CONTAINER LIST

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1		Certificates and Diplomas Girls High School Diploma, June 26, 1919 Adelphi College, Bachelor of Arts Diploma, June 14, 1923 Columbia University, Masters of Social Work Diploma, October 25, 1964 New York School of Social Work Diploma from The Charity Organization Society, April 19, 1967 The University of the State of New York Education Department-Certified Social Worker, June 19, 1967

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	4	American Jewish History, 1984
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	7	Hunter College School of Social Work Syllabus, 1974
	8	Minority Group Candidates for Social Work Education, June 1971
	9	Miscellaneous Materials

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		Balint, Enid. "Training Post-Graduate Students in <i>Social Case Work</i> ." <i>Medical Psychology</i> (ca. 1959): 193 - 199.
		Bradford, Leland P. "The Teaching-Learning Transaction." <i>Adult Education</i> (Spring, 1958): 135 - 145.
		Briar, Scott. "The Family as an Organization: An Approach to Family Diagnosis and Treatment." <i>The Social Service Review</i> (September, 1964): 247 - 255.
		Brody, Sylvia. "Self-Rocking in Infancy." <i>Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association</i> (July, 1960): 464-491.

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