

The Women and Gender Studies
Department/Women's Studies
Program of Hunter College
1973-1994

Finding Aid

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Women's Studies Program, today known as the Women and Gender Studies

Department, was developed under Jacqueline Wexler (Hunter College President 1970-1979), and was officially approved as an interdisciplinary program on September 30, 1975. Courses for this program were first offered in the Spring Semester of 1976. On January 28, 2015, the Women and Gender Studies Program was declared an official department.

Jacqueline Wexler stated in her letters the importance of educating women about their history and their role in society and to provide them with resources that would help women in the workforce and with personal matters.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Women and Gender Studies Department/Women's Studies Program collection consists of an annual report from 1987 to 1988, articles, calendar and events, and correspondence from 1973, 1977-1978. The correspondence mostly consists of letters written to and from Wexler. Other materials include the curricula from 1975 to 1978, 1980, and 1985, program material, publications, newsletters, such as the first issue *Womanspace*, Feb/March 1973, student biographical sketches, and meeting minutes.

Researchers may be interested in the correspondence included in this collection. It is significant because the letters written to and from President Wexler demonstrate the importance of collaborating with various organizations for the purpose of educating women and creating a Women's Studies Program.

The memorandum from 1975 states that the Women's Studies Program was approved on September 30, but displays the list of courses which began the following Spring. Furthermore, the curricula from the 1970s show how the program started off in collaboration with some other departments and only offered a few courses but the curricula from the 1980s show how the Women's Studies Program burgeoned, with some departments offering more than one course that cross-listed with courses in Women's Studies.

CONTAINER LIST

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	2	Articles
	3	Calendar of Events, n.d., 1978, 1986, 1990
	4	Correspondence, 1973 -- 1978
	5	Curriculum, 1975-1990
	6	Program Materials, 1989-1990
		Publications
	7	<i>CUNY Woman's Coalition</i> , 1975 - 1984
	8	<i>The Center for the Study of Women and Society Newsletter</i> , 1986
	9	<i>Hunter College Women's Center Newsletter</i> , n.d.
		Report on a Project to Integrate Scholarship on Women into the Introductory Courses at Hunter College, 1986
		Report on a Project to Integrate Scholarship on Women into the Professional Curriculum at Hunter College, 1987
	10	<i>She Who Learns, Teaches</i> , by Dr. Johnnetta Cole, Fall 1988
		<i>Hunter College Women's Studies Newsletter</i> , December 1979, February 1991, Fall 1994
	11	Student Biographical Sketches, 1980
		Women's Studies Coordinating Committee
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