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Collection of Brooklyn-Queens Chapter of NOW

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Dates	Inclusive Dates: 1972-2013 Bulk Dates: 1973-1981, 1995-2003
Extent	3.5 cu. ft. and 1 oversized box
Creator	Brooklyn-Queens Chapter of NOW
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Historical Note

The National Organization for Women (NOW) was founded in 1966 to help pass the Equal Rights Amendment and to promote women's rights in America as the "NAACP for women." The Brooklyn chapter of NOW was founded in 1972. The chapter continued to lobby for the Equal Rights Amendment (despite sometimes lukewarm support from the national organization), as well as for reproductive rights, wage equality, worker's rights, and homosexual rights.

The chapter also worked with institutions meant to help victims of domestic violence and sexual harassment. In Brooklyn College, Brooklyn NOW has supported the Brooklyn College Women's Center, which nearly closed in the 1990s. In the late 1990s, Brooklyn NOW fought for the criminalization of female genital mutilation in New York State. In 2003, the Brooklyn and Queens chapters of NOW combined to form Brooklyn-Queens NOW.

The Brooklyn-Queens NOW collection contains documents collected by Sherry Rogers, who held many offices in the organization. Rogers was responsible for the Brooklyn NOW newsletters in the late 1990s and for that time period the records are most complete. In the early 2000s, Rogers was the Chair of NOW-New York State, and the collection thus includes minutes and correspondence from the statewide organization.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of materials dating from 1972 to 2013, with the bulk of the items dating from 1995-2003. It contains the papers of the Brooklyn (later Brooklyn-Queens) chapter of the National Organization for Women, some papers of NOW-New York State, the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition and collected documents. The collection contains primarily meeting minutes, newsletters, correspondence, as well as periodicals, newspaper clippings and collected posters and brochures.

Series Statements

Series 1. Brooklyn/Brooklyn-Queens NOW

Dates: Inclusive: 1972-2011

Bulk: 1973-1981, 1995-2003

Extent: 3½ Boxes

The papers of the Brooklyn (later Brooklyn-Queens) chapter span the longest time period. This part of the collection is largely composed of minutes, newsletters, and correspondence and the papers of the Legislative and Political Committee/Political Action Committee within Brooklyn NOW.

Series 2. NOW National, NOW-NYS, and other NOW chapters

Dates: Inclusive: 1977-2009

Bulk: 1998-2001

Extent: 1½ Box

This series contains documents from sections of NOW outside the Brooklyn-Queens chapter. The papers of National NOW contain correspondence and packets sent to Brooklyn NOW. The papers of NOW-New York State are largely from the late 1990s to the early 2000s and contain mostly correspondence, memos, and some minutes. There are also newsletters from other chapters of NOW.

Series 3. Related Organizations

Dates: Inclusive: 1982-2009

Bulk: 1997-2001

Extent: ½ Box

This series contains papers related to the Equal Rights Amendment Advocacy, the Coalition Against the Promise Keepers and the Equal Pay Coalition NYC. The first is largely composed of correspondence and newsletters from the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition. The latter two are largely composed of background material and correspondence.

Series 4. Collected Documents

Dates: Inclusive: 1972-2013

Bulk: 1995-2003

Extent: 1½ Boxes

This series contains reference materials, collected posters/brochures/newsletters of other organizations (such as NYPRG, AFI-CIO), newspaper clippings (largely from *Newsday* and the *New York Times*) and miscellanea.

Container List

Box 1.

Series 1. Brooklyn/Brooklyn-Queens NOW

- Folder 1. Brooklyn NOW. By-laws, minutes, reports. 1972-1978.
- Folder 2. Brooklyn NOW. By-laws, minutes, reports. 1979-1980.
- Folder 3. Brooklyn NOW. By-laws, minutes, reports. 1981-1983, 1987.
- Folder 4. Brooklyn NOW. By-laws, minutes, reports. 1995-1999.
- Folder 5. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW by-laws, minutes, reports. 2000-4.
- Folder 6. Brooklyn-Queens NOW. By-laws, minutes, reports. 2008-9.
- Folder 7. Brooklyn NOW. Minutes, notes of Riviera Case court watch. 1997. (notebook)
- Folder 8. Brooklyn NOW. Minutes. 1998-2000. (notebook)
- Folder 9. Brooklyn NOW. Minutes, notes. 2000-2001. (notebook)

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- Folder 10. Brooklyn NOW. Minutes, notes. 2002. (notebook)
- Folder 11. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Minutes, notes. 2003. (notebook)
- Folder 12. Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Minutes, notes. 2004, 2009. NYS-NOW. Minutes. 2004. (notebook)
- Folder 13. Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Minutes, notes. 2007-2009. (notebook)
- Folder 14. Brooklyn NOW. Newsletters, flyers, posters. 1975-1991.
- Folder 15. Brooklyn NOW. Newsletters, flyers, posters. 1993-1997.
- Folder 16. Brooklyn NOW. Newsletters, flyers, posters. 1998-1999.
- Folder 17. Brooklyn NOW. Newsletters, flyers, posters. 2000-2002.
- Folder 18. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Newsletters, flyers, posters. 2003-2010.

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Folder 19. Brooklyn NOW Legislative and Political Committee. Notes, internal correspondence, lists of legislators and candidates, "report cards" of legislators, legislative bills. 1991-1999.

Folder 20. Brooklyn NOW Political Action Committee. Notes, internal correspondence, lists of legislators and candidates, "report cards" of legislators, legislative bills. 2000-2002.

Folder 21. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW Political Action Committee notes, internal correspondence, lists of legislators and candidates, "report cards" of legislators, legislative bills. 2003-2009.

Folder 22. Brooklyn/Brooklyn-Queens NOW Legislative and Political Committee and Political Action Committee. 1996, 2009. (oversized)

Folder 23. Brooklyn NOW Legislative and Political Committee. Notes, minutes. 1995-1996. (notebook)

Folder 24. Brooklyn NOW Political Action Committee. Notes, workshops. 2002. (notebook)

Folder 25. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Correspondence, notes from meetings, with candidates/politicians. 1991-2009. (A-F)

Folder 26. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Correspondence, notes from meetings, with candidates/politicians. 1991-2009. (G-L)

Folder 27. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Correspondence, notes from meetings, with candidates/politicians. 1991-2009. (M-P)

Folder 28. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Correspondence, notes from meetings with candidates/politicians. 1991-2009. (Q-Y)

Folder 29. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Phone tree. 1996-2005. (restricted for 20 years)

Folder 30. Panel Discussion on Female Genital Mutilation. Notes, posters, correspondence. 1997.

Folder 31. New York State Female Genital Mutilation Act. Copies of the bill, Brooklyn NOW postcards in support. 1997.

Folder 32. Background material on Female Genital Mutilation. 1995-1997.

Folder 33. Newspaper clippings on Female Genital Mutilation. 1993-1997.

Folder 34. Newspaper clippings on Female Genital Mutilation. 1993-1997. (oversized)

Box 4.

Folder 35. Brooklyn NOW Lectures and Talks. Science, Yes! Third Parent and Staff Development Conference. 1996.

Folder 36. Brooklyn NOW Lectures and Talks. Same Sex Public Schools. 1996.

Folder 37. Newspaper clippings on Same Sex Public Schools. 1996. (oversized)

Folder 38. Brooklyn NOW Lectures and Talks. Coalition of Staten Island Women's Organizations Conference. 2000.

Folder 39. Brooklyn NOW. Feminist consciousness raising. undated. (restricted for 20 years)

Folder 40. Brooklyn NOW. Membership lists. 1979-2003. (restricted for 20 years)

Folder 41. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Other internal correspondence. 1981-2009.

Folder 42. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Other external correspondence. 1979-2008.

Folder 43. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Blank forms and stationery.

Folder 44. Brooklyn NOW/Brooklyn-Queens NOW. Miscellaneous.

Series 2. NOW National, NOW-NYS, and other NOW chapters

Folder 45. NOW National Lesbian Rights Resource Kit and Brooklyn NOW Lesbian Rights Committee. 1982.

Folder 46. NOW National Reproductive Rights Kit. 1982.

Folder 47. NOW National Reports. 1979-1985.

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Folder 48. NOW National memos, correspondence. 1989-2004.

Folder 50. NOW National Conference in Miami. 2000. (2/3)

Folder 51. NOW National Conference in Miami. 2000. (3/3)

Folder 52. NOW National Conference in Miami. 2000. ERA sash (oversized)

Folder 53. NOW plastic folder. (oversized)

Folder 54. NOW-N. E. Region Conference. 2000-2001.

Folder 55. NOW-NYS. Reports, correspondence, flyers, brochures. 1977-1988.

Folder 56. NOW-NYS. Reports, correspondence, flyers, brochures. 1990-1999.

Folder 57. NOW-NYS. Reports, correspondence, flyers, brochures. 2000.

Folder 58. NOW-NYS. Reports, correspondence, flyers, brochures. January-July 2001.

Folder 59. NOW-NYS. Reports, correspondence, flyers, brochures. August-December 2001.

Folder 60. NOW-NYS. Reports, correspondence, flyers, brochures. 2002-2003, 2008-2009.

Folder 61. NOW-NYS. *1982 Legislative Action Program*. (oversized)

Folder 62. NOW-NYS. *Action Report*. Spring 1991, Fall 1996. (oversized)

Folder 63. NOW-NYS. *NOW-NYS Reporter*. Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Spring 2009. (oversized)

Folder 64. Other NOW chapters. 1989-2001.

Folder 65. NOW-NYC. *NOW News*. April 2002. (oversized)

Folder 66. NOW-NYC. *what NOW*. Summer 2007. (oversized)

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Series 3. Related Organizations

Folder 67. Equal Rights Amendment Advocacy. 1982-1999, bulk 1998-1999.

Folder 68. Equal Rights Amendment Advocacy. 2000-2009, bulk 2000-2001.

Folder 69. Equal Rights Amendment Advocacy. 2000-2001. (original order)

Folder 70. Equal Rights Amendment Advocacy. undated.

Folder 71. Coalition Against the Promise Keepers. 1997-1998.

Folder 72. Notes on the Promise Keepers. 1997-1998. (notebook)

Folder 73. News clippings on the Promise Keepers. 1997-1998.

Folder 74. Equal Pay Coalition NYC. 1998.

Series 4. Collected Documents

Folder 74. Collected Materials on rightwing groups. 2001-2002. (original order) (1/2)

Folder 75. Collected Materials on rightwing groups. 2001-2002. (original order) (2/2)

Folder 76. Federal, state and municipal reports on women's issues. 1979-2002.

Folder 77. Miscellaneous reference materials. 1972, 2001.

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Folder 78. Park Slope Safe Homes Project. Flyers, volunteer orientation packet. 1997.

Folder 79. Collected flyers and packets on legal aid to victims of sexual harassment and domestic violence. 1995-1999.

Folder 80. Recommendation for a Code of Responsibility for Law Guardians. undated.

Folder 81. Pamphlets, flyers, brochures of other organizations. 1983-2006. (A-C)

Folder 82. Pamphlets, flyers, brochures of other organizations. 1983-2006. (D-O)

Folder 83. Pamphlets, flyers, brochures of other organizations. 1983-2006. (P-W)

Folder 84. Anti-smoking flyers, brochures. 1995-1999.

Folder 85. News clippings. Anti-smoking articles by Marie Shear. 1983-1987.

Folder 86. News clippings. "Feminism 20 Years Later" *Newsday*. 1987. (oversized)

Folder 87. *Brooklyn Woman*. March 14-March 30, 2003. (oversized)

Folder 88. General news clippings. 1976-1999.

Folder 89. General news clippings. 2000-2009.

Folder 90. General news clippings. 1984-2013. (oversized)

Folder 91. Cartoons. 1981, 1984, most undated.

Folder 92. Miscellaneous.

Folder 93. Miscellaneous. (oversized)

Box 8. (oversized)

Folder 22. Brooklyn/Brooklyn-Queens NOW Legislative and Political Committee and Political Action Committee. 1996, 2009. (oversized)

Folder 34. Newspaper clippings on Female Genital Mutilation. 1993-1997. (oversized)

Folder 37. Newspaper clippings on Same Sex Public Schools. 1996. (oversized)

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