

Finding aid for the Women Against Violence Against Women Records

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Summary Information

Repository: Northeastern University Archives and Special Collections

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Physical Location

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Overview

The Boston chapter of Women Against Violence Against Women was founded in 1977, a year after the national organization was founded in Los Angeles by anti-pornography activist Marcia Womongold. The Boston chapter was formed in response to a billboard advertisement for "Black and Blue" by the Rolling Stones. Women Against Violence Against Women protested the glorification and acceptance of violence against women as promoted by the film and recording industries. In 1978, the Boston chapter became affiliated with the Women's Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where it held its regular meetings. The Boston chapter of Women Against Violence Against Women disbanded in 1984.

Overview

The Women Against Violence Against Women collection consists of records collected by organization members Gail Hanon and Ellen Herman. The Administration series focuses on the group's activities, formation, and operation as a grassroots organization. It includes correspondence between the organization and its supporters, film and record executives, and anti-violence organizations; information on publicity efforts, including press packets and posters; material documenting the group's organizing principles; and fliers and newsletters from the national office and other branches. Of special interest are Women Against Violence Against Women's boycotts of film and record companies. The Subject Files series comprises the research material used by Women Against Violence Against Women. Included are articles, bibliographies, brochures, essays, and newsletters relating to issues on battered women, boycotts, censorship, child sexual abuse, family violence, the film industry, pornography, rape, the recording industry, sadomasochism, and television. Information concerning the Boston Chapter's interaction with other anti-violence against women's organizations such as Women Against Pornography and Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media are included in the collection.

System of Arrangement:

Organized into 2 series: 1. Administration; and 2. Subject Files.

Conditions Governing Access:

The collection is unrestricted.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:

Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with the University Archivist.

Historical Note

The national Women Against Violence Against Women was founded in Los Angeles in 1976. The Boston chapter was started a year later by Marcia Womongold, an anti-pornography activist. Boston Women Against Violence Against Women formed in response to a billboard advertisement for the album "Black and Blue" by the Rolling Stones, which showed a woman bound, cut, and bruised, and apparently not unhappy about it. In 1978 Women Against Violence Against Women became affiliated with the Women's Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts where it held its regular meetings.

Women Against Violence Against Women protested violence against women primarily in the film and recording industries. The group participated in numerous direct actions, including boycotting Warner, Elektra and Atlantic recording companies; producing a slide show about violence against women in the recording industry; picketing demeaning store displays at Jordan Marsh, Camel's Hump, and a Quincy Market leather store; protesting offensive films, including, "Cruising", "Windows" and "Dressed to Kill;" and spray painting derogatory billboards and store front displays. The group disbanded in 1984.

Bibliography

- History of Women Against Violence Against Women, n.d., 1978 [M25 Box 1, Folder 25]

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Controlled Access Headings

- Motion picture industry
- Sound recording industry
- Violence -- Press Coverage
- Women -- Crimes Against

- Women Against Violence Against Women (Boston, Mass.)
- Women's Center (Cambridge, Mass.)
- Women's rights

Collection Inventory

1. Administration, 1976-1984

Arrangement:

Alphabetical

Summary:

This series focuses on the group's activities, formation, and operation as a grassroots organization. The collection includes correspondence between the organization and its supporters, film and record executives, and anti-violence organizations (Box 1, Folders 15-18); information on publicity efforts (Box 1, Folders 31-36), including press packets (Box 2, Folders 37-38) and posters (Box 5, Folder 161); material documenting the group's organizing principles (Box 1, Folder 29); and fliers and newsletters from the national office and other branches (Box 1, Folders 3-11).

Of special interest are Women Against Violence Against Women's boycotts of film and record companies. These are extensively documented with articles, correspondence, fliers, and press releases (Box 3, Folders 85-99). The collection also includes a slide show created by Women Against Violence Against Women on violence against women in the film and recording industries as well as scripts and audience evaluations on the show (Box 2, Folders 39-46). In addition correspondence and official statements, regarding sado-masochism and Transsexualism in regards to Women Against Violence Against Women and the Women's Center are included (Box 2, Folders 53-54)

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Description:

Activism Techniques, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Address Stamp, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Branches

Brooklyn: Fliers, n.d., 1978

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

List, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Minneapolis: Newsletters, 1980-1981

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

National Office (L.A.): Articles and Literature, Newsletter (2 folders), n.d., 1976-1982

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

New Haven: Flier and Resolution, n.d., 1977
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Rhode Island: Flier and Newsletter, n.d., 1982
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Rochester: Correspondence, Fliers and Press Packet, n.d., 1977-1978
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Seattle: Newsletters, 1980
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Consensus Education: Packet, ca. 1976
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Contacts

Boston Area Organizations Working to Combat Violence Against Women, n.d.
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Membership Lists, n.d., 1978-1984
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Media Lists, n.d.
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Correspondence (4 folders), n.d., 1977-1984
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Finance

Check Registers, 1979-1983
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Financial Statements, 1979-1983
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

"Foundations and Grants: Where Your Cosmetic Dollars Go", 1979
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

"Haymarket News": Newsletters, 1979-1984
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Haymarket Fund Grant, 1979
 Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Rental Agreements, 1979-1983

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Gail Hanlon

Correspondence, n.d., 1980-1982

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Course Notes: "How To Look At Films From a Feminist Perspective", 1981

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Crisis Intervention Notes, n.d.

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Notes, 1981-1982

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Slide Show Notes, n.d

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Staff and Project Notes, n.d.

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

WAVAW Meeting Notes, n.d.

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Radio Show Script, n.d.

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

History of Women Against Violence Against Women: Essays and Notes, n.d., 1978

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Meetings: Photographs and Negatives, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Minutes, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

National Newsletter: Notes, 1980

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Organizing Principles, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Phone Tree: Correspondence, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Publicity

Articles about Women Against Violence Against Women, 1978-1979

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Brochures, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Chants, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Fliers, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Graphics: Mock-up, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Pamphlets, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Posters, n.d., 1980

Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

Press Packets (2 folders), 1977-1981

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Slide Shows (8 folders), n.d., 1979-1983

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Song, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Speech Against Violence Against Women: Notes, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Statement of Purpose, n.d., 1981

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Stationary, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Stock Certificates, 1979

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Women's Center Projects

Memoranda and Newsletter, 1978-1983

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Sado-Masochist Support Group: Women Against Violence Against Women Statement, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Transsexual Women's Policy: Correspondence, 1978

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Womongold, Marcia

Anti-Violence Against Women: Stickers, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Articles, 1977-1981

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

"Pornography: License to Kill": Booklet, 1979

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

2. Subject Files, 1972-1985

Arrangement:

Alphabetical

Summary:

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Description:

"AEGIS: Magazine on Ending Violence Against Women", 1984

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Alliance Against Sexual Coercion: Brochure, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Articles Citations: List, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Association of Liberation Feminists: Articles and Information Sheet, n.d.

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

"Bad Boy Bedtime Stories": Comic Book, 1974	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Battered Women: Articles, 1977-1983	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Battered Women Task Force: Brochure, n.d.	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
"Betty Friedan Today", 1981	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Bibliographies, n.d., 1979	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Boston University's Women's Center: Newsletter, 1978, 1979	Box 5 (Mixed Materials)
Boycotts, n.d., 1976-1980	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Cambridge SafeHouse Project: Brochure, 1979?	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Casa Myrna Vazquez: Newsletter, n.d., 1981	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
Child Pornography: Articles, n.d., 1977-1981	Box 6 (Mixed Materials)
Child Sexual Abuse: Articles, 1977-1983	Box 2 (Mixed Materials)
"A Chronology of Censorship", 1980	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Coalition Against Sexist Violence: Philosophy Statement, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Combahee River Collective: Pamphlets, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Emerge: Brochures, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Fall River Community Meeting: Notes, 1980

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Family Violence: "About Wife Abuse": Booklet, 1979

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Family Violence Fact Sheets, n.d., 1982

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Feminism and Sexism: Articles, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Feminist Anti-Censorship Task Force, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

"Feminist Horizons": Catalog, 1984

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Feminist Task Force of Mobilization for Survival: Correspondence, 1978

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Feminists Against Pornography: Newsletter, 1982

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Film Industry

Articles and Press Packets, 1980-1981

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Cambridge Documentary Films, Inc.

Cambridge Pamphlets, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

"We Will Never Love Ourselves, Until We Defend Ourselves", 1980?

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

"Dressed to Kill" Boycott, 1980

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

"Seduction" Boycott, 1980?

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

"Tattoo" Boycott, 1981

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

"Videotapes and Slide Shows for and about the Community", 1980	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
"Windows" Boycott (6 folders), 1980	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
"Cruising" Boycott (4 folders), n.d., 1979-1980	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Herman, Ellen?: Notes, n.d., 1981-1985	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Incest Resources, Inc.: Brochure, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
"The International Crime of Genital Mutilation", 1980	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
International Issues: Article, Correspondence and Essay, n.d., 1980	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Legal Issues: Articles and Fliers, n.d., 1979-1980, 1983	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Marketing and Women: Articles, n.d., 1976-1978, 1980-1981, 1983	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Massachusetts Coalition Against the Klan: Joint Statement, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women Service Groups: Brochure, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
Media Violence Versus Real Violence: Study, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
National Association of Women's Centers: Conference Material and Correspondence, 1986	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year: Media Guidelines, n.d.	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)
National Federation for Decency: Press Release, 1984	Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

National Organization for Women: Correspondence, Newsletters and Statements of Purpose (2 folders), 1977, 1983-1984

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

New American Movement: Newsletter, 1980

Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

New Bedford Women's Center: Brochure, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Newbury Street Theater: Brochure, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Paths to Power: Brochure, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

Petitions, n.d.

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

Pornography: Articles and Essays (2 folders), n.d., 1976-1982

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

Pornography Conferences: Agendas, Correspondence and Programs, n.d., 1981

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

"Pornography: A Feminist Perspective", n.d.

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

"Pornography: A Violation Against Women's Rights", 1980

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

"Pornography Versus Eroticism", n.d.

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

Proposition 2 ½: Articles, 1980

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

Racism: Articles and Press Release, n.d., 1978-1980

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

Rape

"About Rape" Booklet, 1975

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

Action Project: Brochure, 1981	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Articles (2 folders), n.d., 1972-1984	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Crisis Center: Brochure (3folders), n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Legislation, 1979-1981	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Reading List, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Recording Industry	
Advertisements, n.d., 1975, 1978	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Articles, n.d., 1976-1979, 1981-1982	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Fliers and Notes, n.d., 1976, 1977	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Respond: Brochure and Newsletter, n.d., 1983	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Resources for Change, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Sadomasochism: Articles and Speech (2 folders), 1980-1982	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Sexist Ads: Examples, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Statistics, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
"The Story of O": Articles and Letter, 1980	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

South End Press News, Vol. 1, No. 3, 1981	Box 6 (Mixed Materials)
"Survival for Women": Newsletter, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Take Back the Night: Brochure, Essay, Minutes, Press Packet, n.d.1978-1981	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Taunton Women's Alliance, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Television	
Articles, n.d., 1972-1981	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
National Coalition on Television Violence: Newsletters, 1981-1983	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
"Terror and Coercion: The Female Sexual Slave Trade", 1979	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Transition House: Brochure, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Valley Women's Union: Pamphlet, 1977	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Violence Against Women: Articles, n.d., 1976-1981	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Wages for Housework Campaign: Flier and Petitions, n.d., 1983	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Wechsler, Nancy: Untitled Essay, n.d.	Box 4 (Mixed Materials)
Willie Sanders Defense Committee: Brochure, Correspondence and Legal Brief, 1980	Box 6 (Mixed Materials)
"WIN: Peace and Freedom thru Non-Violent Action": Newsletter, 1982	Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Women Against Pornography, n.d., 1979-1982

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Women Against Violence in Pornography and the Media (2 folders), n.d., 1983

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Women Defending Women: Brochure, n.d.

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Women Against Violence: Fliers, 1980

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Young Women's Christian Association Women Against Violence: Newsletter, n.d.

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

"Beau Pere" Boycott: Articles and Fliers, 1981-1982

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)

Karen Millett: "Sexual Politics", 1968

Box 6 (Mixed Materials)