

## ***Connie Kiosse Papers*** ***1970-2001***

**Creator:** Connie Kiosse

**Extent:** 2.15 linear feet (4 boxes, 1 oversize item)

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago

### **Administration Information**

**Access Restrictions:** None

**Usage Restrictions:** Copyright for materials created by Kiosse was transferred to the Women and Leadership Archives.

**Preferred Citation:** Identification of item, date, box #, folder #, Connie Kiosse Papers, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago.

**Provenance:** Connie Kiosse donated this collection to the Women and Leadership Archives on the dates of January 26, 2012 and January 29, 2012 (WLA2012.04 and WLA2012.06).

**Processor:** Dean Ramos, March 2012

**Processing Information:** Finding aid updated July 2025.

**Separations:** Less than 0.25 linear feet of duplicate materials were discarded.

**See Also:** None

### **Biographical History**

Connie Kiosse was born and raised in a Greek Macedonian family in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Leaving home at the age of eighteen, she joined Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), eventually settling in Chicago in 1968 where she married and had two children. Kiosse was a founding member of one of Chicago's first feminist newspapers in the 1970s, *The Feminist Voice*. She also began the Chicago Women's Reading Group circa 1975. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Kiosse tutored students in reading and substitute taught. Her writing has appeared in college magazines and AIDS related newsletters. In 2003, Kiosse self-published a memoir, *The Best of Friends: Two Sisters, One Journey*, recounting her relationship with her younger sister, Christine Kiosse, who passed away from AIDS in 1999 after contracting the virus in 1991.

### **Scope and Content**

The Connie Kiosse papers span the years of 1970 and 2001 and are divided into four series: personal, publishing materials, publications, and objects and oversized materials. The majority of the collection consists of materials relating to the feminist newspaper she helped start in the early 1970s, *The Feminist Voice*. The collection is organized alphabetically within each series.

**Series 1: Personal/Biographical Materials, 1970-2001, undated, Box 1**

Personal materials include a calendar, items from a woman's reading group she started, correspondence, news clippings, and personal notes. Other items include poetry and artwork by a woman named Marianne (no last name provided), assorted materials relating to the Chicago Women's Liberation Union (CWLU) and a women's studies group, and various flyers and buttons.

**Series 2: Publishing Materials, 1970-1997, undated, Box 1**

*Feminist Voice* materials include artwork, various forms of content, correspondence, press releases, contact and subscription information, and invoices. Also included are various poetry books, newsletters, and pamphlets.

**Series 3: Publications, 1971-1976, undated, Box 2**

In addition to copies of *The Feminist Voice*, copies of other feminist publications include *Equality*, *High School Oppression & Liberation*, *Illinois Woman's Agenda*, *Lavender Woman*, *Off Our Backs*, *Pandora*, *Pedestal*, *Seed*, *The Source*, *Womankind*, *The Working Mother*, as well as *Chicago Express*, the *Chicago Reader*, and *The Revolution*.

**Series 4: Objects, Audiovisual, and Oversized, 1970-1984, undated, Boxes 3-4 and FF**

Items include a set of fifteen buttons, a vinyl belt, photographs, 1982 calendar *The Dinner Party* (artwork installation by Judy Chicago), and an oversized reproduction of the cover of the first issue of *The Feminist Voice*.

**Subjects:**

Connie Kiosse  
Chicago (Ill.)  
Feminism  
Periodicals

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<b><i>Connie Kiosse Papers, 1970-2001</i></b>	
		<b>Series 1: Personal/Biographical Materials, 1970-2001, undated</b>	
1	1	Chicago Women's Liberation Union	1971, 1972, undated
1	2	Chicago Women's Reading Group	2000, 2001
1	3	Flyers	1973, 1975, undated
1	4	Miscellanea	1972, 1974, 1975, undated
1	5	Newsletters	1970, 1971
1	6	News clippings	1971, 1972, undated
1	7	Pamphlets	1970-1972, 1974, 1975, undated
1	8	Poetry books	1974, 1975, undated
1	9	Poetry and artwork by Marianne (no last name provided)	Undated

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1	10	Women's Equity Action League	1976, undated
1	11	Women's Studies 151-152	1972, undated
		<b>Series 2: Publishing Materials, 1970-1997, undated</b>	
1	12	Art/graphics	undated
1	13	Contacts	1972, 1973, undated
1	14	Content	1972-1974, undated
1	15	Correspondence	1970-1973, undated
1	16	Illinois Women's Political Caucus	undated
1	17	Invoices	1971, 1972, undated
1	18	Miscellanea	1971-1973, 1993, 1997, undated
1	19	Poetry	1971, 1972, undated
1	20	Press releases	1972, undated
1	21	Subscriptions	1971, 1972, undated
		<b>Series 3: Publications, 1971-1976, undated</b>	
2	1	<i>Chicago Express</i>	1972
2	2	<i>Chicago Reader</i>	1973, 1974
2	3	<i>Equality</i>	1974
2	4	<i>Feminist Voice</i>	1971, 1972
2	5	<i>High School Women Oppression &amp; Liberation</i>	1970
2	6	<i>Illinois Woman's Agenda</i>	1976
2	7	<i>Lavender Woman</i>	1973-1974
2	8	<i>Off Our Backs Women's News Journal</i>	1972, 1973
2	9	<i>Pandora</i>	1973, 1974
2	10	<i>Pedestal</i>	1972
2	11	<i>The Revolution</i>	undated
2	12	<i>Seed issues</i>	1973, 1974
2	13	<i>The Source</i>	undated
2	14	<i>Womankind</i>	1971-1973
2	15	<i>Working Mother</i>	1972-1973
		<b>Series 4: Objects, Audiovisual, and Oversize, 1970-1984, undated</b>	
3	1	Buttons	1977-1984
3	2	Photographs	1970, undated
3	3	Vinyl Belt	undated
4	1	<i>The Dinner Party</i> by Judy Chicago: Calendar	1982
FF7	--	Reproduction of the cover of the first issue of <i>The Feminist Voice</i>	undated