

Sheli Lulkin Papers 1944-2009, undated

Creator: Sheli Lulkin (1935-2016)

Extent: 4 linear feet (9 boxes), additional unprocessed: 84 linear feet (84 boxes, oversize items)

Language: English

Repository: Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago.

Administration Information

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Processor: Kat Latham, October 2008, updated by Maria Wagner, June 2011.

Processing Information: Finding aid updated April 2024, updated August 2025.

Separations: 1 linear foot of duplicates was removed in processing. In 2019, approximately 1 linear foot of material related to the Red Squad was sent to the Chicago History Museum.

See Also: The Sheli Lulkin Collection at the University of Illinois Chicago; Chicago Police Department Red Squad and related records at the Chicago History Museum.

Biographical History

Born in Jerusalem to Emil (Yerachmiel) and Judith Lulkin, Sheli Lulkin sailed with her mother to the United States and arrived on September 15, 1938. Her father arrived in October 1939.

Lulkin grew up on the north side of Chicago attending Roosevelt High School and the Chicago Teachers' College.

Lulkin became a special education teacher in Chicago Public Schools. She was an active member of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and the national union, the American Federation of Teachers. Lulkin was also a founder and leader of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and served as editor of *Chicago Education News*. Lulkin advocated for the Equal Rights Amendment and was active in various other committees concerned with women's issues.

In December 1976, Lulkin was identified as an informant for the Chicago Police Department's "Red Squad." Founded in the 1930s, the intelligence unit was used to gather information on labor unions and community organizations and was later used against critics of Mayor Richard J. Daley's administration. When Lulkin's involvement was revealed, she was forced to resign as an officer from the Chicago Teachers Union and from the committees she was involved with in CTU and the American Federation of Teachers.

After attending Loyola University Chicago for a master's degree in American public policy, Lulkin became a community convener for Congressman Sidney Yates' task force for the lakefront. She also served as President of the Association of Sheridan Condo-Coop Owners in Rogers Park for 32 years and president of the Lincoln Park Advisory Council. She began working at the Edgewater Chamber of Congress in 1989 and retired in 2009 after serving as Executive Director for 19 years. Lulkin was active in a number of other community organizations such as Organization of the NorthEast, Friends of the Park, Save Our Cemetery Committee, and many others.

Sheli Lulkin passed away in December 2016.

Sources: Ancestry Library, Chicago Tribune.

Scope and Content

The Sheli Lulkin papers span from 1944 to 2009 with some undated material. The collection is a combination of biographical and professional information. The bulk of the collection documents Lulkin's work with organizations concerned about the welfare of Chicago's far north side. The materials within each folder are in chronological order. Within each series, the folders are arranged alphabetically.

Series 1: Biographical, 1975-2008, undated, Box 1

Contains correspondence, awards and other certificates Lulkin received, and a handwritten draft of her professional vitae.

Series 2: Women and Labor Issues, 1970-1981, undated, Boxes 1-2

Contains flyers, pamphlets, meeting minutes, reports, and resolutions passed by union organizations from Lulkin's years working with the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Chicago Teachers Union, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Educational Convention, and to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois.

Series 3: Chicago Politics, 1977-2008, undated, Boxes 2-6

Contains newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, flyers, photographs, emails, and newsletters from political campaigns, organizations and issues in northern Chicago and throughout the city.-nineteenth century.

Series 4: Photographs, Oversize, and Ephemeral Items, 1974-2007, undated, Boxes 6-9

Contains community newspapers such as the 49 Line and Uptown Action, union newspapers such as Chicago Teacher and Impact, oversized photographs, an award plaque, a framed picture about the Equal Rights Amendment, and promotional objects from Sharon Bender's Aldermanic campaign including a shopping bag, rulers, rain caps, and a campaign sign.

Subseries 4.1: Photographs, 2007, undated, Box 6

Subseries 4.2: Oversize and Ephemeral, 1974-2005, undated, Boxes 7-9

Series 5: Unprocessed, 1944-2009, undated

Additional unprocessed materials include 84 linear feet of materials spanning 1944-2009 and relating to Lulkin's involvement in various organizations and her education. Materials include correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters and other publications, news clippings, notes, event flyers, photographs, negatives, CDs, DVDs, and memorabilia. Memorabilia includes Lulkin's button collection in frames, clothing items, and a framed poster of Golda Meir.

Subjects:

Chicago
Chicago—48th Ward
American Federation of Teachers
Sharon Bender
Bryn Mawr Neighbors Association
Chicago Community Coordinated Child Care Committee
Chicago Teachers Union
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Day Care Crisis Council
Equal Rights Amendment
Illinois Federation of Teachers
Sheli Lulkin (1935-2016)
Joe Moore
David Orr

Potter Palmer
Rogers Park
Rosehill Cemetery
Stone, Bernard
Uptown

| Box | Folder | Title | Dates |
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| | | <i>Sheli Lulkin Papers</i> <i>1944-2009, undated</i> | |
| | | Series 1: Biographical, 1975-2008, undated | |
| 1 | 1 | Awards and Certificates | 1990-1999 |
| 1 | 2 | Awards and Certificates | 2000-2005, undated |
| 1 | 3 | Incoming Correspondence | 1975-2008, undated |
| 1 | 4 | Professional Vitae Information | 2004, undated |
| | | Series 2: Women and Labor Issues, 1970-1981, undated | |
| 1 | 5 | American Federation of Teachers | 1974-1975, undated |
| 1 | 6 | Chicago Teachers Union | 1975-1981 |
| 1 | 7 | Chicago Child Care Resources | 1973-1975, undated |
| 1 | 8 | Child Care '76 | 1974-1976 |
| 1 | 9 | Coalition of Labor Union Women | 1971-1975, undated |
| 1 | 10 | Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children | 1974, undated |
| 1 | 11 | Day Care Crisis Council | 1974-1975, undated |
| 1 | 12 | EDUCON (Educational Convention) | 1971 |
| 1 | 13 | Equal Rights Amendment | 1970-1976, undated |
| 2 | 1 | Flexible Careers | 1972-1975, undated |
| 2 | 2 | Illinois Abortion Issues | 1975 |
| 2 | 3 | Illinois Commission of the Status of Women | 1975 |
| 2 | 4 | Illinois Federation of Teachers | 1975 |
| 2 | 5 | Illinois State Federation of Labor | 1975 |
| 2 | 6 | International Women's Year | 1974-1975 |
| 2 | 7 | Project on the Status and Education of Women | 1975 |
| | | Series 3: Chicago Politics, 1977-2008, undated | |
| 2 | 8 | 48 th Ward: Alderman Election | 1978 |
| 2 | 9 | 48 th Ward: Alderman Election Press Coverage | 1981-1982 |
| 2 | 10 | 48 th Ward: Alderman Election Press Coverage | 1983, undated |
| 2 | 11 | 48 th Ward: Association of Sheridan Road Condo and Co-Op Owners | 1981-2008 |
| 2 | 12 | 48 th Ward: Bender Alderman Campaign Strategies | 1981-1983, undated |
| 2 | 13 | 48 th Ward: Bender's Position Papers and Speeches | 1982-1983, undated |
| 2 | 14 | 48 th Ward: Campaign Financing Disclosures | 1982-1987, undated |

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| 2 | 15 | 48 th Ward: Community Development Block Grant Program | 1980-1983, undated |
| 2 | 16 | 48 th Ward: Del Rey Farm Meeting | 1995 |
| 2 | 17 | 48 th Ward: Election Promotional Materials and Flyers | 1982-1983 |
| 2 | 18 | 48 th Ward: Endorsements | 1983 |
| 2 | 19 | 48 th Ward: Endorsement Questionnaires for Bender | 1983 |
| 2 | 20 | 48 th Ward: Farmers Market | 1992 |
| 2 | 21 | 48 th Ward: Martin Tuchow | 1980, undated |
| 2 | 22 | 48 th Ward: Pamela Spector v. The Chicago Board of Elections | 1983 |
| 3 | 1 | 49 th Ward: Alderman David Orr | 1979-1997, undated |
| 3 | 2 | 49 th Ward: Alderman Joe Moore | 1990-2002 |
| 3 | 3 | 49 th Ward: David Orr Alderman Campaign Materials | 1979-1998, undated |
| 3 | 4 | 49 th Ward: Robert Clark Alderman Campaign | 1991 |
| 3 | 5 | 49 th Ward: Sheridan Road Project | 1991 |
| 3 | 6 | 49 th Ward: Tenant's Rights | 1979-1990, undated |
| 3 | 7 | Animal Welfare | 1982, undated |
| 3 | 8 | Chicago Economic Development | 1982-1997 |
| 3 | 9 | Edgewater: C.A.R.E. Program Application | 1990 |
| 3 | 10 | Edgewater: East Edgewater Chamber of Commerce | 1981-2005, undated |
| 3 | 11 | Edgewater: Edgewater Council Work | 1999,2001 |
| 3 | 12 | Edgewater: Edgewater Days | 2000-2001, undated |
| 3 | 13 | Edgewater: South Broadway Planning Group | 2001 |
| 3 | 14 | Edgewater: Workforce Trends: Past, Present, Future Report | 2005 |
| 3 | 15 | Friends of the Park | 1983-2004, undated |
| 4 | 1 | Jewish Issues: General | 1981-2007, undated |
| 4 | 2 | Mayor Jane Byrne | 1982-1983 |
| 4 | 3 | Organization of the NorthEast | 1979-1999, undated |
| 4 | 4 | Rogers Park: Alderman Bernard Stone | 1979-1997, undated |
| 4 | 5 | Rogers Park: Block Clubs | 1981-1986 |
| 4 | 6 | Rogers Park: CAPS Community Forum | 2002 |
| 4 | 7 | Rogers Park: Granada Theater | 1985-1990, undated |
| 4 | 8 | Rogers Park: Howard Street Development | 1980-1985 |
| 4 | 9 | Rogers Park: Miscellaneous Articles | 1980-1986 |
| 4 | 10 | Rogers Park: Rogers Park Builders Group | 1994-1996 |
| 4 | 11 | Rogers Park: Rogers Park Development Corp | 1996, 1999 |
| 4 | 12 | Rogers Park: Rogers Park Tenants Committee | 1979-1993 |
| 4 | 13 | Rosehill Cemetery: Charter and Bylaws [1859 copy] | 1985 |
| 4 | 14 | Rosehill Cemetery: History | 1897-1991, undated |
| 4 | 15 | Rosehill Cemetery: General Information | 1964-1988 |
| 4 | 16 | Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation | 1983 |

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| 4 | 17 | Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation | 1983 |
| 5 | 1 | Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation | 1985 |
| 5 | 2 | Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation | 1986-1988, undated |
| 5 | 3 | Rosehill Cemetery: Potter Palmer | 1984-1991, undated |
| 5 | 4 | Rosehill Cemetery: Save our Cemetery Committee | 1984-1987, undated |
| 5 | 5 | Rosehill Cemetery: Shopping Center Controversy | 1980-1986 |
| 5 | 6 | Rosehill Cemetery: Survey of Forest Community | 1982 |
| 5 | 7 | Single Room Occupancy | 1983-1997 |
| 5 | 8 | Taxicab Task Force | 1998-2001 |
| 5 | 9 | Uptown: Argyle Redevelopment | 1981-1988, undated |
| 5 | 10 | Uptown: Bryn Mawr Neighbors Association | 1981-1982, undated |
| 5 | 11 | Uptown: Health Care | 1979-2002, undated |
| 5 | 12 | Uptown: Miscellaneous Articles | 1982-2002, undated |
| 5 | 13 | Uptown: Rehab Issues | 1977-1997 |
| 5 | 14 | Uptown: Report of the Uptown Community Assistance Panel | 1992 |
| 6 | 1 | Uptown: Saint Augustine College | 1980-1983, undated |
| 6 | 2 | Uptown: Slim Coleman | 1982-1983 |
| 6 | 3 | Uptown: Southern School | 1983-1992 |
| 6 | 4 | Uptown: Uptown Chicago Commission | 1977-1997 |
| 6 | 5 | Uptown: Uptown Chicago Commission | 1998-1999, undated |
| 6 | 6 | Uptown: Uptown Historical Society | 2000, undated |
| 6 | 7 | Uptown: Uptown Theater | 1982-2002 |
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| | | Series 4: Photographs, Oversize, and Ephemeral Items, 1974-2007, undated | |
| | | Subseries 4.1: Photographs | |
| 6 | 8 | Photographs of Sheli Lulkin with Elected Officials | undated |
| 6 | 9 | 48 th Ward: Bender Campaign Photographs | undated |
| 6 | 10 | 48 th Ward: Sheridan Road Improvements Photographs | undated |
| 6 | 11 | Edgewater: Photographs of Sweetheart of Edgewater Party | 2007 |
| 6 | 12 | Jewish Issues: Photographs | undated |
| 6 | 13 | Rosehill Cemetery: Photograph | undated |
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| | | Subseries 4.2: Oversize and Ephemeral Items | |
| 7 | 1 | 48 th Ward: Bender Campaign Memorabilia | undated |
| 7 | 2 | Awards: Developers Olympics (2) | 1998 |
| 7 | 3 | Photograph with Maria Pappas | undated |
| 7 | 4 | Photograph with Mayor Daley, Kathy Osterman | undated |
| 7 | 5 | Photograph with Mayor Sawyer | undated |

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| 7 | 6 | Photograph with Mayor Washington | undated |
| 7 | 7 | Plaque from Democratic Party of 48 th Ward | 2005 |
| 8 | 1 | 49 th Ward: 49 Line Newspaper | 1992-1995 |
| 8 | 2 | Chicago Teacher Newspaper | 1975 |
| 8 | 3 | Chicago Tribune Newspaper | 1975 |
| 8 | 4 | Covering Education Newspaper | 1982 |
| 8 | 5 | Illinois Education Newspaper | 1974 |
| 8 | 6 | Impact Newspaper | 1974 |
| 8 | 7 | Jewish Issues: Jewish Post Newspaper | 1974 |
| 8 | 8 | Public Employee Newspaper | 1975 |
| 8 | 9 | Uptown: Uptown Action | 1980-1990 |
| 9 | 1 | Alden Bennett Construction Co., Inc. Hard Hat | undated |
| 9 | 2 | Chicago Water System Hard Hat | undated |
| 9 | 3 | Framed Equal Rights Amendment Drawing | undated |
| 9 | 4 | Framed blueprint of apartment building at 5200 N Sheridan (located in flat storage-drawer 13 and includes research about building) | undated |
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| | | Series 5: Unprocessed | |
| | | A brief description of unprocessed materials can be found above in "Scope and Content." See archivist for more information. | |