

Women's Center Records 1989-2019

Preliminary Finding Aid

Creator: Women's Center

Extent: 0.4 linear feet (1 box)

Language: English

Repository: Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago. Please contact WLAarchives@luc.edu regarding use.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: None

Usage Restrictions: None

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Provenance: Materials were donated to the WLA in 2019 by Cyndi Robinson (WLA2019.53).

Processing Information: This collection is unprocessed. Information in the preliminary finding aid was gathered through an initial inventory. Preliminary finding aid created in 2024 by Kaylee Morlan. Finding aid updated December 2025.

See Also: Women's Studies Program Records at the WLA

Administrative History

The Loyola University Chicago Women's Center was first founded in the 1978-1979 academic year as a student and staff organization separate from the school's academic programming around women's studies. For two to three years, the group met regularly and maintained a steering committee of faculty, students, and staff. In the 1983-1984 academic year, the Women's Center gained student organization status and wrote an organizational charter. The group invited guest speakers, hosted lunches, and sponsored events like film screenings and voter registration drives.

The group was intermittently active at Loyola University throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, often responding to dominant political discussions about issues such as the Equal Rights Amendment, AIDS activism, and abortion rights. In 1989, Loyola University suspended the group due to their vocal support of women's right to choose abortion and use contraception. The groups' status as a student organization was reinstated the following semester. Through the 1990s, the Women's Center gradually became inactive.

Scope and Content

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The Women's Center Records consist of 0.4 linear feet and span the years 1989-2019. The papers consist of VHS tapes, photographs, correspondence, flyers, and news clippings. Strengths of the collection include the Women's Center 1983 student organization status, student activism concerning abortion rights, and global feminist issues.

Subjects:

Student activism

Feminism

Abortion rights

Loyola University Chicago

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Women's Center Records 1989-2019</i>	
1	2	Women's Center 1989 VHS	1989
1	3	Women's Center VHS	undated
1	4	Women's Center 1989-90	1989-1990
1	5	Women's Center Media 1989-90	1989-1990
1	6	The Women's Center Event Flyers	1989-1990
1	7	The Women's Center	1989-1990