WOMEN’S RESEARCH CONFERENCE - USD
PAPERS, 1980-1996
(bulk dates, 1982-1984)
Quantity 1 linear ft.

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History

The Women’s Research Conference was initiated by the University of South Dakota’s Faculty Women’s Caucus to promote academic pursuits of Women’s Studies. The Faculty Women’s Caucus, founded in 1975, was a forum of discussion about the need for improvement in women’s roles at the University and a gathering place for faculty to meet and exchange ideas. With the support of University President Joseph McFadden and the Women’s Studies Program, planning for the conference began in 1982. Members of the first Coordinating Committee were: Karen Hardy Cardenas, Louise Johnson, Cindy Struckman-Johnson, Susan Wolfe, Ann Balakier, Sharon Brown, Mary Anne Garnett, Cecilia Kennedy and Carolyn Torma. The first Conference was held April 12-14, 1984. Elizabeth Janeway, Women’s Studies scholar and author, was the first Keynote Speaker. From 1985-1988, selected proceedings of the Conference were published. The Conference was discontinued after 1996 due to lack of funding.

Scope and Content Note

Karen Hardy Cardenas, first Chair of the Coordinating Committee for the conference and USD Professor of Spanish, initially donated the Women’s Research Conference Collection in 1989. The Collection contains five series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Photographs, Printed Materials, Typescripts, and Ephemera.

The Correspondence series contains correspondence from 1982 –1984 concerning the start up and programming of the conference. The Correspondence is arranged chronologically.

The Manuscript series contains handwritten notes, possibly written by Cardenas, of agendas, meeting minutes and general conference planning.

The Photographs series contains photographs of two of the speakers from the 1986 conference.

The Printed Materials series contains a 1980 Women’s Week program of events; 1984-1996 conference programs, event flyers and pamphlets; paste-up copies of event flyers; and miscellaneous women’s studies publications. The News clippings sub series contains clippings about the first Conference in 1984. Also included is the compilation book from the first Conference, Woman’s Place: Selected Proceedings.

The Typescript series contains Conference materials including: the conference-planning proposal, minutes, planning versions of the conference program and a list of addresses that may have been a mailing list. Also included are a few of the papers presented at the first Conference and their abstracts.

The Ephemera series contains badges, ribbons and posters.
Additional Resources

Women's Research Conference


Video recordings

Acker, Ally


Harjo, Susan Shown

*The role of Native Americans following Columbus.* Vermillion, S.D: University of South Dakota, 1992.

Merchant, Carolyn


Miller, Deb Rogers.

*Personal accountability and environmental sustainability: feedback mechanisms within the society/environment system.* Vermillion, S.D.: University of South Dakota, 1994.

Subjects:
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| PHOTOGRAPHS | 1986 Speakers (1 folder)  
Mair, Lucille (Under-Secretary General, United Nations)  
Williams, Betty (Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, 1977) |
| PRINTED MATERIALS | Conference Concert Programs (1 folder)  
“An Evening of Song and Dance,” Colton Recital Hall, 9 April 1985  
Hersong, Quad-Cities Women’s Chorus, 12 April 1991  
Hersong, Quad-Cities Women’s Chorus, 10 April 1992  
Conference Programs, Events, & Flyers (14 folders)  
1980-“Vermillion Women’s Week Program of Events”  
1984-“Woman’s Place: A Research Conference Featuring Keynote Speaker Elizabeth Janeway”  
1985-“Womenspeak: A Research Conference on Women and Communication Featuring Jean Kilbourne and Suzanne Pingree”  
1986-“Women in the World: A Research Conference Featuring Betty Williams, Lucille Mair, and Linda Henderson Hogan”  
1987-“Women’s Work: A Research Conference at The University of South Dakota, Lecture by Sarah Weddington”  
1988-“Women and Equality: A Research Conference Featuring Bettina Gregory, June Sochen, Donna Shavlik, and Ann DeLaVergne”  
1989-“Body Politics: Featured Speakers, Cathy Rigby, Lindy Binns, and Margaret Randall”  
1990-“Women Healing: Featured Speakers, Ellie Smeal, Rho di Brezzo, Virginia Overdorf, and Elizabeth Cook-Lynn”  
1991-“Women and Nature/The Nature of Women: Keynote Speaker, Dr. Peggy Kellers and Featuring Wilma Mankiller, Bea Nettles, and Lucy Reinert (Cardella)”  
1992-“Women & Diversity: Featured Speakers, Suzan Shown Harjo, Ginny Montes, Tahnahga Yako Myers, Anne Nogles, Christine Rice”  
1993-“Other Women’s Lives: Featuring Alley Acker, Linda Robbennolt, Karen Thompson, HerSong”  
1994-“Woman as Social Conscience,” Keynote Speakers, Cecelia Condit, Carolyn Merchant, Deb Rogers Miller.” Performance by Omaha Magic Theatre and Rosy’s Bar & Grill  
1995-“Women, Life, and the Land,” Keynote Speakers, Cornelia Butler Flora, Ride into History, Lorette Picciano-Hanson, Gretchen Garner”  
1996-“Women: Ourselves Among Others, Keynote Speakers, Peggy Orenstein, Page Hedden Wilson, M.L. Cornette, Forestine Renville German, and performance by The Neon Girls” |
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PRINTED MATERIALS, cont.
Event Flyers and Pamphlets (1 folders)
Paste Ups
Miscellaneous (1 folder)
   The Center For Continuing Education Flyer, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D.
   Liberal Education and the New Scholarship on Women, Association of American Colleges
   Moving Ahead in Higher Education: Research By Women, University of North Dakota, 1983, Nov.3-4 (2 items)
   Sixth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Smith College, 1984, June 1-6
   The Women’s Festival, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1983, Feb. 18-20
   Women’s Studies Quarterly, v. 12 no. 1, 1984, Spring
News clippings (1 folder)
   “Every Woman is Urged to Read this”, Sunday World Herald, 1984, Mar.11
   “Women file complaint with Civil Rights Office”, n.d.
   “Women’s conference: Changing Roles of women in society”, Volante, 1984, Apr. 17
Woman’s Place: Selected Proceedings, Women’s Research Conference, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S.D., 1985 (1 folder)

Box 2

TYPESCRIPTS
Conference Materials (1 folder)
Miscellaneous (1 folder)
Mailing List (?)
Paper Abstracts (1 folder)
Papers (2 folders)
   Davis, Dona and Harlow Hatle “Psychosomatic and Somatic Semantics: A Critique of Climacteric Symptom Categories” (2 copies)
   Flaningam, Rita Rice, Shannon V. Taylor, Nancy H. Tucker and Adele S. Pittendrigh “A Comparison of Male and Female Perceived Job Satisfaction for Part-Time and Full-Time Non tenure Track Faculty” (2 copies)
   Grant, Yvonne Brooks “Madness as a Means to Unity: The Golden Notebook and Surfacing” (2 copies)
   Huck, George Ann “Women’s Place in the Third World”
   Janeway, Elizabeth “Are Women’s rights human Rights?” (2 copies)
   McBeth, Sally “Sacajawea: Legendary, Historical, and Contemporary Perspectives”
   Sietstra, Marcia Moret “The Hermeneutical Basis of Attitudes Towards The Role of Women: An Evaluation of Contemporary Options”, (2 copies)
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