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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ellen Rosser Smith papers

Dates: 1972-1978

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Collection number: MSS 1986/03

Creator: Smith, Ellen Rosser

Collection Size: 2.5 linear feet(2 record cartons)

Repository: California State University, Sacramento. Library. Dept. of Special Collections and University Archives.

Abstract: Ellen Rosser Smith served on the faculty at California State University, Sacramento in the English Department, College of Arts and Letters. She was involved in developing the Women's Studies Program at California State university, Sacramento. She also was active in the Women's Caucus, the United Professors of California, and both California State University, Sacramento and California State University Affirmative Action Committees.

Physical location: Some of the CSUS Special Collections and University Archives are stored offsite and advance notice may be required for use. For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

The Ellen Rosser Smith papers were given to the CSUS Special Collections and University Archives by Ellen Rosser Smith in 1987.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Alternative Forms of Material Available

There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Appraisal

There is no current criteria for records retention.

Custodial History

Ellen Rosser Smith assembled these papers over many years as part of her effort to address discrimination against women and minorities, and to further advance women's studies.

Biography / Administrative History

Ellen Rosser Smith was born in 1936. She received her B.A. and her M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin. She received her PH D from the University of Michigan. Her thesis topic was titled *Yeats's Cultural Touchstone: the period from Dante to Shakespeare*. She was an English professor at California State University, Sacramento and was also involved in the women's movement. She published volumes of collected poetry, printing the material of her own press. *Random Collective*, printed in 1974 and *Hard Pressed*, published in 1975 are two such collections. She called her press *Ellen's Old Alchemical Press*.

After retirement in 1986, she has been active in the antiwar movement against involvement in the Middle East. She has also taught at the Pierian Springs Academy, a senior learning facility, located in Sarasota, Florida. Her most recent course listing is *Islam and The History of the Middle East in the 20th Century*.

Scope and Content of Collection

Ellen Rosser Smith was an English professor at California State University, Sacramento. She was also involved in developing the Women's Studies Program at the University as well as being active in the Women's Caucus, the United Professors of California, and both the University's and UPC's Affirmative Action Committee. The collection includes material used in teaching and material that relates to her activities in the women's movement. Of special interest are the papers that discuss discrimination against women and minorities in the California University system.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Affirmative action programs--California.

California State University, Sacramento. College of Arts and Letters

California State University, Sacramento. English Dept.

Women's studies.

Series I: Teaching Materials

Language of Material: English

Arrangement note

Included are class handouts and several folders of mimeographed pages of women's poetry divided by country. Also included are class syllabus from fellow professors Joan Moon, Judy Rosenthal, and Mary Mackey. Folder 1:7 includes poems written by Mary Mackey. Folder 1:22 - 1:26 contain papers that appear to be class papers on women in science. Folder 1:1 has a Women's Studies Newsletter that contains a history of the early years of the Women's Studies Program at California State University, Sacramento.

Box 1, Folder 1

Women's Studies Program - Position Paper, Fall 92 to start program

Language of Material: English

Box 1, Folder 2

Women's Caucus - Women's Studies, 1974

Language of Material: English

Box 1, Folder 3

Course Syllabus and Exams - Women's Studies classes, n.d.

Box 1, Box 4

Course Handouts, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 5

Mary Mackey English 158, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 6

Student Papers Mary Mackey English 30, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 7

Poems by Mary Mackey English 30, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 8

Joan Moon Syllabus - History 132, 1977

Box 1, Folder 9

Dr. Judy Rosenthal - Syllabus - Eng. 169T and 150T, 1972

Box 1, Folder 10

Anti-War Poems by Women, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 11

Black Women Poets, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 12

British Women Poets, n.d.

Box 1, Folder 13	Chinese Women Poets, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 14	French Women Poets, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 15	Japanese Women Poets, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 16	Russian Women Poets, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 17	Spanish American Women Poets, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 18	Women Poets (asst.), n.d.
Box 1, Folder 19	Nellie Sachs (Poets), n.d.
Box 1, Folder 20	Sappho, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 21	Mona VanDuyn, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 22	Course Material, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 23	Women In Science - Part I, Fall 1972
Box 1, Folder 24	Women In Science - Part II, Fall 1972
Box 1, Folder 25	Women In Science - Part III, Fall 1972
Box 1, Folder 26	Women In Science - Part IV, Fall 1972
Box 1, Folder 27	Bibliographies, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 28	Papers, Essays, Articles, Various Authors, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 29	Women Trade Unions, 1973
Box 1, Folder 30	OPEU General Strike, 1977
Box 1, Folder 31	Material on Women/Tutorial Program, 1972
Box 1, Folder 32	Essay: "Feminism and Literature" by Florence Howe, 1972
Box 1, Folder 33	Essay: "The Status of Women in the Historical Profession in the Western States" by Dorothy A. Sexter, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 34	Survey UC Berkeley,
Box 1, Folder 35	UPC Women's Caucus, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 36	Status of Women at CSU San Diego, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 37	Hearing - Joint Committee on Legal Equality, 1973
Box 1, Folder 38	Grievance Procedures, 1973
Box 1, Folder 39	Affirmative Action Report, 1974
Box 1, Folder 40	California State University and Colleges - Affirmative Action Plans, 1974
Box 1, Folder 41	University Affirmative Action Committee, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 42	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 43	UPC Advocate, 1974-1975
Box 1, Folder 44	Poetry Collection Photocopies, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 45	Authors and Publishing, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 46	Miscellaneous Notes, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 47	Union documents, n.d.
	Public Law 92-318, 1972

Language of Material: English

Series II: Women's Studies, Discrimination, and Affirmative Action

Arrangement note

This series contains material demonstrating Ellen Rosser Smith's involvement with the United Professors of California, the Women Caucus, and the California State University Affirmative Action Committee. Included are questionnaires filed out by many professors, statistics gathered from several campuses in the California college system, and copies of grievances and lawsuits, many alleging that women and minorities were refused tenure on the basis of sex and ethnic discrimination.

Box 2, Folder 1	UPC Questionnaire on Discrimination, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 2	Discrimination / Grievances, n.d.
	Conditions Governing Access note
	Restriction.
Box 2, Folder 3	Affirmative Action Committee / Minutes, Jan - May 1972
Box 2, Folder 4	Affirmative Action Committee / Minutes, 1972-1978

Box 2, Folder 5	University Affirmative Action Committee / Memos, 1973-1979 Conditions Governing Access note Restriction.
Box 2, Folder 6	Memo to James Meyer (Chancellor) UC Davis, 1974
Box 2, Folder 7	Class Action / UPC Affirmative Action Committee, 1975
Box 2, Folder 8	Affirmative Action Committee, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 9	UPC / Memos Bud Hutchinson, 1973-1974
Box 2, Folder 10	Affirmative Action / Lloyd Johnson, May - July 1978
Box 2, Folder 11	CSUC Statement on Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action, 1973-1974
Box 2, Folder 12	UPC Women's Caucus, 1973
Box 2, Folder 13	UPC Women's Caucus / Survey, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 14	Report on Affirmative Action CSUC, 1975
Box 2, Folder 15	Articles for agreement CFA, 1973
Box 2, Folder 16	UPC Affirmative Action Workshop, circa 1974
Box 2, Folder 17	UPC - Officers, 1974-1975
Box 2, Folder 18	UPC Affirmative Action, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 19	Complaints / Fair Employee Practices, 1975
Box 2, Folder 20	EEO Higher Education Staff Information, 1976
Box 2, Folder 21	Status of Faculty in CSUC, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 22	Faculty Affairs Subcommittee on Grievance Procedures, 1971-1972
Box 2, Folder 23	UPC / AFC Grievance Workshop, 1973
Box 2, Folder 24	Liberal Studies Major, 1974
Box 2, Folder 25	Apprise / newsletter, 1974-1975
Box 2, Folder 26	UPC Women in Education - A Resource Notebook, 1972
Box 2, Folder 27	Academic Senate Report / Women in CSUC, 1972
Box 2, Folder 28	Affirmative Action Program / Stanislaus, 1972-1973
Box 2, Folder 29	Employment Survey CSUC, 1973
Box 2, Folder 30	Women in the Curriculum Project, 1973-1974
Box 2, Folder 31	Preliminary Analysis Class Action, 1974
Box 2, Folder 32	Report on Discrimination CSUS, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 33	Affirmative Action Plans / CSUS Departments, 1972-1973
Box 2, Folder 34	CFT Standards - Update, 1975
Box 2, Folder 35	Faculty Statistics Rank and Tenure CSUS, 1972
Box 2, Folder 36	Affirmative Action Program - Other CSUs, 1972-1974
Box 2, Folder 37	Class Action Lawsuit 1972-1974
Box 2, Folder 38	Discrimination Lawsuit / Berkeley, 1972
Box 2, Folder 39	Grievance / Merit Pay, 1972-1974 Conditions Governing Access note Restriction.
Box 2, Folder 40	UPC Meetings / Workshops, 1972-1975
Box 2, Folder 41	EEO Report - California State College Sonoma, 1975