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Summary Information

Repository	Sarah Lawrence College Archives
Title	National Women's History Week Papers
Date [inclusive]	1979-2001
Extent	1.0 linear feet 1 document box, 1 oversize flat box
Language	English
Text [Flat-box]	2
Text [Box]	1

Historical Note

From July 14-31, 1979, leaders of major women's organizations from across the nation met at the Sarah Lawrence College Summer Institute in Women's History to learn about the history of women and to explore methods of bringing the knowledge they acquired back to their organizations and to the public at large. Out of that Institute came a resolution calling for the creation of National Women's History Week to acknowledge and celebrate contributions made by women to the history of the United States.

Two Women's History graduate students at Sarah Lawrence College, Pam Elam and Peggy Pascoe, developed a practicum to revolve around the creation and implementation of National Women's History Week. Using the resolution passed by the participants at the Sarah Lawrence Summer Institute in Women's History as a foundation, Elam and Pascoe lobbied for the introduction and passage of a Congressional resolution designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week and pressured President Carter to issue a proclamation of National Women's History Week immediately. Additionally, Elam and Pascoe contacted state governors and city mayors to issue proclamations designating Women's History Week.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains correspondence, notes, clippings, press releases, etc. which document the SLC Summer Institute in Women's History and the National Women's History Week practicum initiated by Elam and Pascoe. Additionally, the collection contains materials documenting further efforts to sustain annual National Women's History Week celebrations.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open to researchers.

Acquisition Note

Pam Elam (M.A. 1980, SLC, Women's History Program) donated the collection to the Sarah Lawrence College Archives in November 2001.

Processing Information note

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Sarah Lawrence College. Women's History.
- Women's Action Alliance.

Genre(s)

- Audiocassettes
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Press releases

Personal Name(s)

- Elam, Pamela
- Pascoe, Peggy

Subject(s)

- Women's History Week

Collection Inventory

	Box
Correspondence 1979-1984	1
Institutes on Women's History July 14-29, 1979	1
NWHW Practicum at SLC 1979-1980	1
NWHW Proclamations & Resolutions: Congressional and Presidential 1980-1985	1
NWHW Proclamations & Resolutions: State 1980-1983	1
NWHW Proclamations & Resolutions: City & County 1979-1985	1
"Congressional Record" Clippings 1979-1983	1
News Clippings 1979-1983	1
Press Releases; Press Conferences 1979-1982	1
Meetings; Meeting Minutes 1980	1
Notes by Pam Elam unknown	1
Speeches by Pam Elam 1980	1

Slide Presentation by Pam Elam unknown	1
SLC Celebration of NWHW 1980, 1982	1
Photographs (and photocopies) 1979-1980	1
National Women's History Project 1982-2001	1
Women's Action Alliance 1979-1980	1
	Flat-box
Ephemeral Contents- National Women's History Week Balloons	2
Ephemeral Contents- Women's History Week Bookmark March 8-14, 1981	2
Ephemeral Contents- 'Write Women Back Into History' Button	2
Ephemeral Contents- National Women's History Week Tote Bag March 6-12, 1983	2
Audio/Visual Contents- 'History Revisited' Film	2
Audio/Visual Contents- 'History Revisited' Cassette Tape	2