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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Title	The Women's Center, 1976-present.
Extent	2.5 linear feet. 4 boxes.
Arrangement	This collection was divided into seven series and materials are filed chronologically within series.
Provenance	Series I-V were created by the Archives staff. Series VI – Student Paper: “The HERSTORY of Eastern Connecticut State University Women's Center, 1976-1986”, was given to the University Archives by Ann Marie Orza, faculty emeritus (psychology) and director of the Women's Center, in the Spring of 2004.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: <a href="http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/">http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/</a>
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Access points	Women's studies. Eastern Connecticut State College Eastern Connecticut State University.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Correspondence. Publications. Administrative Records. Press releases. Fliers.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

The Women's Center collection documents the activities of the Women's Center organization since its beginning in 1976. The Women's Center operates through Student Center /Activities under the umbrella of the Office of Student Affairs. The collection documents student events and activities sponsored by the Center. The collection also includes early documents which predate the formally titled Women's Center and a thorough documentation of the first ten years of the Women's Center at Eastern created by student intern Kathie DeVeau in 1986.

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

#### Series I - Administration

This series offers information about the organizational activities of the Women's Center and its leadership. It includes an announcement for the "Committee for Women's Awareness & Advancement" from 1973 plus early authorization and constitution documents from 1978. It also includes correspondence, budgetary information from the 1980s and general information about activities and leadership through the years.

#### Series II - Events

This series contains flyers, brochures and announcements of special events sponsored by the Women's Center from 1977 to the present. Examples include: Day for Women, Women's History Month, Open House, and Take Back the Night programs.

#### Series III - Minutes

This series contains the minutes of the "Women's Organization of E.C.S.C" from 1972 which documents the interest that led to its formation. The main body of the collection offers minutes from meetings dating from 1978 through 1999 with information about topics and events of interest at that time.

#### Series IV - Publications

This series contains a collection of brochures, newsletters, flyers and other informational literature in print and online created by the students and staff of the Women's Center.

#### Series V - "The HERSTORY of the Eastern Connecticut State University Women's Center"

This series offers a comprehensive discussion of the history and activities of the Women's Center in its first ten years (1976-1986) as presented by Kathy DeVeau. The collection was created for a WST 490 (Women's Studies) Internship in the Spring of 1986. It includes personal interviews with faculty and staff, correspondence, flyers, minutes, news clippings, and Day for Women brochures (1979-1986).

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

N/A

### **RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Further information about the Women's Center may be found in the University Archives Print Collection: *ECSU-in-the-News*, *Eastern Envoy*, *Newsflash* and *Campus Lantern*, news clippings

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and yearbooks. Further information may be found in the Student Center/Activities and Student Affairs collections.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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Series I - Administration		
1	Committee for Women's Awareness & Advancement	14 November 1973
	Organization Authorization	12 October 1978
	Constitution	November 1978
	Budget	9 September 1982
	Open House	Fall 1982
	Authorization	1983-1984
	Budget	1984
	Authorization	1984-1985
	Budget	1985
	Authorization	1985-1986
	Budget	1986
	Directors	1989-1994
	Correspondence-Events	Spring 1993
	Correspondence-Events	Fall 1993
	Correspondence-Events	Spring 1994
	"Clothesline Project"	February 1995
	Correspondence-Events	Spring 1995
	Correspondence-Events	28 November 1995
	General correspondence	Spring 1996
	General correspondence	Fall 1996
	Correspondence-Events	Spring 1997
	Open House	30 September 1997
	"Take Back the Night"	19 April 1998
	Women's History Facts	Spring 1998
	Women's History Month Events	15 February 2001
	Forum on the Women's Center	2 May 2001
	Open House	26 November 2001
	Correspondence-Events	Spring 2002
	Speaker-Mary Leigh Blek	21 October 2002
	Correspondence-Events	Spring 2003
	General correspondence	Fall 2003
	General correspondence	Spring 2004
	WC Library	11 May 2004
	Films request	23 June 2005
	Coordinator Appointment (Davern)	Fall 2005
	General correspondence	Spring 2006
	Farewell letter (Davern)	9 May 2006
	General correspondence	Fall 2006
	General correspondence	Spring 2007
	General correspondence	Fall 2007
	General correspondence	Spring 2008
	"Basic Car Maintenance" workshop	30 April 2008

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<b>Series I - Administration</b>		
1	General correspondence	Fall 2008
	General correspondence	Spring 2009
	General correspondence	Fall 2009
	General correspondence	Spring 2010
	Mission	2010
	Staff	2010-2011
	Correspondence- Grasso Awards Nomination Form	2011
	Correspondence- Ella T Grasso Service Awards	30 March 2011
<b>Series II - Events</b>		
	BPW "Challenge & Response"	24 September 1977
	NYC Bus Trip; Day for Women	April 1979
	Day for Women	27 October 1979
	"Rethinking the Education of Women" w/B. Abzug (3)	19 November 1979
	"Christening Celebration"; Women's History Month	Spring 1980
	Celebrating Women's Achievements	9-19 April 1984
	"Women & Self Esteem" Workshop	17 October 1987
	Day for Women with Frederica Gray	7 May 1988
	Holiday Party	15 December 1988
	Speakers & Events	Spring 1992
	Women's History Month Events	March 1994
	Women in Transition	29 November 1994
	General	Spring 1995
	Take Back the Night	24 April 1996
	Clothesline Project	28-31 October 1996
	Women's History Month Events	Spring 1997
	Take Your Daughter to Work Day (AAUW)	19 April 1999
	Noon Hour Event-Planned Parenthood	2 May 2000
	Registered to Vote? (AAUW)	October 2000
	Women's History Month- Donna Dufresne	18 March 2002
	Women's History Month Events	March 2005
	Monthly Events	Fall 2005
	Mother & Daughter Breakfast	6 November 2005
	Ice Cream Social	7 September 2006
	General	Spring 2007
	General	Fall 2007
	General	Jan-Feb 2008
	General	Mar-Apr 2008
	Women's Reproductive Rights	September 2008
	Clothesline Project (news clipping)	October 2008
	Women's History Month Preview	December 2008
	Women's History Month	March 2009
	Take Back the Night	30 April 2009

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<b>Series II - Events</b>		
1	Take Back the Night Rally & March	23 September 2009
	Women's History Month	March 2010
	September Events	September 2010
	Take Back the Night	21 September 2010
	Is it Worth the Weight?	16 February 2011
	Vagina Monologues	23/24 February 2011
	Women's History Month Events	28 February 2011
	Rhythm with Words-Poetry Slam	6 April 2011
	STD Testing	11 April 2011
	Empowered Bodies	14 April 2011
	The Heart of the Matter	17 April 2011
	Respect the Love	18-21 April 2011
<b>Series III - Minutes</b>		
2	Minutes- Women's Organization of ECSC	1972
	Minutes	1978-1979
	Minutes	1980
	Minutes	1980-1981
	Minutes	1981-1982
	Minutes	1982-1983
	Minutes	1983-1984
	Minutes	1984-1985
	Minutes	1985-1986
	Minutes	1997
	Minutes	1999
<b>Series IV - Publications</b>		
	Women's Services brochure (1)	[1987]
	<i>Women's Center News</i> Vol. 1, #1	5 November 1987
	<i>Women's Center</i> Volume 1	February 1995
	"List of Local Services for Women"	[1996]
	"Violence-A Prevention Handbook"-brochure	[1999]
	<i>ECSU Women's Center Newsletter</i> , Issue 1 volume 1	29 November 2001
	Clothesline Project (news clipping)	21 October 2002
	<i>ECSU Women's Center Newsletter</i> , Fall Issue 1	23 October 2002
	<i>ECSU Women's Center Newsletter</i> , Fall 2003 Issue 1 (3)	Fall 2003
	<i>ECSU Women's Center Newsletter</i> , Fall 2003 Issue 2 (3)	Fall 2003
	Women's Center-brochures (2)	[2006]
	Women's Center web pages	April 2007
	Women's Center web pages	October 2007
	W.A.V.E.S.-Women, Advocacy, Visions, Education, Success	March 2008
	Ella T Grasso Awards- Eastern Magazine	Summer 2009
	Lending Library	July 2010



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Series V – Student Paper (original)		
3	“The HERSTORY of Eastern Connecticut State University’s Women’s Center”	
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	Introduction	1986
	Who we are	1986
	Officers	1986
	Events	1986
	Day for Women	1986
	Women’s Studies	1986
	Newspaper Articles (Part I)	1986
	Newspaper Articles (Part II)	1986
	Miscellany	1986
Series V – Student Paper (copy)		
4	The HERSTORY of Eastern Connecticut State University’s Women’s Center”	
	Cover Page	1986
	Introduction	1986
	Who we are	1986
	Officers	1986
	Events	1986
	Day for Women	1986
	Women’s Studies	1986
	Newspaper Articles (Part I)	1986
	Newspaper Articles (Part II)	1986
	Misc.	