

Linda Sievers

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None

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ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

Materials have been left in original order in eight boxes.

NOTE(S):

FINDING AIDS:

Inventory with complete descriptions is available in the repository.

BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL NOTE:

Linda Sievers was the president of the Louisiana chapter of NOW and an important figure in the women's movement.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection contains information mostly pertaining to NOW but also contains information on several issues that are important to the women's movement in addition to information on several right-wing conservative groups that NOW thought presented a danger to democracy.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

The collection also included four book titles. When possible, two copies of each book have been added to the circulating collection.

*Bearing Witness: Sexual Harassment and Beyond – Every Woman's Story*, by Celia Morris; Little, Brown & Company © 1994 (5 copies)

*Women: American Women in Their Own Words*, by Mark Baker; Pocket Star Books ©

1991 (12 copies)

*Crusaders: Voices from the Abortion Front*, by Marian Faux; Birch Lane Press © 1990

*No Turning Back: Two Nuns' Battle with the Vatican over Women's Right to Choose*,  
By Barbara Ferraro, Patricia Hussey, with Jane O'Reilly; Poseidon Press © 1990

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Literature re: Tennessee NOW State Conference, 1996  
Multiple issues of "Fierce Echoes"  
Literature and correspondence re: divorce law  
News clippings re: same sex marriage  
Assorted NOW newsletters from Utah, California, Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin  
Mid-South NOW news  
NOW leadership roster  
Brochures re: free choice  
Multiple issues of National NOW Times  
"Freethought Today" and other literature re: Freedom from Religion Foundation  
NOW membership/recruitment materials  
Literature re: Equal Rights Amendment  
National NOW Board correspondence  
Literature re: National Women's Political Caucus  
Literature re: civil rights  
NOW chapter development materials  
Literature re: gay marriage from Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund  
Literature re: welfare reform  
Assorted NOW financial documents  
Transsexual newsletter  
Literature re: sexual harassment, women's rights in the workplace  
Hotel bills and travel documents  
Minutes of several NOW meetings  
Now conference volunteer materials  
National Women's Political Caucus board propaganda  
Literature re: disabilities  
Memphis tourist information  
Literature/correspondence from NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund (LDEF)  
Literature re: Lesbian rights  
Mike Dukakis bumper sticker  
Literature re: activism  
"NO DUKES!" bumper sticker  
Literature re: BOB (Building Opportunities Bonus) Coalition  
Recipe – chicken enchilada casserole  
Nametags from various conferences held nationwide throughout the 1990s

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Pamphlets concerning the nature of free choice  
NUS Women's campaign slogan leaflets  
ERA stickers  
Pamphlets concerning Abortion  
NOW membership forms  
Pamphlets on race relations  
Pamphlets on Lesbianism  
Pamphlets concerning contraception  
Pamphlets concerning women and STDs

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Membership records for the Louisiana chapter of NOW from 1993-2000  
All memorandums for the national headquarters to the Louisiana chapter of NOW from 1997-2000  
Friend of the court document on the effects of Pornography on Women  
NOW national times newspapers from 1986-1993  
NOW bylaws and financial records for 1983  
Several newspaper clippings from several prominent publications concerning women's issues  
Information on a 1993 NOW march on Washington  
Personal cards from friends to Linda Sievers  
Information concerning abortion rights and the Supreme Court  
Report on the U.S. commission on civil rights  
Information on candidates for NOW offices in 1985  
Several articles concerning marital rape  
Democratic national convention information  
Documentation and wage discrimination  
Linda Sievers ID cards to the NOW national conferences

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Louisiana NOW National/State convention info, several years 1980s-90s  
NOW Louisiana state membership roster  
Official correspondence to/from Ms. Sievers in her NOW office  
NOW National Board correspondence – letters, memos, resolutions, election info, etc.  
NOW press releases  
NOW state newsletters/papers, other info – Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Iowa,  
Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Utah,  
West Virginia  
*National NOW Times*, multiple issues  
Calendar of State & National NOW events, January-June 1991

Regional: ARKLATEX, Mid-South NOW materials, incl. 1992 board election  
Louisiana NOW budget plans, receipts, etc.  
NOW 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary literature  
Article by Patricia Ireland and other info re: Clarence Thomas  
NOW donation records, incl. Xeroxed checks & accompanying notes  
Programs, nametags, and other info from National NOW Conferences 1986, 8, 90-1  
Several news clippings re: Eleanor Smeal, Patricia Schroeder, & the 1988 Presidential  
Election  
Literature re: Molly Yard Fund for young feminists  
News clipping re: Women's Tour of NOLA  
Literature from/re: Radical Women group  
Press information re: *Boys Will Be Boys* by Myriam Miedzian  
*Shreveport Journal*, March 20, 1992  
*Passenger Safety Quarterly*, Summer 1990  
*Censorship News*  
*On the Issues*, multiple issues  
*Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*  
*The Nation*, multiple issues  
Newspapers/letters, comics, other literature from various feminist/activist/radical  
organizations  
and businesses  
Information on several fundraisers  
Personal correspondence to/from Ms. Sievers  
Certificate of Linda's Baptism  
Receipts, pay stubs, and other financial documents  
Ad for continuing education @ Northeast Louisiana University  
Flyer for "Maria's Story" on PBS  
Photocopy of "The Understanding Chair"  
Order form - "The Best of Flo Kennedy"  
Flyer/poster for Sally Roesch Wagner as Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
1991-2 Louisiana Governor's conference on women info/materials  
Louisiana visitor information  
Louisiana Housing Finance Agency info  
1988 guide to the Louisiana legislature  
Assorted bumper stickers, flyers, and other political propaganda  
Assorted Literature/Information re:  
Racism/racial disparities  
Breast cancer  
Women in the workplace/ sexual harassment  
Equal Rights Amendment  
Sex equality in education  
Sexual abuse of children  
Pornography  
Abortion  
Women's movement/women in history  
Women in the military

AIDS  
Violence against women  
Voting  
Etc.

Apparent 1992 high school reunion photo  
Entergy Central Region Consistency QAT  
JC Penney Life Insurance Policy  
Assorted appliance manuals

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“Equality Now” t-shirt  
Literature/correspondence re: National Abortion Rights Action League  
Assorted NOW newsletters – Nebraska, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, California,  
Oklahoma, Kentucky, Greater NOLA, Arkansas, Vermont, New York  
Literature re: birth control/abortion  
Affirmative Action bumper stickers  
National Now Times – assorted issues  
Mid-South NOW news  
Literature re: NOLA Women’s Film Fest  
Literature/propaganda re: welfare reform  
NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund correspondence/news  
NOW membership/recruitment data, materials  
Various NOW financial documents  
Time Magazine, May 4, 1992 – Roe v. Wade  
St. Tammany Feminist – multiple issues  
Literature re: National NOW conferences  
National/State NOW leadership rosters  
Minutes from several NOW meetings  
National NOW correspondence  
Literature re: sex slave trade in the Far East  
Propaganda anti-fathers’ divorce rights  
Literature re: sexual harassment  
Literature re: NOW LDEF  
NOW Nat’l Board elections materials  
Literature re: NOW Nat’l Conference  
Miami tourist info  
Literature re: Social Security  
NOW Chapter development/organizational materials  
Census 2000 info pack

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The NOW National Times issues Summer 1998, Fall 1999, Spring 2000, and Winter 2000  
Brochures for the NOW National Store  
The minutes and financial statements for the NOW National Legal Defense Fund  
Folder containing information on a conference dealing with issues facing women in the workforce  
Information guides concerning Philadelphia  
Folder containing information on the Lesbian rights in Washington D.C.  
Folder containing information on reproductive rights written by the NOW Legal Defense Fund  
Folder containing information on grassroots campaigning  
A folder containing information on the "Promise Keepers" a right-wing political organization  
Information detailing Christian groups on the far right  
Information detailing a dozen different Christian groups deemed to be a threat to America  
"How to win: a practical guide for defeating the radical right"  
The 1994-1996 reports "Attacks on the freedom to learn"  
Collection of address labels addressed to the members of the Louisiana chapter of NOW  
Information on NOW's 1998 Women's Rights Convention and Vision Summit  
Liberal opinion magazine for May 18, 1998  
A folder containing information on The People for the American Way Foundation's annual meeting in Washington D.C. On the agenda school reform, neo-conservatism, and big business  
NOW national news issue Fall 1998  
Folder containing information on the religious right groups such as promise keepers  
A collection of documents depicting the views and aims of NOW  
A book chronicling the risks of drugs to the unborn  
A booklet documenting the need for qualified physicians to practice abortions  
A folder containing information on Lifetime's Caring for Kids program  
Shreveport Bossier NOW membership directory  
The NOW national budget for 1999  
Information concerning the NOW conference meeting in Tennessee in 1999

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News articles, activist literature re: Abortion & reproductive rights  
National NOW correspondence, contact lists, bylaws  
Gay & Lesbian rights literature  
Mid-South NOW correspondence, newsletters, etc.  
Pages from a famous feminists day planner  
Literature re: the "Gag Rule," which prevented doctors from informing women that abortion is a legal option  
Regal authorized service centers directory  
Literature re: discrimination in the workplace  
"Abortion Bill newspaper data"

Anti-David Duke literature  
Personal news clippings  
“1990 LA Abortion Bill Clipping”  
Lyrics to The Eagles’ “Witchy Woman” and Hall & Oates’ “Man Eater”  
Essay: “The Temptress” in Western literature and film  
Preferential balloting literature  
State NOW newsletters/correspondence/state conference info, including Utah, NY, New Mexico, Florida, California, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana – dates 1984 through 1990s  
NOW membership/recruitment information  
Order form for *Losing Faith in Faith: From Preacher to Atheist*, by Dan Barker; Freedom from Religion Foundation  
Various financial documents  
National NOW Times, various issues  
*Freethought Today* newspaper  
Map to Linda Sievers’ home  
Prostitutes’ rights literature  
“I’m a REGISTERED Pro-Choice Voter” stickers  
*Liberal Opinion Week* newspaper  
Program – National NOW Conference, NYC 1991  
Letters from several politicians acknowledging Ms. Sievers’ letters of concern  
“ERA Yes” stickers  
“New Directions for Women” – various issues  
“New Texas” newspaper – August/September 1990  
Gov. Edwin Edwards election news clippings  
Invitation to inauguration of Melinda Schwegman as Lieutenant Gov.  
NOW Address labels  
Invitation to the Governor’s Conference on Women 1992  
Commencement program – Northeast Louisiana University (John Sievers, BS)  
ERA, Pro-Choice bumper stickers  
NOW election materials, data, etc.  
1998 U.S. Congress handbook  
Road map along the Mississippi River  
Large bag of unsorted news clippings  
Various NOW financial documents, receipts, etc.  
Article regarding sexual abuse within the Catholic Church  
Information from the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Pacific Palisades Parade program  
Literature regarding Tapestry of Polygamy, an anti-polygamy coalition  
Transcript of U.S. Supreme Court case *Coker v. Georgia*, re: capital punishment for rape offenders