Finding aid to the Carolyn Weathers photographs and papers, 1961-2015
Coll2014-008

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Abstract: Personal papers, professional records, and digitized photographs of LGBT and feminist activist Carolyn Weathers, 1961-2015. The collection includes documentation of the Alcoholism Center for Women, and information about Brenda Weathers, Jenny Wrenn, among others.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in two series:
Series 1. Personal and professional papers, 1970-2013

Biographical / Historical
Carolyn Weathers was active in the gay and lesbian bar scene in the 1960s in San Antonio, Texas. She moved to Los Angeles in 1968 where she became involved in the emerging gay liberation movement. As a member of the Gay Liberation Front, Weathers held feminist issues workshops, helped form the Gay Women's Speakers Bureau, performed in agitprop events, and participated in protests such as the takeover of the Behavior Modification Conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles to protest the use of aversion therapy on gay people. In 1970, she joined the Lesbian Feminists group at the Crenshaw Women's Center in Los Angeles, where she was involved in protests and workshops on lesbian and feminist issues. She wrote "The True Story of Lesbianism by Frank Straight" and spoke at conferences, festivals, and other events. She became one of the first out lesbians on Los Angeles television when she appeared on Regis Phibin's "Tempo Show." She protested for abortion rights, women's equality, and the end of sexist/racist labor practices. In 1975, she joined her sister, Brenda Weathers, to protest against fiscal mismanagement at the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles and helped her establish the Alcoholism Center for Women (ACW). Weathers was a printer at the ACW Press and helped create promotional material to fight Anita Bryant and the Briggs Initiative. She worked at the café at the Women's Building in Los Angeles and was an original member of the Southern California Women for Understanding. In 1984, she inaugurated the Lesbian Writers Series at A Different Light Bookstore in Silver Lake. Weathers has written and published numerous works, including the books "Leaving Texas: A Memoir," "Shitkickers and Other Texas Stories," and "Crazy." In 1986, Weathers and her partner Jenny Wrenn founded Clothespin Fever Press to publish books by lesbian writers. In 1987, Weathers and Wrenn formed the Los Angeles Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski. Carolyn Weathers has remained active in LGBT and feminist causes, speaking to researchers and the community regarding LGBT and feminist history.

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Existence and Location of Copies
A sample of Weather's approximately 2,400 digitized photographs, 1961-1990, can be accessed online at http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/cdm/search/collection/p15799coll4/searchterm/weathers/order/nosort.

Existence and Location of Originals
Carolyn Weathers has retained the original photographs from this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Donated by Carolyn Weathers in June 2012.

Preferred Citation
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Processing Information
Collection processed by Kyle Morgan and volunteers, 2014. In 2017, upon request of the donor, some materials from this collection were separated to become two other distinct collections: Clothespin Fever Press Records (Coll2013-092) and the Los Angeles Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski Records (Coll2014-048).

Scope and Contents
Correspondence, clippings, flyers, pamphlets, programs, event records, financial records, bankruptcy records, conference records, published materials, book reviews, writings, awards, contacts, meeting minutes, court records, research records, ephemera, photographic prints, and digitized photographs documenting the activities and interests of Carolyn Weathers, 1961-2015. The collection includes the administrative records of the Alcoholism Center for Women, and information about Brenda Weathers, Jenny Wrenn, among others.

Separated Materials
Separated to the ONE Archives poster collection:

Separated to the ONE Archives pamphlet collection
About our Parents, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Los Angeles, 1986.
Read This Before Coming Out To Your Parents, T.H. Sauerman, 1984.

Separated to the ONE periodical collection
Connexxus, v.2, no.2, 7, 9, 10 (1986).
Dare, Tennessee's gay and lesbian newsweekly, v.3, no.31 (August 3, 1990).
Feminist News, v.6, no.7 (July 1988).
Gay Flames Pamphlet, no.1-13. (includes information on the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention)
GLAS-LA, Gay and Lesbian Arab Society of Los Angeles, v.1, no.4 (September 1991).
Happenings, Whitman-Brooks, v.10, no.6 (July/August 1989).
Lesbian Central Newsletter, Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (October 1988).
Lesbian Herstory Archives, no.13 (June 1992).
Lesbian Tide, v.14, no.3 (October 1988).

Separated to the ONE audiovisual collection
Alcoholism Center for Women, Inc., part 1 and 2, December 4, 2008. (2 DVDs)
Alcoholism Center for Women jug band and lighten-up group sitting around playing live music, September 12, 1980. (open-reel videotape, Betacam, DVD)
Alcoholism Center for Women staff in-service training with Barbara Kearney, circa 1975. (open-reel videotape, VHS, DVD)
"The Alcoholic Woman," Ad Lib show, Althea Scott interviews Brenda Weathers, Pauline Baxton, Bea Jorgensen, and Jean S. Vandervort, 1975. (open-reel videotape, Betacam, and 3 DVDs)
Barbara Kearney at the Alcoholism Center for Women talking about chain drinking, undated. (open-reel videotape, VHS, DVD)
Ann Bradley, Robin Podolsky, Carolyn Weathers, and moderator Thais Rothman on KPFK radio IMRU, March 9, 1985. (audiocassette)
Brenda Kay Weathers memorial service, July 30, 2005. (DVD)
Brenda Weathers, Director of the Alcoholism Program for Women at the Gay Community Services Center, at the San Francisco conference of addiction treatment, circa 1974-1975. (open-reel audiotape, 1 CD)
Carolyn Retter of the Alcoholism Center for Women interviewed by Stony Richards, 1993. (audiocassette, CD)
Carolyn Weathers home videos, July 1995. (VHS)
Carolyn Weathers poetry reading (inaugural reading of the Lesbian Writers Series at A Different Light bookstore with organizer and host Ann Bradley), February 18, 1984. (VHS and DVD)

Conversation with Laurie Drabble on Spring Conference, February 2, 1990. (audiocassette)


Diane Mariechild, "Mother Wit for Children of All Ages," Healing Stars. (audiocassette)

Dyke TV, 100th show. (VHS and DVD)

First National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Aging, California State University, Dominguez Hills. Sharon Raphael, 1981. (3 audiocassettes)


"On Honky Tonk Trail...," a talk by Carolyn Weathers. Includes "You Bring the Bible" and "Cheers Everybody," undated. (2 audiocassettes)

Gay and Lesbian Authors at the Los Angeles Central Library, June 6, 1991 (also includes Karen Thompson on W57th Street, March 4, 1989). (DVD)

Gay Liberation Front, lesbian feminists reunion at ONE, July, 25, 2004. (DVD)

"Learning to Be," filmed at the Alcoholic Center for Women, June 1976. (1 DVD)

"Learning to Be," filmed at the Alcoholic Center for Women, May 17, 1976. (4 open-reel audiotapes, 2 DVDs)

"Learning to Be: Unknown," with a voice over introduction, women speaking, and final credits. (Betacam)


OutWrite Conference, San Francisco, 1990. (7 audiocassettes)

Party on Avenel Street, Los Angeles, with Kaye O'Brien, Carolyn Weathers, Nancy Kelly, and June Hurlee of the Gay Liberation Front; and Brenda Weathers taping caseloads; 1970. (audiocassette)

Pat Collins Show, April 1, 1974. Interview with supportive parents of lesbian and gay children (includes interview with Jeanne Manford, founder of PFLAG). (open-reel videotape, VHS, DVD, mini digital videocassette)


S Diane Bogus reading poem "Lady Godiva." (audiocassette)

Strike against the Center, part 1 and 2, KPFK Gay Radio Collective, August 26, 1975. (open-reel audiotape, CD)


Vicki Randle and Diane Lindsay singing and performing on piano and guitar, parts 1 and 2, circa 1976-1977. (2 open-reel videotapes, 2 VHS, 2 DVD)

Vicki Randle, "Naturally High," a benefit performance for the Alcohol Center for Women's hotline staged at the Women's Building on Spring Street, February, 28, 1976. (open-reel audiotape, CD)

"The Woman in your Life is You," Alcoholic Center for Women resident skit, October 4, 1980. (open-reel videotape, VHS, DVD)

Women's Music Tour, circa February 13, 1976. (2 open-reel audiotapes, 2 CDs)

Yolanda Retter interviews Brenda Weathers, October 30, 2004. (audiocassette, CD)

**Separated to the Non-LGBT newspaper front page collection**


**Other Finding Aids**


**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Alcoholism counseling

Lesbian activists -- United States

Lesbian authors

Lesbian feminism -- Archival resources
Weathers, Brenda
Wrenn, Jenny (Jennifer Joy Wrenn)
Alcoholism Center for Women (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Personal and professional papers 1970-2015

Scope and Contents
Photographs, correspondence, clippings, flyers, pamphlets, programs, event records, writings, awards, contacts, meeting minutes, court records, research records, and other materials documenting the activities and interests of Carolyn Weathers. Includes the foundational records of the Alcoholism Center for Women.

Arrangement
The series is arranged in alphabetical order.

Alcoholism Center for Women (ACW) records 1976-2012

Box 1, Folder 1
Documentation and ephemera 1976-2012
Box 1, Folder 2
Flyers, pamphlets, and programs circa 1976-1995
Box 1, Folder 3
History undated
Box 1, Folder 4
Notes undated
Box 1, Folder 5
Organizational correspondence 1983-2004
Box 1, Folder 6
Organizational models 1976
Box 1, Folder 7
Still Like Family event 2004
Box 1, Folder 8
We All Have our Reasons movie 1978
Box 1, Folder 9
Appointment book 1986
Box 1, Folder 10
Brenda Weathers award from the Alcoholism Center for Women 1986
Box 1, Folder 11
Brenda Weathers obituaries and funeral materials 2005
Box 1, Folder 12-20
Clippings and subject files 1970-2015
Box 4, Folder 4
Ephemera 1972, 2008
Physical Description: [Oversize]
Scope and Contents
Includes a handmade birthday card from O'Brien to Carolyn Weathers and Los Angeles certificates of commendation for Brenda and Carolyn Weathers

Box 1, Folder 32
Feminist subject files 1979-1991
Box 1, Folder 33-34
Flyers 1970-1995
Scope and Contents
Includes flyers promoting Carolyn Weathers, Brenda Weathers, Jenny Wrenn, and other LGBT people and events.
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<td>Includes 2 photographic prints and a CD with the same 2 digital images of Carolyn Weathers outside the Acme Bar in San Antonio.</td>
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<td>Box 4, Folder 2</td>
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<td>Includes black-and-white images of Mary Adair at the Alcoholism Center for Women Festival, October 25, 1976; Paige Morgenthal, undated; Denise Crippen, early 1970s; an International Women's Year Celebration button, 1975; and Travis Foote in her office, August 1975.</td>
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<td>Box 2, Folder 14</td>
<td>Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention materials 1970</td>
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<td>Scrapbook album of clippings and fliers publicizing Brenda Weathers, Carolyn Weathers, Jenny Wrenn, or Clothespin Fever Press 1986-1987</td>
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    Physical Description: [1 CD]
    Scope and Contents
    Music compilation created by Carolyn Weathers.

Box 3  Changing Images of Drinkers 1976
    Physical Description: [1 Betacam]
    Scope and Contents
    Addiction Research Foundation, 26 minutes.

Box 3  Disabled Women and Substance Abuse, Susan Forster undated
    Physical Description: [1 audiocassette}

Box 3  India, #1 undated
    Physical Description: [1 videotape (open reel)]

Box 3  It's Only Booze, Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center's Alcoholism Program for Women (APW) circa 1970-1975
    Physical Description: [1 videotape (open reel) and 1 DVD]
    Scope and Contents
    Blue Cross of Southern California, Youth and Alcohol, 28 minutes.

Box 3  The Mike Douglas Show, season 18, episode 157 May 15, 1980
    Physical Description: [Betacam]

Box 3  Music and Bob Boots with news from Denver undated
    Physical Description: [CD]
    Scope and Contents
    The CD is labeled "Reel to Reel Audio Denver Competition." When opened on the computer, the title reads "God's Leading Ladies."

Box 3  Music for the Alcoholism Center for Women 1975, undated
    Physical Description: [3 open-reel audiotapes, 9 CDs]
    Scope and Contents
    Primarily dance music for ACW. One of the audiotapes contains 53 seconds of "Misses in Skin Tight Britches."

Box 3  Ruth and Delia undated
    Physical Description: [1 VHS]
    Scope and Contents
    The Recovery Series, 14 minutes for "Ruth," 12 minutes for "Delia."

Box 3  Sarah T.: Portrait of a Teenage Alcoholic, parts 1-3 (ACW) 1975
    Physical Description: [3 videotapes (open reel)]
    Scope and Contents
    Television movie, 96 minutes.

Box 3  Seventh Annual Alcoholism in the Black Community Conference, East Orange General Hospital, New Jersey undated
    Physical Description: [6 audiocassettes]
Box 3  When We Fall, Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center’s Alcoholism Program for Women (APW) undated
   Physical Description: [1 videotape (open reel)]
   Scope and Contents
   Addiction Research Foundation, 17 minutes.

Box 3  Working with the Multiple Role Client with T. Davis and I. Sittler undated
   Physical Description: [4 audiocassettes]

Box 3  Unlabeled open-reel audiotapes undated