Women's Rights Button Collection MSS.2013.07.22

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Biographical History
Karen Offen received her Ph.D. from Stanford University and she is an independent historian and scholar, affiliated with the Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University. Her area of expertise is on the history of Modern Europe and specifically France and its global influences; Western thought and politics in relationship to family, gender, the status of women, historiography, women’s history, national, regional, global histories of feminism, and comparative history. She has published extensively in these areas and is editor of “Globalizing Feminisms, 1789-1945 (Routledge, 2010).
In addition, she is the founder and past secretary treasurer of the International Federation for Research for Women’s History, a past president of the Western Association of women Historians, and she has held fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship (1995-1996), the Rockefeller Foundation (1985-1986), and the National Endowment for the Humanities (1980-1981). She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the International Museum of Women in San Francisco.
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Arrangement
The collection is arranged into one series: Series I: Political and Women’s Right’s Buttons, 1952-2008.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Offen, Karen
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This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

Box 1: Political and Women's Rights Buttons 1952-2008
Folder 1, Anna (AFL-CIO)
Folder 2, Barbara Boxer for Senate
Folder 3, ERA Now
Folder 4, ERA YES
Folder 5, Expanding Your Horizons
Folder 6, Hillary for President
Folder 7, Histoire North Carolina Press
Folder 8, I Like Ike
Folder 9, Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way. Iron Jawed Angels
Folder 10, Mary Mary Quite Contrary
Folder 11, Mary Wollstonecraft 200 Years of Feminism
Folder 12, National Women’s History Month March, 1994
Folder 13, National Women’s History Week, March 7th-13th 1982
Folder 14, Never Another Season of Silence 1966 Failure is Impossible
Folder 15, Reclalm CLIO Join CCWHP
  Physical Description: 2.0 items
Folder 16, Rigoberta Menchu para Presidenta
Folder 17, Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History
Folder 18, When Women Vote, Women Win. Emily’s List
  Physical Description: 3.0 items
Folder 19, Women Change America National Women’s History Month March 2005
Folder 20, Women Who Think They Are Equal to Men Lack Ambition