Florence "Conrad" Jaffy papers

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Abstract: Florence Jaffy, a professor of Economics at the College of San Mateo, served as Research Director for the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) from approximately 1960 to 1970, where she worked under the alias of Florence Conrad.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research. Restrictions to certain materials may apply. Contact the archivist for more information.
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Scope and Content of Collection
Florence Jaffy, a professor of Economics at the College of San Mateo, served as Research Director for the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) from approximately 1960 to 1970, where she worked under the alias of Florence Conrad. She appears to have been in charge of gathering information, handling a variety of correspondence, working with groups who wanted research questionnaires submitted to DOB membership, and maintaining a file of news clippings, among other work. She also contributed book reviews to The Ladder, especially for nonfiction and psychology books. She was an active correspondent with a variety of prominent lesbian and gay activists, including Barbara Gittings, Barbara Grier (aka Gene Damon) and Frank Kameny. She was also quick to respond to any negative portrayal of lesbians in the media, and the files include numerous letters to editors, authors and academics critiquing their work.
Indexing Terms
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