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Biography
Sherna Berger Gluck has been a progressive community activist in Southern California since the 1950s. As a graduate student in sociology at UCLA she challenged the McCarthy era restrictions against Communist speakers. She was one of the earliest local activists in the women's movement. In 1972, she co-founded the Feminist History Research Project, connected with the Westside Women's Center. As an oral historian she has interviewed women involved in the suffrage, birth control labor, and other progressive movements of the early twentieth century.

In 1977 she began teaching at California State University at Long Beach where she subsequently became the director of the Oral History and Women's History Programs. She was actively involved in the Socialist Feminist Network, the Feminist...
Forum, and numerous other local women's organizations and coalitions. In 1987 she was a founding member of the Committee for Justice which worked to support the LA Eight, seven Palestinians and a Kenyan threatened with deportation. Her published works include *Rosie the Riveter Revisited, From Parlor to Prison,* and *An American Feminist in Palestine: The Intifada Years.*

**Scope and Content**

The Sherna Berger Gluck collection is divided into three series. **LOS ANGELES WOMEN’S MOVEMENT, WOMEN’S MOVEMENT - GENERAL,** and **COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE.**

The LOS ANGELES WOMEN’S MOVEMENT series contains two sub-series entitled **Reproductive Rights** and **General Feminist.** The Reproductive Rights sub-series is the major component of the LOS ANGELES WOMEN’S MOVEMENT series and includes considerable documentation on the January 22 Committee for Reproductive Rights of which Gluck was a founding member. It contains flyers for numerous actions and demonstrations, including a die-in to protest the death of Rosie Jimenez, the first woman to die from an illegal abortion after the Hyde Amendment cut off Medicaid funds for abortions for poor women. The General Feminist sub-series provides a great deal of documentation regarding many of the individuals and organizations involved in the Los Angeles Women’s movement in the 1980’s. Of particular note are the newsletters and minutes of the Socialist Feminist Network of Southern California. The minutes of March 20, 1982 describe a report by Alicia Rivera, a Salvadoran refugee, and a discussion of the role of women in revolution, particularly in the Salvadoran revolution.

The WOMEN’S MOVEMENT - GENERAL series contains records that primarily concern feminist activities and organizations outside of Los Angeles. The series is divided into two sub-series, **Anti-Censorship Coalition** and **Readings on the Right.** The Anti-Censorship Coalition papers include a statement of purpose for FACT/LA (Feminist Anti-Censorship Task Force/Los Angeles). There are also documents which reflect the debate within the women's movement over the issue of supporting anti-pornography legislation, including a defense of the proposed legislation by Carol Downer, founder of the Los Angeles Feminist Women’s Health Center. The sub-series Readings on the Right consists primarily of reproductions of articles by various profamily activists of the 1980s.

The COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE series documents the activities of the organization, established in 1987 on the campus of California State University Long Beach (CSULB) to defend the eight Palestinian and one Kenyan who were threatened with deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) under provisions of the McCarran-Walter act of 1952. Two of the Palestinian defendants were students at CSULB at the time. Included is a copy of a petition signed by faculty members calling for repeal of the McCarran-Walter act.

**LOS ANGELES WOMEN’S MOVEMENT**

**Reproductive Rights**

Box 1, Folder 1-7
- January 22 Coalition
- Songbook & Brochures
- Outreach
- Rosie Jimenez Day
- Legislation - 1985
- Agendas, minutes 1985 - 1986
- Clinica Eva Defense Committee
- Finances - 1987
- CARASA 1981 - 1982
- NARAL, CARAL 1985 - 1986

**General Feminist**

Box 1, Folder 10
- Socialist Feminist Network 1979 - 1981
- Los Angeles Working Group, Califia Community

**WOMEN’S MOVEMENT - GENERAL**

**Anti-Censorship Coalition**

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Anti-Censorship Coalition

Box 1, Folder 12  Correspondence 1984 - 1985
Box 1, Folder 13  Position Papers 1984 - 1985
Box 1, Folder 14  Statement of Policy 1985
Box 1, Folder 15  Articles 1984 - 1986
Box 1, Folder 16  Barnard Conference 1982

Readings on the Right
Box 1, Folder 18

Pamphlets, Articles 1980 - 1983

Box 1, Folder 19

Pro-Family Articles 1980, 1981

Box 2, Folder 1

New Conservatives 1980 - 1982

Box 2, Folder 2

Schlafly Reports 1983 - 1986

Box 2, Folder 3

Pro-Choice, Right-to Life 1985 - 1987

COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE

Box 2, Folder 4  Correspondence, Articles 1987
Box 2, Folder 5  Articles 1987