Nikki Colodny papers, 1978-1995LSC.2188

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Abstract: Dr. Nikki Colodny was a pro-choice activist, abortion provider, and women's health advocate operating in Toronto, Ontario throughout the 1980s and 1990s. This collection contains records from several clinics and advocacy organizations with which she was active, in addition to press coverage of her activities and research materials.
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Processing History
Processed by Stacy Wood, 2013
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The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA is an outreach and collection-building partnership between the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives, the UCLA Center for the Study of Women (CSW) and the UCLA Library. These collections expand the pool of primary source materials available to researchers and to the community at large. This partnership was initiated by CSW and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to inventory, organize, preserve, and digitize more than eighty Mazer collections pertaining to lesbian and feminist activism and writings.
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Biography
Dr. Nikki Colodny (born April 1, 1948), was a Canadian abortion provider, women's health advocate and activist operating in Toronto, Ontario throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Most prominently, she worked with Dr. Henry Morgentaler, providing medical care and abortion services which at the time were illegal. Their arrests and repeated harassment brought publicity to their cause, eventually precipitating the overturn of abortion laws by the Supreme Court of Canada in 1988. In that same year, Colodny founded the cooperative Women's Choice Health Clinic. In addition to her medical services, she was an active participant in several pro-choice organizations including the Ontario Coalition of Abortion Clinics (OCAC), the National Abortion Federation (NAF), and the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL). Her research is widely published in both medical and women's studies academic journals.
Scope and Content
This collection contains organizational records from the Choice in Health Clinic as well as from several operational Canadian pro-choice activist organizations. Also included is press coverage of abortion rights in Canada as well as more specific coverage of Dr. Nikki Colodny and Dr. Henry Morgentaler's legal battles. A small amount of photographs and personal correspondence are represented in the collection, but the majority of materials deal with Dr. Colodny's professional
activities.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Materials in this collection are arranged chronologically.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Colodny, Nikki -- Archives

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Box 1, Folder 1  **Official reports: Court and legal proceedings 1977-1990**

Box 1, Folder 2  **Canadian Medical Association 1978-1995**

Box 1, Folder 3  **Canadian Dimension 1980-1985**

  **Scope and Content**

  Volume 15, Number 1 & 2 (October/November 1980); Labour Supplement (1983); Volume 18, Number 5 (June 1984); Volume 18, Number 6 (December 1984/January 1985)

Box 1, Folder 4  **Notes and personal items circa 1980s**

Box 1, Folder 5  **Ephemera: stickers circa 1980s-1990s**

Box 1, Folder 6  **Photographs circa 1980s-1990s**

Box 1, Folder 7  **Medical Licensing 1981-1988**

Box 1, Folder 8  **Agenda: That Which Must Be Done 1982-1983**

  **Scope and Content**

  Vol. 1 No. 6 (January 1982); Vol. 1 No. 7 (March 1982); Vol. 2 No. 1/2 (Sept/Oct 1982); Vol. 2 No. 3 Special Issue (June 1983)

Box 1, Folder 9  **Pamphlets 1983-1986**

Box 1, Folder 10  **Medical Reform Group 1984-1985**

Box 1, Folder 11  **National Action Committee on the Status of Women 1984-1985**

Box 1, Folder 12  **Fact sheets and briefs 1984-1988**

Box 1, Folder 13  **The National Democratic Party (NDP) 1984-1994**

Box 1, Folder 14  **Published Research Material: medical, legal, feminist 1984-1996**

Box 2, Folder 1  **Doctors for Choice 1985-1986**

Box 2, Folder 2  **Anti-choice materials 1985-1987**

Box 2, Folder 3  **Dr. Morgentaler and Dr. Colodny arrests 1985-1987**

  Language of Materials: Contains a French language newsletter

Box 2, Folder 4  **Fliers 1985-1987**

  **Scope and Content**

  Fliers for rallies, events, and gatherings predominantly around abortion rights and the pro-choice movement.

Box 2, Folder 5  **Programs and conference materials 1985-1987**

Box 2, Folder 6  **Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics (OCAC) 1985-1995**

Box 2, Folder 7  **National Abortion Federation (NAF) 1985-1996**

Box 2, Folder 8  **Court case (Pro-Choice Defence Fund) 1986**

Box 2, Folder 9  **Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion (CCCA)- Vancouver 1986-1987**

Box 2, Folder 10  **Press releases and letters 1986-1987**

Box 2, Folder 11, **Correspondence 1986-1998**

Box 3, Folder 1  **Coalition for Access to Abortion 1987**

Box 3, Folder 2  **Report on Therapeutic Abortion Services in Ontario 1987**

Box 3, Folder 3  **Canadian Abortion Rights Action League 1987-1988**
Box 3, Folder 5  Newsletters 1987-1988
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Box 3, Folder 6  Choice in Health Clinic: Supporting organizations funding letters 1988
Box 3, Folder 7  Choice in Health Clinic: Press releases 1988-1989
Box 3, Folder 8  Independent Health Facilities Act 1988-1990
Box 3, Folder 9  Choice in Health Clinic: Financial statements and proposals 1989-1990
Box 3, Folder 10  Choice in Health Clinic: External correspondence 1989-1995
Box 3, Folder 11  Choice in Health Clinic: Training and hiring 1989-1995
  Language of Materials: This folder contains French language material.

Box 3, Folder 12  Clinique Planning Familial & Sexualite 1989-1995
  Language of Materials: This folder contains French language materials.
  Scope and Content
  Contains blank patient forms and general information about abortion.

Box 4, Folder 1  Birth control in service materials 1990-1993
Box 4, Folder 2  Choice in Health Clinic: Internal correspondence 1990-1999
Box 4, Folder 3  Choice in Health Clinic: Trademarks 1991
Box 4, Folder 4  IPAS Gynecologic Aspiration Kit with Karman Cannulae and Syringes 1992
Box 4, Folder 5  Training materials 1992-1993
Box 4, Folder 6  Ministry of Health Task Group 1992-1994
Box 4, Folder 7  Doctor training 1992-1996
Box 4, Folder 8  Choice in Health Clinic: Harassment suit Affidavits: Ontario Court (General Division) 1993
Box 4, Folder 9  Protests and harassment outside of abortion clinics 1993
Box 4, Folder 10  Homophobia 1993
Box 4, Folder 11  Gordon Watson case 1994
Box 4, Folder 12  Methotrexate and Misoprostol induced abortion 1994-1996