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Title: Betty Jetter papers
Identifier/Call Number: LSC.1983
Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 3.0 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 carton, 1 shoe box, and 1 flat box)
Date (inclusive): 1972-1993
Abstract: Betty Jetter was active in lesbian separatist communities and conversations, particularly with the Califia Community, which organized feminist educational retreats. She was also a poet and participant in local lesbian politics. This collection contains personal correspondence and material about Califia community organizing and feminist organization Sol Sisters, as well as ephemera, photographs, and collected readings.
Language of Materials: Materials are in English.
Physical Location: Stored off-site at SRLF. All requests to access special collections material must be made in advance using the request button located on this page.
Creator: Jetter, Betty, 1932-
Conditions Governing Access
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Acquisition Information
This collection is part of 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.
Processing History
Sponsor
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/History
Betty Jetter was active in lesbian separatist communities and conversations, particularly with the Califia community. She was also a poet and participant in local lesbian politics.
Scope and Content
The bulk of the collection is made up of both audio and paper correspondence between Betty Jetter and her former lover, Joy Howard. The correspondence deals with both women's experiences within the lesbian community as well as their opinions and thoughts on contemporary political issues such as sadomasochism, lesbian separatism, and pornography. In addition, there is a substantial amount of material about Califia Community retreats for women and the feminist group Sol Sisters, as well as readings, poems, photographs, and ephemera created or collected by Betty Jetter.
Organization and Arrangement
Materials arranged by subject.
**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

COLLECTION CONTAINS AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS: Audiovisual materials in this collection will require assessment and possible digitization for safe access. All requests to access special collections material must be made in advance using the request button located on this page.

**Related Material**

*Diane Germain papers (Collection 1961)*. Available at Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Jetter, Betty, 1932-- Archives.
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA.
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Lesbian activists--United States--Archives.

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<td>Letters from Joy Howard to Betty Jetter discussing their relationship, lesbian oppression, patriarchy, academics, feminist activism, motherhood, personal matters and other topics.</td>
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| 4, 1         | **Califa: Registration 1982-1983** |
|             | Scope and Content |
|             | Registration forms and letters, directions to the campsite, rules and regulations as well as other pertinent information for the duration of Califa Community, a feminist educational retreat which Betty Jetter participated in. |

| 4, 2         | **Califa: Registration, special needs 1983** |
|             | Scope and Content |
|             | Registration information for attendees of Califa with special needs or low income. |

| 4, 3         | **Califa: Flyers 1983** |
|             | Scope and Content |
|             | Mock-ups for Califa flyers. |

| 4, 4         | **Califa: Rosters 1983-1984** |
| 4, 5         | **Califa: Evaluations 1983-1984** |
| 4, 6         | **Califa: Packets May 1980** |
|             | Scope and Content |
|             | Packet covering rules, regulations, activities and goals of the Califa Community. |

| 1, 1         | **Sol Sisters: Newsletter mock-ups January 1984-January 1986** |
|             | Scope and Content |
|             | Mock-ups of the newsletter published by Sol Sisters, a group "organized for Social and Political purposes in order to create a safe environment for women working towards a feminist reality." |

| 4, 7         | **Sol Sisters: Newsletter guidelines 1984** |
| 4, 8         | **Sol Sisters: Mailing list undated** |
| 4, 9         | **Sol Sisters: Questionnaires undated** |
| 4, 10        | **Poems 1982** |
|             | Scope and Content |
|             | Poems by Betty Jetter. |
Box 4, Folder 11  Readings and published materials circa 1972-1983  
Scope and Content  
Various published materials concerning lesbian culture and political issues including discussions of lesbian separatism and sadomasochism, some of which were written by Jetter.

Box 4, Folder 12  Ephemera circa 1981-1986  
Scope and Content  
Assorted materials including stickers, programs for events, and cartoons.

Box 4, Folders 11-17  Photographs circa 1988-1990  
Scope and Content  
Photographs of Califia retreats, personal cruises and other social events.

Box 4, Folder 18  Journal undated  
Scope and Content  
Handwritten excerpts of Betty Jetter's journal.

Box 3  Publications, audiocassettes, and ephemera 1975-1993  
Scope and Content  
Includes published novels, zines and buttons collected by Betty Jetter. Also includes three audio cassettes of readings and performances as well as one documentary on VHS.  
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Box 5  Audio Correspondence October 1981-March 1982  
Scope and Content  
Includes 17 audio cassettes recording personal correspondence sent to Betty Jetter by Joy Howard. Also written on an empty cassette case are the words "March 1, 1982 Joy to Me #16," but no corresponding cassette is included.  
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Box 5  Telephone Tapes October 1981-May 1982  
Scope and Content  
Includes 21 audio cassette recordings of telephone conversations between Betty Jetter and Joy Howard, with one tape including a reading of Jeffrey Week's "Sexuality and Nuclear War."  
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Box 5

Psychic session October 5, 1981

Scope and Content
One audio cassette containing "Past life with Joy Howard" on side 1 and "Summation by Helen Rosenstock - Her impressions of Joy and myself" on side 2.

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