Finding Aid for the Margriet Kiers and Kenna Hicks papers LSC.1985

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Title: Margriet Kiers and Kenna Hicks papers
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Physical Description: 5.4 Linear Feet(12 boxes)
Date (inclusive): circa 1950s-1997
Abstract: Margriet Kiers and Kenna Hicks were long-term romantic partners and were active members of the lesbian feminist activist community in Santa Barbara. This collection is comprised of periodicals, newsletters, correspondence and membership material from Santa Barbara as well as national feminist and LGBT organizations. Also included is personal and professional material from both Kiers and Hicks such as correspondence, education documents, ephemera, journals, poetry, clippings and artwork.
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Acquisition Information
Gift, Kenna Hicks, circa 2001.
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
Description enhanced and further physical processing completed by Jessica Tai in 2017.
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
Kenna Hicks was born August 28th, 1945 in Lawrence County, Ohio. Margriet Kiers was born November 30, 1945 in the Netherlands and attended the University of California, Santa Barbara where she majored in Sociology and Psychology. Margriet Kiers and Kenna Hicks were long-term romantic partners and were active members of the lesbian feminist activist community in San Francisco and Santa Barbara. Kiers and Hicks were also business partners, operating a courier service and cleaning service together. Hicks worked for a period as an airline stewardess, and Kiers worked for several doctors and lawyers as a secretary. Both women were interested in LGBT and women's rights, as well as communal living, and woman-owned land cooperatives.

Scope and Content
This collection is comprised of periodicals, newsletters, correspondence and membership material from Santa Barbara as well as national feminist and LGBT organizations. Also included is personal and professional material from both Kiers and
Hicks such as correspondence, education documents, ephemera, journals, poetry, clippings and artwork. A particular strength of the collection are the publications and materials from organizations that focus on LGBT and women's rights.

**Organization and Arrangement**

This collection has been arranged in the following series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, circa 1970s-1986

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements**

COLLECTION CONTAINS UNPROCESSED AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS: Materials will require assessment and may need further processing for safe access. All requests to access special collections materials must be made in advance using the request button located on this page.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Lesbian activists -- United States -- Archives.
Kiers, Margriet -- Archives
University of California, Los Angeles. Library
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives
Hicks, Kenna -- Archives

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**Correspondence** Series 1. circa 1970s-1986

**Scope and Content**

This series contains personal correspondence addressed to both Kiers and Hicks, as well as correspondence addressed to them individually. Also included is correspondence from both Hicks and Kiers with businesses, organizations, news stations and legislators regarding LGBT and women's rights.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

- box 3, folder 1-4
- box 4, folder 1-5
- box 2, folder 1-5
- box 5, folder 1-2
- box 1, folder 1-6

**Personal correspondence 1976-1991**

**Scope and Content**

Box 3, Folder 2 contains organic material.

- box 5, folder 3-4

**Correspondence regarding LGBT and Women's Rights 1974-1980**

**Women's and LGBT Organizations Materials and Publications** Series 2. 1972-1997

**Scope and Content**

This series contains newsletters, correspondence, fliers, membership materials and periodicals from a range of LGBT and feminist organizations. Notable organizations and publications include the National Gay Task Force (now National LGBTQ Task Force), Lambda Legal, Senior Action in a Gay Environment (now Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders), *Off Our Backs*, *Lesbian Connection* and *Lesbian Tide*.

**Organization and Arrangement**

Materials in this series are arranged alphabetically by organization or publication.

- box 5, folder 5
- box 6, folder 1-2
- box 5, folder 6
- box 6, folder 3

**Organizations: California Human Rights Advocates 1979-1981**

**Organizations: Compiled Material 1974-1983**

Women's and LGBT Organizations Materials and Publications Series 2. 1972-1997

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Professional materials Series 3. 1966-circa 1970s
Scope and Content
This series contains materials related to Hicks and Kiers' professional activities including documentation of their time working as caretakers of the Willow Retreat in Napa, CA. Also included are materials from the Small Business Administration, a cover letter and resume for Kiers, and advertisements for their courier and cleaning services.

Organization and Arrangement
Materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

Business and professional materials 1966-circa 1970s
Small business administration materials circa 1970s
Willow retreat 1974-1975

Personal materials Series 4. circa 1950s-1994
Scope and Content
This series contains ephemera, photographs, artwork, journals and education documents from both Kiers and Hicks. Artwork includes a photographic gelatin silver print, childhood paintings by Hicks, artwork by Kiers and an artists' book made for Hicks. Also included are journals and writing by both Kiers and Hicks.

Organization and Arrangement
Materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
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Artwork circa 1950s-circa 1970s
Ephemera circa 1960s-1980s
Photographs circa 1960s-1970s
Journals 1962-1973
Education Documents 1965-1979
Materials on Irish Music and Trinity College Library, Dublin circa 1970s-1980s
Poetry circa 1970s
Resources circa 1970s-1980s
box 12

**Santa Barbara Women’s Goddess Gathering circa 1970s**

**Scope and Content**

8mm Film

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box 11, folder 10

**Legal 1971-1972**

box 12

**Books and Calendars 1972-1994**

box 11, folder 11

**Clippings and Articles 1975-1982**

box 11, folder 12

**Writing by Kenna Hicks 1984**