Finding aid for the Marilyn Murphy Papers LSC.2226

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Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.4 linear feet (1 carton, 1 box)
Date (inclusive): 1971-2005
Abstract: Marilyn Murphy was a lesbian activist and author. She had a long-running column, "Lesbian Logic," in Lesbian News in the 1980s and a selection of her columns appeared in the 1991 book, Are You Girls Traveling Alone? She was an active member of the organization Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC) and the Califia Community along with Diane F. Germain. The collection consists of several of Murphy's published and unpublished works, including a copy of her book, as well as correspondence, ephemera, and audiovisual materials.
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: Murphy, Marilyn, 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
Processed by Stacy Wood, 2014. Description enhanced and further physical processing completed by Sabrina Ponce in 2018.
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
Marilyn Murphy was a lesbian activist and author. She had a long-running column, "Lesbian Logic," in Lesbian News in the 1980s and a selection of her columns appeared in the 1991 book, Are You Girls Traveling Alone? She was an active member of the organization Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC) and the Califia Community along with Diane F. Germain. Murphy died in 2004 and is survived by her partner, Irene Weiss, co-founder of the Califia Community.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of several of Murphy's published and unpublished works, including a copy of her book Are You Girls Traveling Alone?, as well as correspondence, ephemera, and audiovisual materials.
Organization and Arrangement
Materials arranged by type.
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

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

Old Lesbians Organizing for Change Records (Collection 2203) . Available at UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA.
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives.
Murphy, Marilyn, 1932- -- Archives.
Lesbian activists--United States--Archives.
Lesbian authors--United States--Archives.

Box 2, Folder 1 Fundraiser flyer and NOW resolution 1971-1981
Scope and Content
Flyer for a personal fundraiser and a resolution drafted for the Los Angeles chapter of NOW (National Organization for Women.)

Box 2, Folders 2-3 Articles 1974-1992
Scope and Content
Articles, drafts and duplicates written by Marilyn Murphy for various lesbian and feminist publications. Includes articles published in various edited volumes and publications such as United Sisters Magazine and New Directions for Women.

Box 2, Folders 4-5 Essays 1974-1992
Scope and Content
Essays, drafts, duplicates and corrections of articles written by Marilyn Murphy for various lesbian publications such as Off the Rag: Lesbians Writing on Menopause and The Presence of Others: Readings for Critical Thinking and Writing.

Box 2, Folder 6 Correspondence 1974-1997
Scope and Content
Correspondence between Marilyn Murphy and friends as well as from admirers of her work.

Box 2, Folder 7 Are You Girls Traveling Alone? 1991
Scope and Content
A copy of Marilyn Murphy’s book Are You Traveling Alone?

Box 2, Folder 8 Memorial 2004-2005
Scope and Content
Hard copies of emails coordinating memorial services for Marilyn Murphy.

Box 1 Ephemera circa 1988-2004
Scope and Content
Includes a promotional towel for the program The L Word and two buttons.
Box 1

**Audiovisual materials circa 1974-1999**

**Scope and Content**
Includes three audiocassettes, two MiniDV cassettes, and four videocassettes documenting activities of the Califia community, Murphy's life history, and interviews among other recordings.

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