Southern California Women for Understanding (SCWU) collection, 1975-1999

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History
Southern California Women for Understanding (SCWU), an educational non-profit organization, formed in 1976 and dedicated itself to "enhancing the quality of life for [the lesbian] community and for lesbians nationwide, creative and positive exchange about homosexuality, [and] changing stereotypical images of lesbians." SCWU emerged in the midst of the civil rights, gay rights, and women's movements when many marginalized social groups organized en masse to demand recognition and rights. SCWU was one of the earliest known lesbian organizations. At its height, SCWU reached membership of 1,100 and in 1982, Lesbian News hailed it as the "largest lesbian support group in the country."

SCWU originated as a "support group" of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation (WRF), a San Francisco based gay rights organization that strove to educate the public on homosexuality. In 1976, Betty Berzon, one of the few female board members, invited twenty women to form the Southern California Women for Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation. After forming a steering committee and electing officers, the women planned a series of "Special Interest Raps" which would allow lesbian women to come together and informally discuss a variety of topics. Founder Betty Berzon led SCWU's first Special Interest Rap, "Disclosing Your Gayness to Family and Friends." Berzon was a licensed psychotherapist who was one of the first to work with gay and lesbian clients.

In 1978, SCWU and WRF mutually severed its ties as WRF decided to exclusively focus their efforts on itself as an alcoholism treatment center for the gay population in San Francisco. SCWU flourished and focused its efforts on educational and social events, fundraising, legislative lobbying, and fostering projects for the lesbian community (i.e. Connexxus/Centro de Mujeres). In addition to its grassroots efforts in building a social space for the lesbian community in Los Angeles, SCWU strove to work with high profile figures. In 1977, SCWU Chair, Myra Riddell, travels to the White House as part of the National Gay Task Force which was invited by Margaret "Midge" Costanza, Presidential Assistant for Public Liaison. Its annual Lesbian Rights Award Dinner would honor a lesbian woman whose work benefited lesbians on a large scale. Honorees include Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon (Daughters of Bilitis founders), Elsa Gidlow (poet), Dianne Abbot and Roberta Bennett (attorneys, founders of first Sexuality and Lesbian Task Forces of the Los Angeles National Organization of Women).
chapter), Virginia Uribe (Project 10 founders), Adrienne Rich (writer), Gloría Anzaldúa (writer), Cherrie Moraga (writer), and Jackie Goldberg (Los Angeles City Councilmember).

Being an educational organization, SCWU hosted a variety of educational programs from informal "rap" groups, theater productions (Welcome to Our Lesbian World), and guest speakers. Additionally, SCWU's research committee designed and executed studies on Los Angeles lesbian lifestyles. In 1977, SCWU surveyed its membership via the "Personal Profile Questionnaires" with questions on family, religious, educational, professional, health background as well as experiences with social and employment discrimination. The committee received 1,000 responses; the results were published in the SCWU newsletter.

In addition to the projects planned and executed by the central organization, SCWU had numerous area chapters that would plan and execute their own projects and events tailored to its respective constituency. The majority of the area chapters were located in California – Long Beach/Orange County, San Gabriel Valley, Los Angeles/Valley, Inland Empire, Palm Springs and desert areas, San Diego, Santa Monica and nearby beach cities, Ventura, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. The only out-of-state chapter was located in Wilmington, Delaware. According to the Board of Directors minutes, there was some discussion about contacting lesbian groups in the southwest but there is no indication that area chapters formed in said region.

As evidenced by expensive fundraising dinners and other events that often charged a cover fee, it is evident that SCWU catered to a membership that consisted primarily of professional, middle and upper-class women, the majority of whom were white. In response to criticisms of being elitist, the Board of Directors began an internal dialogue on diversity in 1989.

May 15, 1976 Betty Berzon sends a letter to twenty women inviting them to her home to discuss the formation of a steering committee for the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation.

June 4, 1976 Berzon and twelve women meet to discuss WRF and a women's group.

June 14, 1976 Seven women meet again to elect committee officers: Myra Riddell (Chairperson), Terry DeCresenzo (Vic-Chairperson), Sue Philbrick (Secretary), Karen Weiss (Treasurer), Betty Berzon (Ex-Officio, Liaison to the Board), Pat Berly, Gloria Muetzel, Irene Robertson, Jane Patterson, and Barbara Colby comprised the remaining committee members.

July 25, 1976 First membership appeal meeting held and attended by fifty women.

October 8, 1976 SCW-WRF hosts first Special Interest Rap, "Disclosing Your Gayness to Family and Friends." Speaker is Betty Berzon, a licensed psychologist.

January 30, 1977 Pat Denslow presents new by-laws to SCW-WRF.

February 25, 1977 SCW-WRF hosts Jean O'Leary, ex-nun, Co-Executive Director of National Gay Task Force, and openly gay delegate to the Democratic National Convention as well as Grace Davis Montanez, Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles.

March 26, 1977 Myra Riddell travels to the White House as part of the National Gay Task Force invited by Margaret "Midge" Costanza (Presidential Assistant for Public Liaison).

Fall 1977 SCW/WRF sends out Personal Profile Questionnaires aimed to find out more about lesbians' social conditions in Los Angeles. Report of results published in March/April 1978 newsletter.

September 10, 1977 SCW/WRF members present a workshop on various lesbian issues at USC. Workshop features keynote speaker Olga Broumas, first openly gay woman to win the Yale Younger Poets Prize.

July/August 1978 SCW-WRF announces its disassociation from the WRF and become known as SCW.

August/September 1978 SCW starts hosting Receptions for Understanding in which members could informally meet with potential allies in the non-gay community. The first Reception on August 24 was covered by NBC News.

September/October 1978 SCW becomes Southern California Women for Understanding (SCWU).

December 4, 1978 Forty women meet in Long Beach to discuss the formation of a Southern Committee of the SCWU.

January 6, 1979 Judi Doyle is named Chair of the Southern Committee.

September 15, 1979 SCWU holds first Lesbian Rights Award Banquet and honors Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, founders of first lesbian organization, Daughters of Bilitis.

October 19, 1979 The Ventura Committee hosts its first Special Interest Program, "Women and the Law."
January 10, 1980
The Advocate features Myra Riddell and SCWU in a two page spread.

March 7, 1980
The San Gabriel Valley Committee holds its first Special Interest Program, "Orientation Rap" and is attended by sixteen women. Ret informally acts as Chair.

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SCWU opens its first office on 13719 Ventura Avenue, Suite D in Sherman Oaks.

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March 17, 1990  SCWU holds its eighth Lesbian Rights Award Banquet and honors Karen Thompson, lesbian and human rights activist.


July 7, 1991  SCWU sponsors the IMRU radio program on KPFK 90.7 with Theresa Erreca and Dr. Woolbridge.

July 28, 1991  A Wilmington, Delaware group and Desert Women's Association gain chapter status.

Board decides on the "dba" (doing business as) name of "National Association of Women for Understanding" to reflect the national nature of SCWU.

August 1991  Santa Barbara group holds preliminary meetings.

September 1, 1991  Santa Maria group holds first meeting.

November 3, 1991  Santa Barbara group gains chapter status.

March 14, 1992  SCWU holds its tenth Lesbian Rights Award Banquet and honors Roberta Achtenberg, Member of the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco.

April 17, 1993  SCWU holds its eleventh Lesbian Rights Award Banquet and honors Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, Captain Dusty Pruitt, and attorney Mary Newcombe.

April 23, 1994  SCWU holds its twelfth Lesbian Rights Award Banquet and honors Jackie Goldberg, Los Angeles City Council Member.

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**Related Material**

This collection forms part of the [The June L. Mazer Archive](#) at UCLA.

See [Connexxus/Centro de Mujeres Collection](#) which originated as a project under the non-profit auspices of SCWU.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Southern California Women for Understanding.

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**Board of directors. Series 1. 1975-1993.**

Physical Description: 87.0 folders

Scope and Content Note

Material relates to functions of the board such as policy making, meetings, and fundraising. Contains print materials (minutes, policy drafts, correspondence, newsletters, subject files) as well as audio cassettes and photographs.

Arrangement note

Sub-series are arranged in chronological order.

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**Founding papers. Subseries 1. 1975-1986.**

Physical Description: 5.0 folders

Arrangement note

Documents were originally contained in a three-ring-binder separated by dividers labeled by year. Each folder contains a divider section of the original binder.

Scope and Content Note

The "Founding Papers" sub-series encompasses the early documentation of SCWU when it was a "support group" of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation (WRF). Folders include notes and correspondence from founder Betty Berzon, WRF newsletters, SCW's correspondence with WRF and early correspondence with supporters and members. See folder scope/content notes for a more detailed inventory.

Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Contains Betty Berzon's original invitational letter for the WRF women's "support group," sign-in sheet (with blank spaces left to preserve women's anonymity), timeline of WRF women's support group, correspondence regarding the internal conflict and future of WRF, WRF board and SCWU meeting minutes, WRF newsletter, Berzon's notes for educational programs and projects, SCW's proposal to the WRF board regarding their official relationship, and letters of endorsement, support and outrage to public officials and business and media executives. "Notes for Aron and Claudia re SCWU 'first documents' as BG to 10th anniv NL article SCWU NEWSLETTER" by Bunny MacCulloch (1986) details the origins of SCWU as a "support group" of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation (WRF) started by Betty Berzon. MacCulloch briefly outlines SCWU's initial challenges and learning process of working together, by-law and policy making, official severance from WRF, estrangement from original members Terry DeCrescenzo and Betty Berzon, and the resignation/firing of June Mazer as newsletter co-editor.

Folder also contains famous "Closet ad" (1975) by WRF that appeared in major publications such as Times, Newsweek, Harpers, Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, and The Advocate.

Box 1, Folder 2  1977. 1977-1978.
Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Photocopied handwritten notes on steering committees' responsibilities and by-laws by Pat Denslow. SCW correspondence to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Margaret "Midge" Costanza at the White House. WRF newsletter (Winter/Spring 1977) detailing SCW/WRF members' "Ten Gays in the White House" trip and January 1978 issue. Minutes of WRF Board of Directors meeting (May 5, 1978)

Box 1, Folder 3  1978. 1978.
Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence (handwritten and typed drafts) to members, WRF personnel, legislators, and SCW members from Dianne Crocker (Communications Secretary) and Myra Riddell (Chairperson). Memorandum and letters of resignation from WRF board members and WRF Board of Directors meeting agenda (July 6, 1978).

Box 1, Folder 4  1979. 1979.
Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence regarding board members' resignations, member appreciation, organization endorsement. Recipients include members, National Organization for Women (NOW), ACLU, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon (Daughters of Bilitis founders), from Myra Riddell (Chairperson), Bunny MacCulloch, June Mazer.

Box 1, Folder 5  1980. 1980.
Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence with the IRS, ally organizations, thank you letters to presenters at Special Interest Programs (SIP), resigning board members, letters of acceptance to new board members, and memorandum by Bunny MacCulloch and Maribeth Kelly (Corresponding Secretary), Myra Riddell (Chairperson), and other board members.

Physical Description: 26.0 folders
Arrangement note
Documents were originally contained in three-ring-binders separated by labeled dividers. The original order was maintained by labeling folders according to the dividers. The sub-series is arranged by a loose chronological order as there is some overlap on the years.
Scope and Content Note
Contains drafts and final versions of by-laws, procedures and organizational structure.

Box 1, Folders 6 - 9
Physical Description: 4 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 6: Member lists (1976-1989)
Folder 7: Ballots and elections (1977-1993)
Folder 8: Guidelines (1980-1986)
Folder 9: Functions (1979-1984)
General note
Material was originally contained in a three-ring-binder entitled "Board structure." Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Box 1, Folders 10 - 11
Physical Description: 2 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 10: By-laws (1977-1983)
Folder 11: Standing rules (1977)
General note
Material was originally contained in a three-ring-binder. Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Box 1, Folders 12 - 20
Physical Description: 9 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 12: Review (1979)
Folder 14: Summaries (1982)
Folder 15: Board of directors (1985)
Folder 16: Financial (1985)
Folder 17: Newsletter (1985)
Folder 18: Committees (1985)
Folder 19: Personnel, formation of chapters, miscellaneous (1985)
Folder 20: General and board of directors procedures
General note
Material was originally contained in a three-ring binder entitled "Procedures." Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers. See also Box 2, Folders 31-35 for more procedures documents.

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**BOX 15**  
One audio cassette labeled "June 6th SCWU 1981."

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**General note**  
Materials originally contained in three-ring binder labeled "5 Year Goals." Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

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Boxes 1 - 2, 15.
Folders 32 - 41, 1 - 8

Minutes (Board of Directors and Executive Committee). 1976-1993.
Physical Description: 18 folders
Scope and Content Note
BOX 1
Folder 32: June, August-December (1976)
Folder 33: January-October, December (1977)
Folder 34: January-December (1978)
Folder 35: January-December (1979)
Folder 36: January-December (1980)
Folder 37: January-December (1981)
Folder 38: January-December (1982)
Folder 39: January-October, December (1983)
Folder 40: January-November (1984)
Folder 41: January-December (1985)

BOX 2
Folder 1: January-December (1986)
Folder 2: January-August (1987)
Folder 3: February, December (1988)
Folder 4: January, March-April, June-August, November-December (1989)
Folder 5: January-September (1990)
Folder 6: January, March-August, November (1991)
Folder 7: January (1992)
Folder 8: June (1993)

BOX 15
Contains two audio cassettes labeled "Board brainstorm Jan 23 1983."

Box 2, Folder 53
Correspondence. 1986.
Physical Description: 1 folder

Physical Description: 33.0 folders
Arrangement note
The papers were originally contained in a box labeled "Judi Doyle papers to break down and put in notebooks" and were not arranged in any particular order. Instead of integrating the documents into the rest of the collection, the processor decided to keep them separate as they reflected the breadth of responsibilities and activities in which Doyle was involved as a chapter founder, board member, and SCWU chair. The organizational schema of her papers roughly mirror the arrangement of the Central administrative files with folders in alphabetical order by subject.
Scope and Content Note
Judi Doyle was one of the founders of the SCWU Southern chapter and later served as Chairperson and board member of SCWU. Her papers relate to various aspects of her tenure in leadership positions at SCWU. This sub-series also contains three photographs.

Box 2, Folder 9
Award, Vicky Awards Committee. 1980.
Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Certificate of Nomination for Supporting Organization (1980) presented to SCWU by Vicky Awards Committee
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Box 2, Folders 24 - 28

**Personnel. 1980-1985.**

- Physical Description: 5 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  - Folder 26: Executive Director applicants (1985)
  - Folder 27: Fundraising Chair applicants (1982)
  - Folder 28: Managing Editor applicants (1985)

Box 2, Folder 29

**Nominations for the Board. 1986.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 2, Folder 30

**Photographs. 1984.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder
- Scope and Content Note
  - Three 5x7 black and white photographs. No people are identified. One is labeled "Board doing newsletter assembly (1984)."

Box 2, Folders 31 - 35

**Procedures. 1980-1987.**

- Physical Description: 5 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  - Folder 31: 1980-1984
  - Folder 32: 1985
  - Folder 33: 1986
  - Folder 34: 1987
  - Folder 35: undated
- General note
  - See also Box 1, Folders 12-20 for more procedures documents.

Box 2, Folder 36

**Proposals to the board. 1985-1988.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 2, Folder 37

**Rosters, board members. 1980-1984.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 2, Folders 38 - 42

**Treasurer's reports. 1981-1987.**

- Physical Description: 5 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  - Folder 38: 1981-1982
  - Folder 39: 1983-1984
  - Folder 40: 1985-1986
  - Folder 41: 1987
  - Folder 42: undated

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**Administrative files. Series 2. 1979-1994.**

- Physical Description: 18.0 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  - Contains human resources files, correspondence, clippings, beta video cassettes, audio cassettes, photographs, and promotional print materials and objects.
- Arrangement note
  - Documents are arranged by format.
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<th>Box 2, Folders 43 - 49</th>
<th><strong>Central administrative records. 1979-1994.</strong></th>
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<td>Folder 43: Personnel committee (1980-1994)</td>
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<td>Folder 45: Employees (1980-1985)</td>
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<td>Folder 46: Contracting members and participating accounts (1979-1980)</td>
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<td>Folder 47: Volunteer task force (1980)</td>
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<td>Folder 49: Letterhead (1979-1982)</td>
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<td><strong>General note</strong></td>
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<td>Folder 45 includes two 3x5 black and white photographs of Jean Conger, Executive Director, and one 8x11 print of unidentified employee. Folder 48 contains ten black and white 3x5 photographs of the West Hollywood SCWU office and staff, four color 3x5 photographs of members during the moving process, and four 8x11 black and white photographs of SCWU meeting locations.</td>
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<td>Folder 5: 1989</td>
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<td>Box 16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Folder 3: Correspondence, oversized card from LGRC Board of Directors (1982)</td>
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<td><strong>General note</strong></td>
<td>Materials originally contained in two three-ring binders labeled &quot;Correspondence.&quot; Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.</td>
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<th><strong>Clippings. 1986-1988.</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Scope and Content Note</strong></td>
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<td>Contains a Project 10 leaflet, an SCWU leaflet on &quot;Lesbians: Low risk for AIDS, a leaflet of the SCWU song, handwritten notes on businesses, event details, and SCWU members.</td>
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<td>Box 15</td>
<td>One Betamax videocassette labeled &quot;SCWU 9/22/85 TAM/CLAUD Tape 3.&quot;</td>
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<td>One audio cassette labeled &quot;Feb 6 includes 1st tape and reconstruction of 2nd tape.&quot;</td>
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<td>One audio cassette labeled &quot;Sophia's song (2 min).&quot;</td>
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</table>
Boxes 14, 16, Folder 1

Promotional materials. undated.

Physical Description: 1 visor, 1 multimedia collage

Scope and Content Note

BOX 14
Folder 1: One plastic lavendar SCWU visor printed with SCWU logo and feet design with black and white cloth band.

BOX 16
Folder 4: One collage poster with original SCWU newsletter clippings on the 1981 Christopher Street gay pride parade and photographs of SCWU members, one 4.25x10" black and white photograph of SCWU members holding banner in the parade and one color polaroid print of Judi Doyle, Robbi Simon, Renee Scarnagi Audrey Prosser, Peggy Hargrove, and Marty Ruby.


Physical Description: 34.0 folders

Scope and Content Note

Contains bank statements, budgets, invoices, documentation on membership dues, financial procedures, Internal Revenue Service paperwork, and treasurer's reports.

Arrangement note

Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.

Box 3, Folders 6 - 8


Physical Description: 3 folders

Scope and Content Note

Folder 6: 1978
Folder 7: 1979
Folder 8: 1980

Box 3, Folders 9 - 21, 30


Physical Description: 14 folders

Scope and Content Note

Folder 9: 1975-1976
Folder 10: 1977
Folder 11: 1978
Folder 12: 1979
Folder 13: 1980
Folder 14: 1981
Folder 15: 1982
Folder 16: 1983-1984
Folder 17: 1985
Folder 18: 1986
Folder 30: 1988
Folder 19: 1989
Folder 20: 1990
Folder 21: undated

Box 3, Folder 22


Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 3, Folder 23


Physical Description: 1 folder
Box 3, Folder 24  Lease. 1980.
  Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 3, Folder 25  Memberships. 1979.
  Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 3, Folder 26  Miscellaneous. 1979-1981.
  Physical Description: 1 folder
  Scope and Content Note
  Receipts (advertisements in The Lesbian Tide and Alcoholism Center for Women), handwritten notes, letter from Impressions Gallery, and Articles of Incorporation certified by the California Secretary of State.

  Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 3, Folder 28  Receipts. 1979.
  Physical Description: 1 folder

  Physical Description: 1 folder

  Physical Description: 4 folders
  Scope and Content Note
  Folder 31: 1977-1978
  Folder 32: 1980
  Folder 33: 1981-1982
  Folder 34: 1984-1985

  Physical Description: 107.0 folders
  Scope and Content Note
  SCWU was largely sustained through the work of its various committees - activities, communications, education, fundraising, membership, and research. These committees planned, publicized, funded, fueled membership and research that powered the social and educational activities that furthered the educational mission of SCWU. The material contained in this series gives insight to the inner workings of these committees and the events and projects produced under their auspices.
  Arrangement note
  Sub-series are arranged in alphabetical order.

  Physical Description: 5.0 folders
  Arrangement note
  Documents were originally contained in a three-ring-binder separated by dividers labeled by event type. Each folder contains a divider section of the original binder with the exception of "Political and cultural events." This folder contains flyers found in other parts of the collection that did not fit into the event types found in the three ring binder.
  Scope and Content Note
  Contains the minutes and planning notes of the Activities Committee as well as event flyers.
Box 4, Folder 1  
**Reports, rosters, memorandum. 1977-1983.**
Physical Description: 1 folder  
General note  
Material arranged in a three ring binder. Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Box 4, Folder 2  
**Parties and dances. 1977-1994.**
Physical Description: 1 folder  
General note  
Material arranged in a three ring binder. Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Box 4, Folder 3  
**Mountain, park, beach, pool events. 1978-1986.**
Physical Description: 1 folder  
General note  
Material arranged in a three ring binder. Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Box 4, Folder 4  
**Weekend retreats. 1979-1992.**
Physical Description: 1 folder  
General note  
Material arranged in a three ring binder. Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Box 4, Folder 5  
**Political and cultural events. 1983-1993.**
Physical Description: 1 folder

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**Communications. Subseries 2. 1977-1991.**
Physical Description: 13.0 folders  
Arrangement note  
The documents in the first seven folders were originally contained in a three-ring-binder separated by dividers labeled by subject. Each folder contains a divider section of the original binder.  
The "Circular letters" and "Flyers non-SCWU" contain material found in other parts of the collection that did not fit into the categories in the three ring binder.  
Scope and Content Note  
Contains a list of media resources (people and organizations), publicity materials protocol, circular letters, and flyers sent by SCWU on behalf of ally organizations.

Box 4, Folder 6  
**Resources. 1979-1985.**
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 7  
**Forms. 1977-1985.**
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 8  
**Gay/lesbian media. 1977-1983.**
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 9  
**Other media. 1978-1983.**
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 10

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 11

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 12

Lesbian yellow pages. undated.
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 18

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 4, Folder 17

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 14

Mailing list manager backups. undated.
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Two 5.25 inch floppy discs.
Special equipment or further processing may be required for viewing. To access digital materials you must notify the reference desk in advance of your visit.

Physical Description: 55.0 folders
Arrangement note
Folders are arranged in alphabetical order and chronological order, where possible.
Scope and Content Note
This series contains materials related to the events and projects executed by the Education Committee. Some of the most notable events include the Receptions for Understanding, Special Interest Programs, and the annual Lesbian Rights Award Dinners which honored luminary lesbian artists, writers, activists, and politicians. "Achieving Educational Objectives" highlights the early educational events of SCWU. This series also contains photographs, audio cassettes, and a beta video cassette.

Box 5, Folders 3 - 13

Physical Description: 11 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 3: 1976-1977
Folder 4: 1979-1980
Folder 5: 1981-1982
Folder 6: 1983-1984
Folder 7: Major educational events (1977)
Folder 8: Major educational events (1978)
Folder 9: Major educational events (1979)
Folder 10: Major educational events (1981)
Folder 11: Major educational events (1982)
Folder 12: Major educational events (1983)
Folder 13: Events with other organizations (1981-1985)
General note
Material was originally contained in a three-ring-binder. Folders have been divided and labeled according to the binder dividers.

Physical Description: 31 folders, 1 1/2" open reel

Scope and Content Note

BOX 9 Folder 7: Awardees Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon (1979)
Folder 8: Publicity (1979-1980)
Folder 10: Invitations (1979)
Folder 33 : Photographs (1979)
Folder 34: Publicity (1983)
Folder 11: Planning (1983)
Folder 12: Invitations and program (1983)
Folder 35: Photographs
Folder 13: Publicity (1986)
Folder 14: Planning (1985-1986)
Folder 15: Program (1986)
Folder 16: Photographs (1986)
Folder 17: Publicity (1987)
Folder 18: Planning (1987)
Folder 19: Invitations (1987)
Folder 20: Publicity
folder 21 Program (1988)
Folder 22: Publicity (1989)
Folder 23: Program (1989)
Folder 24: Publicity (1990)
Folder 25: Program (1990)
Folder 26: Publicity (1991)
Folder 27: Program (1991)
Folder 36: Display materials (undated)
Folder 37: Correspondence (1991)
Folder 28: Publicity (1992)
Folder 29: Program (1992)
Folder 30: Publicity (1993)
Folder 31: Program (1993)
Folder 32: Publicity (1994)

BOX 14 One betamax video cassette labeled "Interview with Del and Phyllis by Myra Riddell (September 1979)." Recorded on Sony Video Tape V-30H. Box is labeled as "copied to VHS Jul 82." Unknown if tape is CV or AV format.

General note
For information on the Lesbian Rights Dinner (1981), see Boxes 10, 11, 15, and 16.

Box 5, Folder 14


Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Minutes and notes collected by June Mazer.

Box 5, Folder 15


Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Alice Paul Certificate of Feminist Achievement presented to Southern California Women for Understanding for Advancement of Feminist Goals (August 22, 1981)

Box 5, Folder 16

Receptions for understanding. 1978.

Physical Description: 1 folder
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<td>Folder 3: Proposal outlines (undated)</td>
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<td>Folder 5: Grant (1981)</td>
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<td>Folder 6: Resources (1979-1983)</td>
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<td>Folder 1: Reception - lesbian history (1980-1981)</td>
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<td>One audio cassette labeled &quot;Elsa Gidlow - reading from Sapphic songs&quot; over KPFA, Interviewed by Padraigin McGillicuddy, Drama and Literature, September 20, 1982.&quot;</td>
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<td>BOX 16</td>
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<td>Folder 1: Exhibit materials - 3 pins SCWU, SCWU pamphlets, Lesbian Low Risk for AIDS High Risk for Discrimination Conference Packet (1977), 5 display boards about SCWU, and rubber stamp with SCWU 13719 Ventura Bl. ste. D</td>
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<td>Folder 2: SCWU t-shirt</td>
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<td>Folder 3: Correspondence (1982)</td>
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**Fundraising. Subseries 4. 1976-1990.**
- Physical Description: 3.0 folders
- Arrangement note
  - Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Contains material related to the events and planning by the Fundraising Committee.

  **Box 4, Folder 13**
  *Circular letters and flyers. 1976-1990.*
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

  **Box 4, Folder 14**
  *Correspondence. 1979-1988.*
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

  **Box 4, Folder 15**
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

**Membership. Subseries 5. 1976-1994.**
- Physical Description: 3.0 folders
- Arrangement note
  - Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Contains member rosters as well as material related to the events and planning by the Membership Committee.

  **Box 5, Folder 1**
  *Circular letters and flyers. 1977-1994.*
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

  **Box 5, Folder 2**
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

  **Box 4, Folder 16**
  - Physical Description: 1 folder

- Physical Description: 28.0 folders
- Arrangement note
  - Folders are arranged by alphabetical order.
- Scope and Content Note
  - Contains material related to the early research projects of the Research Committee. One of the most notable projects was the "Personal profile questionnaires" by which SCWU members were surveyed on their lifestyles. The "Data" folders contains the original surveys. The "Lesbian profile manuscript review contains the data analysis by members of the Research Committee. The sub-series also contains minutes, grant applications, flyers, notes, and materials on other research projects.

  **Box 11, Folders 2 - 3**
  *Correspondence. 1982-1988.*
  - Physical Description: 2 folders
  - Scope and Content Note
  - Folder 3: Personal profile questionnaires (undated)

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**Southern California Women for Understanding (SCWU) collection, 1975-1999**

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Boxes 11 - 12,
Folders 4 - 12, 1 - 3

Physical Description: 12 folders
Scope and Content Note

BOX 11
Folder 4: Computer run (undated)
Folder 5: Correlations to consider (undated)
Folder 6: Personal profile questionnaires, #1-20 (1977-1978)
Folder 7: Personal profile questionnaires, #21-40 (1977-1978)
Folder 8: Personal profile questionnaires, #41-60 (1977-1978)
Folder 9: Personal profile questionnaires, #61-80 (1977-1978)
Folder 10: Personal profile questionnaires, #81-101 (1977-1978)
Folder 11: Personal profile questionnaires, unnumbered (1977-1978)
Folder 12: Profile reports data (1977-1978)

BOX 12
Folder 1: Data analysis by Judy Tupac (1984)
Folder 2: Data dissemination (1981-1988)
Folder 3: Dictionary data - Medical diagnoses and cause of death (undated)
Folder 13: Preliminary analyses (1982)
Folder 17: Raw data, interim version (undated)
Folder 18: Raw data, correct version (undated)

Box 12, Folder 4
Flyers. 1986.
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 5
Future research ideas. 1981.
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 6
Grant applications. 1983.
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 7
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 8
Lesbian profile manuscript review. 1988.
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 9
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 10
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 11
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 12
Physical Description: 1 folder

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Box 12, Folder 14
**Publicity. 1982.**
- Physical Description: 1 folder
- Scope and Content Note
  Contains a comparative analysis of SCWU's research data with other studies.

Box 12, Folders 15 - 16
**Questionnaires. undated.**
- Physical Description: 2 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  Folder 15: Blank (undated)
  Folder 16: Drafts (undated)

Box 12, Folder 20
**Resources. 1983-1984.**
- Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 21
**Serious health problems, question #74. undated.**
- Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 19
**Standard measures. undated.**
- Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 14
**Research discs. 1980-1988.**
- Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
  13 5.25 inch floppy disks.
  Special equipment or further processing may be required for viewing. To access digital materials you must notify the reference desk in advance of your visit.

**Newsletters. Series 5. 1976-1999.**
- Physical Description: 58.0 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  The Newsletters series primarily consists of an incomplete run of the SCWU newsletter. Volumes 1-13, 15, and 19 are complete (1977-1989, 1991, 1995). With the exception of volumes 15 and 19, the newspaper collection wanes in the 1990s. The newsletter covers the life and activities of the organization and its members. The "Herstories" column which begins in the March 1979 issue of the newsletter highlights the life history of a lesbian woman. With some exception, most featured women are SCWU members. Part one of the research data from the personal profile questionnaires was published in the December/January 1981-82 issue; the remainder of the research findings were published in subsequent issues. The newsletters also contain event listings and a short update from each area chapter chair. The bound copies of the newsletter that were donated by June Mazer, former newsletter editor, are meticulously organized and annotated. The "Newsletter retrospective" was originally a three ring binder compiled by June Mazer which highlights the challenges and evolution of the newsletter through her notes and annotations. The series also contains clippings, logo design, galleys, and the planning materials for the tenth anniversary issue which includes an audio cassette tape of the planning meeting.
  - Arrangement note
  - Folders are arranged in alphabetical order. Newsletters and galleys are arranged in chronological order.

Box 9, Folder 5
**Clippings. 1981-1989.**
- Physical Description: 1 folder
- Scope and Content Note
  Clippings from SCWU newsletters

Box 8, Folders 1 - 22

**Galley 1981-1985.**

Physical Description: 22 folders

Scope and Content Note
- Folder 1: Volume 5 Number 6 (December 1981-January 1982)
- Folder 2: Volume 6 Number 1 (February-March 1982)
- Folder 3: Volume 6 Number 2 (April-May 1982)
- Folder 4: Volume 6 Number 4 (August-September 1982)
- Folder 5: Volume 6 Number 5 (October-November 1982)
- Folder 6: Volume 6 Number 6 (December 1982-January 1983)
- Folder 7: Volume 7 Number 1 (February-March 1983)
- Folder 8: Volume 7 Number 2 (April-May 1983)
- Folder 9: 7th Anniversary Issue (May 1983)
- Folder 10: Volume 7 Number 3 (June-July 1983)
- Folder 11: Volume 8 Number 2 (April-May 1984)
- Folder 12: Volume 8 Number 3 (June-July 1984)
- Folder 13: Volume 8 Number 4 (August-September 1984)
- Folder 14: Volume 8 Number 5 (October-November 1984)
- Folder 15: Volume 8 Number 6 (December 1984-January 1985)
- Folder 16: Volume 9 Number 1 (February-March 1985)
- Folder 17: Volume 9 Number 2 (April-May 1985)
- Folder 18: Volume 9 Number 3 (June-July 1985)
- Folder 19: Volume 9 Number 4 (August-September 1985)
- Folder 20: Volume 9 Number 5 (October-November 1985)
- Folder 21: undated (January-April 1983?)
- Folder 22: undated (June-July 1983?)

Box 9, Folder 6

**Logo. 1979.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Scope and Content Note
- Logo design for SCWU's newsletter's "Letter to the Editor" by Carol Porter, Southern Chapter.

General note
- Originally in black frame which was discarded during processing due to space considerations. Frame contained no evidential value.

Box 6, Folders 1 - 23


Physical Description: 23 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 1: Volume 1 Number 6 (1977)
Folder 2: Volume 2 Numbers 3-6 (1978)
Folder 3: Volume 3 (1979)
Folder 5: Volume 5 (1981)
Folder 6: Volume 6 (1982)
Folder 7: Volume 7 (1983)
Folder 8: Volume 8 (1984)
Folder 9: Volume 9 (1985)
Folder 10: Volume 10 (1986)
Folder 11: Volume 11 (1987)
Folder 12: Volume 12 (1988)
Folder 14: Volume 14 Numbers 1-2, 4-5 (1990)
Folder 16: Volume 16 Numbers 1-2, 4-6 (1992)
Folder 17: Volume 17 Numbers 3-5 (1993)
Folder 18: Volume 18 Numbers 1-5 (1994)
Folder 21: Volume 21 Number 6 (1997)
Folder 22: Volume 22 Number 9 (1998)
Folder 23: November/December (1999)

General note
There are six issues to each newsletter volume. Unless otherwise listed, folders contain a complete volume for the year. Many folders also include duplicates of some issues.

Boxes 6 - 7, Folders 24 - 25, 1 - 3


Physical Description: 5 folders
Scope and Content Note

BOX 6
Folder 25: Volume 1-Volume 7 Number 3, includes 7th Anniversary Issue, donated by June Mazer (1976-1983)

BOX 7
Folder 1: Volume 1-Volume 7 Number 3, includes 7th Anniversary issue, archival set (1976-1983)
Folder 2: Volumes 6-9 (1982-1985)
Folder 3: Volume 7 Number 4-Volume 11 Number 3, includes 10th Anniversary Issue (1983-1987)
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<td>BOX 9</td>
<td>Contains newsletter, galleys, and photographs.</td>
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<td>BOX 15</td>
<td>Contains three audio cassettes labeled &quot;SCWU NL Brunch Founders 4/86 Tape 1,&quot; &quot;SCWU NL Brunch Tape 2 4/86,&quot; and &quot;NL Brunch Tape 3 4/86 Side one only, half.&quot;</td>
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<td>During the 1980s, &lt;i&gt;Lesbian News&lt;/i&gt; hailed SCWU as the &quot;largest lesbian organization in the country.&quot; The majority of its membership was concentrated in the southern California area between San Diego to Santa Barbara. In order to become a chapter, each group underwent a three step process from a formation group to steering committee to an area chapter. Each group functioned as a mini-SCWU in its area with its own committees, events, newsletter, and leadership; however, each group reported to the central Board of Directors and participated in organization-wide events. Each sub-series documents various aspects of area chapters' activities through committee minutes, flyers, newsletters, photographs, and other material on projects and events.</td>
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<td>Contains event flyers and a SCWU newsletter clipping on the founding of the Beach Cities chapter.</td>
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Box 12, Folder 59  **Clipping. 1985.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

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Box 12, Folder 22  **Flyers. 1982-1987.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

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**Desert. Subseries 2. 1992.**

Physical Description: 1.0 folder

Arrangement note
The folder is arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Content Note
Contains an event flyer.

Box 12, Folder 60  **Flyers. 1992.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

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**Inland. Subseries 3. 1986-1989.**

Physical Description: 3.0 folders

Arrangement note
Folders are in alphabetical order.

Scope and Content Note
Contains flyers, newsletters and a clipping from the SCWU newsletter on the founding of the Inland chapter.

Box 12, Folder 23  **Clipping. 1987.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 24  **Flyers. undated.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 12, Folder 25  **Newsletters. 1986-1989.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

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**Los Angeles/Valley. Subseries 4. 1979-1994.**

Physical Description: 58.0 folders

Arrangement note
Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.

Scope and Content Note
Contains minutes and other materials from the education, election, and steering committees, correspondence (including circular letters), flyers, newsletters, photographs, and membership and employment information. The bulk of this sub-series consists of materials from two of the Education Committee's theater productions, "Lesbian Odyssey" and "Welcome to our Lesbian World." In addition to the script and other print materials for "Welcome to our Lesbian World," there is a beta video cassette of the production as well as two audio cassettes of the live performance.

Box 12, Folder 26  **Circular letters. 1979-1989.**

Physical Description: 1 folder

Physical Description: 3 folders
Scope and Content Note

BOX 12
Folder 56: Miscellaneous (1981-1990), contains outline of committees' functions, retreat information, November 1983 membership meeting flyer, expense and income statements for March and May 1990, respectively.
Folder 57: Steering (1980-1985)

Committee: Education - Welcome to our Lesbian World printed materials.

Physical Description: 18 folders
Scope and Content Note

BOX 12
Folder 61: Correspondence (1983)
Folder 62: LA/Valley Chapter- Education Committee- Welcome to Our Lesbian World: Photographs
Folder 35: Minutes (undated)
Folder 36: Production planning (1982)
Folder 37: Stage manager notes (undated)
Folder 38: Scripts (undated)
Folder 39: Scripts - Curtain raiser (undated)
Folder 40: Scripts - Het truth (undated)
Folder 41: Scripts - Therapy scene (undated)
Folder 42: Scripts - Trilogy (undated)
Folder 43: Scripts - Family blinders (undated)
Folder 44: Scripts - Retirement village (undated)
Folder 45: Scripts - Susan's song (undated)
Folder 46: Scripts - Coming out to mom (undated)
Folder 47: Scripts - Party lines (undated)
Folder 48: Scripts - Gay truth (undated)
Folder 49: Scripts - Finale (undated)
Folder 51: Ephemera (1983)
Folder 52: Press and photographs (1983)
Folder 50: Video (1983)

Committee: Education - Welcome to our Lesbian World audiovisual materials.
1983.

Physical Description: 1 betamax videocassette, 2 audio cassettes
Scope and Content Note

AUDIO
One audio cassette labeled "Welcome to our World Lesbian Odyssey"
One audio cassette "Welcome - 2nd Perf. (From Bar Area)" and "Sara's Birthday Song from Cast & Cheers."

VISUAL
One betamax videocassette labeled "Welcome to our Lesbian World SCWU 1983"
Boxes 12, 15,
Folders 27 - 34,
53 - 54


Scope and Content Note

BOX 12
Folder 28: Lesbian Odyssey - Production materials, 1 of 2 (1985)
Folder 29: Lesbian Odyssey - Production materials, 2 of 2 (1985)
Folder 30: Lesbian Odyssey - Slides (1985)
Folder 31: Lesbian Odyssey - Publicity and ephemera (1985-1986)
Folder 32: Lesbian Odyssey - Applications (1985)
Folder 33: Lesbian Odyssey - Correspondence (1984-1985)
Folder 34: Lesbian Odyssey - Planning (1984-1985)
Folder 54: Miscellaneous (1982-1983), contains Education Committee roster, notes
from theater productions, Central Education Committee minutes (April-May 1982), a
folder from "A Women's Conference on Crime Prevention" with notes from Education
meeting (June 7, 1982).

Box 12, Folder 58
Correspondence. 1979-1987.

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 13, Folder 1
Flyers. 1979-1990.

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 13, Folder 2

Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 13, Folders 3 - 16

Physical Description: 14 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 3: 1981
Folder 4: 1982
Folder 5: 1983
Folder 6: 1984
Folder 7: 1985
Folder 8: 1986
Folder 9: 1987
Folder 10: 1988
Folder 11: 1989
Folder 12: 1990
Folder 13: 1991
Folder 14: 1992
Folder 15: 1993
Folder 16: 1994

Box 13, Folder 17
Photograph. 1982.

Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Contains one 3x5 inch color photograph labeled "Sally and Judy, 1982"

Box 13, Folder 18
Research. undated.

Physical Description: 1 folder

Physical Description: 7.0 folders
Arrangement note
Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.
Scope and Content Note
Contains flyers, newsletters, and miscellaneous material pertaining to the SCWU organization.

Box 13, Folder 19  Flyers. 1985-1989.

Physical Description: 1 folder


Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Content Note
Contains a clipping from the Lesbian News (September 1985) with an announcement of the San Diego chapter's meeting dates, order forms for SCWU watches, flyers for 1987 Camp SCWU and 1983 membership meeting.


Physical Description: 5 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 21: 1986
Folder 22: 1987
Folder 23: 1988
Folder 24: 1989
Folder 25: undated


Physical Description: 21.0 folders
Arrangement note
Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.
Scope and Content Note
Contains committees' materials, flyers, newsletters, photographs, and miscellaneous materials related to the SCWU organization.


Physical Description: 4 folders
Scope and Content Note
Folder 27: Miscellaneous (1981-1982), contains drafts of committees' responsibilities
Folder 28: Special interest programs (undated)
Folder 29: Social (undated)
Folder 30: Steering 1980-1986


Physical Description: 1 folder


                         Physical Description: 1 folder
                         Scope and Content Note
                         Contains Bunny MacCulloch's membership card, received correspondence, Certificate of Appreciation from the San Gabriel Chapter of SCWU (1983), poetry, program from "The Sound of Music," sexuality questionnaire, activity questionnaire, clippings from the Lesbian News and the SCWU Newsletter, and San Gabriel Valley telephone tree.

                         Physical Description: 14 folders
                         Scope and Content Note
                         Folder 33: 1981-1982
                         Folder 34: 1983
                         Folder 35: 1984
                         Folder 36: 1985
                         Folder 37: 1986
                         Folder 38: 1987
                         Folder 39: 1988
                         Folder 40: 1989
                         Folder 41: 1990
                         Folder 42: 1991
                         Folder 43: 1992
                         Folder 44: 1993
                         Folder 45: 1994
                         Folder 46: undated

Box 13, Folder 47  Photographs. 1982.
                         Physical Description: 1 folder
                         Scope and Content Note
                         Contains one 5x5.5" color photograph and one 3x5" black and white photograph. Subjects and exact dates unknown.

                         Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 13, Folder 48  Clippings. 1979-1981.
                         Physical Description: 1 folder
                         Scope and Content Note
                         Includes one 3x5" black and white photograph of Judi Doyle, Bobbi Simon, and Judi's son, Brennan.

                         Physical Description: 1 folder

                         Physical Description: 21.0 folders
                         Arrangement note
                         Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.
                         Scope and Content Note
                         Contains newsletters, flyers, material from the Steering Committee, clippings, a photograph, and miscellaneous materials related to the chapter and the larger SCWU organization.

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Box 13, Folder 68

**Miscellaneous. 1979-1983.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder
- Scope and Content Note
  Contains agenda of general membership meeting (November 13, 1983), "Let's Sleep on It" program, facilitator training packet, and "Southern Chapter Herstory" placard.

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Box 13, Folders 50 - 65

**Newsletters. 1981-1997.**

- Physical Description: 16 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  - Folder 50: 1981
  - Folder 51: 1982
  - Folder 52: 1983
  - Folder 53: 1984
  - Folder 54: 1985
  - Folder 55: 1986
  - Folder 56: 1987
  - Folder 57: 1988
  - Folder 58: 1989
  - Folder 59: 1990
  - Folder 60: 1991
  - Folder 61: 1992
  - Folder 62: 1993
  - Folder 63: 1995
  - Folder 64: 1996
  - Folder 65: 1997

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- Physical Description: 10.0 folders
- Arrangement note
  Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.
- Scope and Content Note
  Contains newsletters, flyers, Steering Committee documents, and clippings.

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Box 13, Folder 69

**Clippings. 1979-1985.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder

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Box 13, Folder 70

**Committee: Steering. 1980-1983.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder

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Box 13, Folder 71

**Flyers. 1979-1986.**

- Physical Description: 1 folder

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Box 13, Folders 72 - 78

**Newsletter. 1980-1992.**

- Physical Description: 7 folders
- Scope and Content Note
  - Folder 72: 1980
  - Folder 73: 1986
  - Folder 74: 1987
  - Folder 75: 1989
  - Folder 76: 1990
  - Folder 77: 1992
  - Folder 78: undated

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