Inventory of the Nancy Stoller Papers Concerning Prison Inmate Health, 1970s-2000s

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Title: Nancy E. Stoller papers concerning prison inmate health

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Physical Description: 28.75 Linear feet (21 cartons and 6 boxes)

Date (inclusive): 1970s-2000s

Abstract: This collection of professor and social activist Nancy E. Stoller's papers concern her research related to inmate's health in prisons, often focusing on women's health, and date from the 1970s-2000s. The material documents her research and publications concerning prison-related health issues through notes, data, drafts, publications, correspondence, and ephemera. Stoller has done significant research in AIDS and the health of prison inmates and been active in many social movements and civil rights issues throughout her career. She began teaching at the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1973 and officially retired in 2007. Stoller has since returned as an emeritus professor from 2007-2009 and 2011.

Creator: Stoller, Nancy E.

Biographical/Historical note

Nancy Elaine Stoller was born in 1942 in Newport News, Virginia. In 1960 she left Virginia to attend Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she earned an A.B. in Philosophy in 1963. She went on to earn her M.A. (1965) and Ph.D. (1972) in Sociology from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. From 1978-1980 she was a Post-doctoral fellow at Yale University. Stoller started her job at University of California (UC) Santa Cruz in 1973 and received tenure in 1987 after having filed a gender discrimination suit against the University. Stoller worked and published under her married name, Nancy Shaw, for many years before reclaiming Stoller in the 1990s. Stoller’s research has focused on AIDS, women, prisoners, and health care.

Stoller became involved with the civil rights movement during her first year of college. She was involved in local actions in Wellesley and Boston during the school year and worked with the Washington D.C. area Non-violent Action Group (DC-NAG) during the summer. Later she became involved with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and did organizing work in Maryland and Arkansas. Her activism continued throughout her life. In a recent short online biography she states: “I have been involved in various social change movements: anti-racism, feminism, anti-apartheid work, queer organizing, women’s health activism, working on changing prison conditions, prison abolition, and so on.”

After a brief marriage to Kevin (Kwame) Shaw (1966-1972) and the birth of her daughter, Gwendolyn, in 1968, Stoller came out as a lesbian. She was one of the first openly lesbian professors at UC Santa Cruz (UCSC) and was outed internationally during her tenure fight.

Between her dismissal from UC Santa Cruz in 1984 and her reinstatement in 1987, Stoller worked as the Women’s Program Development Director within the Education Department of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) from 1984 to 1987. She began teaching at the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1973 and officially retired in 2007. Stoller has since returned as an emeritus professor from 2007-2009 and 2011.

Processing Information note

The collection is unprocessed. It was rehoused by Polina Ilieva and Margaret Hughes in 2013. The inventory was written by Margaret Hughes in 2013.

Provenance

Donated to the UCSF Archives and Special Collections by Nancy Stoller in 2012-2013.

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Related Archival Materials note

Related materials include the Nancy Stoller papers, 1985-1995, MSS 2000-06. Material within the collection relates primarily to Stoller’s AIDS research for the book Lessons from the Damned: Queers, Whores and Junkies Respond to AIDS. In smaller quantities is also material connected to Women Resisting AIDS: Feminist Strategies of Empowerment, co-edited with Beth E. Schneider, and examples of her work on healthcare for prisoners, Latinas, and breast cancer.

Conditions Governing Access note

Collection is open for research. Some materials are restricted due to privacy and confidentiality concerns. Containers that have been identified as having restricted material are noted. Restricted containers that have been reviewed are also noted.
Contact the UCSF Archivist for information on access to the unreviewed restricted materials.

**Preferred Citation note**
Nancy Stoller papers, 1970s-2000s, MSS 2012-11. Archives and Special Collections, University of California, San Francisco.

**Arrangement note**
The collection is unprocessed. Materials have been rehoused and are in their original order within box groupings. The contents of each box has been recorded and maintained from the original containers.

**Scope and Contents note**
The papers of professor and social activist Nancy E. Stoller in this collection date from the 1970s-2000s. The material documents her research and writing regarding health issues in prisons, often specifically those of female inmates. The papers are comprised of published articles, scholarly articles and studies, book chapter drafts, interviews, research data and notes, correspondence, and ephemera.

Stoller has published three major works that draw from this collection: *Standards for Health Care in Jails and Prisons*, with 2003, as co-author and co-editor; *Improving Access to Care for California's Women Prisoners*, 2000; *Pregnancy in Prison: A Needs Assessment of Perinatal Outcome in Three California Penal Institutions*, 1985, as co-author. Furthermore, Stoller wrote and published a number of journal articles and book chapters dating from 1980-2009 that are based on this material.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Female offenders--United States.
Prisoners--Health and hygiene.
Prisoners--Medical care.
Women prisoners--United States.
Women--Health.

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**Carton 1-Box 2**
Scope and Contents note
Carton 1 - RESTRICTED and reviewed
Newsletters/Publications
Data from California Policy Research Center (CPRC), 2001
Study of access to care for women prisoners in California

**Box 2**
Newsletters/Publications
Data from CPRC, 2001
Study of access to care for women prisoners in California

**Box 3-Box 4**
Scope and Contents note
Box 3
California Women's Foundation
Research project on California prisons, 2006

**Box 4** - RESTRICTED and reviewed
California Women's Foundation
Research project on California prisons, 2006
Carton 5-Box 7
Scope and Contents note
Outline and chapters identified were created for an as yet unpublished book, *Prison Pains: Incarceration and Health*.

**Carton 5**
New outline and chapter 2
Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6
Methodology

**Carton 6** - RESTRICTED and reviewed
Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6
Methodology

**Box 7**
Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6
Methodology

**Carton 8-Carton 9**
Scope and Contents note

**Carton 8** - RESTRICTED and reviewed
Shumate healthcare access report
Lawsuit for women prisoners in California, 1999-2000

**Carton 9** - RESTRICTED and reviewed
Shumate healthcare access report
Lawsuit for women prisoners in California, 1999-2000

**Carton 10-Box 13**
Scope and Contents note
Outline and chapters identified were created for an as yet unpublished book, *Prison Pains: Incarceration and Health*.

**Carton 10**
Old materials categorized according to original book outline
Chapters 1, 2, 3

**Carton 11**
Old materials categorized according to original book outline
Chapters 1, 2, 3
Chapter 4, ob/gyn, government publications

**Carton 12**
Chapter 4, ob/gyn, government publications

**Box 13**
Chapter 4, ob/gyn, government publications
Carton 14-Carton 16

Scope and Contents note

Carton 14
Old materials: prison organizations, health organizations, casts, Leslie, bibliography, articles (other authors)

Carton 15 - RESTRICTED
Old materials: prison organizations, health organizations, casts, Leslie, bibliography, articles (other authors)
New/old materials: individual prisons/jurisdictions

Carton 16 - RESTRICTED
New/old materials: individual prisons/jurisdictions

Carton 17-Carton 20

Scope and Contents note

Carton 17
Old prison health reports, 1990s-2000s
Giveaways by private corporations at prison health conferences, circa 2000

Carton 18
Giveaways by private corporations at prison health conferences, circa 2000
Shumate/healthcare access report files

Carton 19
Shumate/healthcare access report files
Stoller articles/talks, all prison related

Carton 20
Stoller articles/talks, all prison related
Stoller articles/talks, general/some prison related

Carton 21-Box 22

Scope and Contents note

Carton 21
Stoller articles/talks (health), general/some prison related

Box 22
Stoller articles/talks (health), general/some prison related

Carton 23

Scope and Contents note

Carton 23 - RESTRICTED
Original field research notes - women’s prisons and jails, 1978; Federal Correctional Institution Lexington, Alderson, and Pleaston; Connecticut Correctional Institution Niantic
Prison health course materials, circa 1989

Carton 24

Scope and Contents note

Carton 24
Original tapes - women, prison, activism, 1977 and later
Miscellaneous reports, transcripts, papers, 1979-1982-2000

Carton 25

Scope and Contents note

Carton 25 - RESTRICTED
Original field data - jails and prisons, 1979; federal prisons, 1999
Carton 26-27
Scope and Contents note

Carton 26
Prison book research files
Articles and reports by others

Carton 27
Prison book research files
Articles and reports by others