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## **Finding aid for the Eleanor Klein papers 0499**

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**Title:** Eleanor Klein papers

**Collection number:** 0499

**Contributing Institution:** USC Libraries Special Collections

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 0.42 Linear feet1 box

**Date (inclusive):** 1955-1970

**Abstract:** Eleanor Klein received her Master's Degree in Social Work from USC in 1953 and held many positions as a social worker in Los Angeles thereafter. She held several positions within the local Southern California chapter of the American Association of Social Work as well as the local chapter of the National Association of Social Work. From 1974-1982 Eleanor Klein was Director of the Department of Clinical Social Work at the UCLA Medical Center. Papers in this collection include reports, meeting minutes, correspondence regarding various social work matters, and several folders dedicated to how social workers should provide prenatal care for women in the community.

**creator:** Klein, Eleanor, 1919-2012

**Preferred Citation**

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**Biographical note**

Eleanor Klein (1919-2012) was born in the Philippines to missionary parents. She received degrees from Glendale Union Academy (1937), Pacific Union College (1947) and received her Master's Degree in Social Work from USC in 1953. During her time as a worker in the Division of Social Welfare for the Southern California District of the American Association of Social Workers, she was chairman of the Professional Practices Committee. Throughout her career she also held various positions on the board of the National Medical Social Work Section of the local chapter of the National Association of Social Work, including ultimately becoming chairman of said Section in the 1950s. She worked in the Social Services Department of several Los Angeles area hospitals, including the University of California Medical Center, and White Memorial Hospital. From 1956-1982 she worked at the UCLA Medical Center. In 1974, Eleanor Klein was appointed as the Director of the Department of Clinical Social Work at the UCLA Medical Center and remained in that position until her retirement.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains many documents relating to Eleanor Klein and her work in Los Angeles as a social worker. Included are many meeting minutes from the executive board meetings of the Los Angeles Area Chapter of the Medical Social Work Section of the National Association of Social Workers. There is correspondence between Eleanor Klein and others in the social work field pertaining to the Medical Social Work Section. This collection also contains several folders on prenatal services provided to the community, how those services could be improved, and what standards they should meet.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Klein, Eleanor, 1919-2012 -- Archives

National Association of Social Workers. Medical Social Work Section. -- Archives

University of Southern California. School of Social Work. -- Students

Correspondence

Medical social work--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources

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Reports

Social workers--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources

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Box 1, Folder 1	<p><b>Medical Social Work Section--LA Chapter NASW board meetings and correspondence 1955-1958</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains copies of various reports of the NASW, as well as minutes from meetings of the Board of Directors, and various other notes and correspondence. All pertain to the Medical Social Work Section of the National Association of Social Workers.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p><b>Medical Social Work Section--L.A. Chapter NASW board meetings, correspondence 1959</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains minutes from the meetings of the Board of Directors and other various committee meetings, rosters of board and committee members, and assorted correspondence to/from Eleanor Klein regarding her work as chairman of the Medical Social Work Section, Los Angeles Area Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.</p>
Box 1, Folder 3	<p><b>Recruitment--Medical Social Workers 1955-1958</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains several different flyers, letters, and newsletters regarding opportunities for and recruitment of medical social workers.</p>
Box 1, Folder 4	<p><b>Standards and Recommendations for Public Prenatal Care 1960</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains a booklet put out by the California State Department of Public Health titled, "Standards and Recommendations for Public Prenatal Care".</p>
Box 1, Folder 5	<p><b>Prenatal Services Advisory Committee: undated drafts, outlines, and statements, publications undated</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains various outlines, summaries, and statements regarding the development and creation of social work programs to help mothers with prenatal care. Also included are two issues of "California's Health" newsletter from 1957.</p>
Box 1, Folder 6	<p><b>Prenatal Services Advisory Committee---minutes and correspondence 1957 July-1958 September</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains various documents, correspondence, and minutes (most of them from the Prenatal Services Advisory Committee) regarding how prenatal services and programs can be improved, what should be included in the programs, standards for the services, etc.</p>
Box 1, Folder 7	<p><b>Death---papers, bibliography, Cal-Med health proposal 1957-1970</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Content</b></p> <p>This folder contains essays on death and how to help the dying patient and his family, reports on parental reactions to the death of a child, and papers on euthanasia and moral responsibility.</p>