

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN DOWNRIVER  
CHAPTER COLLECTION

Papers, 1971-1988  
(Predominantly, 1974-1987)

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The papers of the National Organization for Women Downriver Chapter were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1985 by Louise Heck-Rabi and were opened for research in June of 1986. Additional papers were deposited in August of 1988 and were opened for research in August of 1991.

The Downriver Chapter of the National Organization for Women was founded in February, 1974 by Loretta Moore, who served as its first president. The Downriver chapter replaced the Taylor chapter, which had become inactive. The chapter is still active, meeting every month and publishing a monthly newsletter.

Chapter activities include supporting state and national legislation concerning education, homemakers, and pro-choice rights. The members have participated in a walk-a-thon and several rallies advocating the Equal Rights Amendment.

The papers of Downriver NOW reflect the ideology and activities of feminists in the Downriver area and the United States.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Abortion
- Displaced Homemakers
- Education
- Employment
- Health

Among the important correspondents are:

- Hon. John Dingell
- Louise Heck-Rabi Carl
- Levin Loretta Moore
- Hon. Jeffrey Padden

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Part 1

Series I  
General Files, 1973-83  
Boxes 1-2

Agendas, board meeting minutes, budgets, by-laws, correspondence, mailings, membership lists, and other items concerning Downriver NOW, from 1973-1983. Most of the materials are agendas and minutes of the board meetings, recording the activities of the chapter. Files are arranged chronologically.

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24. Planned Parenthood headquarters, 1980, n.d.
25. Planned Parenthood of Michigan, 1981-86
26. Politics, 1976-82, n.d.
27. Politics; Capitol: Women, newsletter, 1978, 1984-87
28. Politics; clippings, 1976-88
29. Politics; Defeating the Right Wing: Political Organizing Strategies workshop, n.d.
30. Politics; Democratic Citizens Caucus, 1979-80
31. Politics; League of Women Voters, 1979, 1986
32. Politics; Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus; general, newsletters, 1980-81
33. Politics; National Women's Politics Caucus, n.d.
34. Politics; Women in Michigan Government, 1987
35. Politics; Women's Political Times, 1981-87
36. Pornography; clippings, general, 1984, 1987, n.d.
37. Poverty/welfare clippings, general, 1984-88, n.d.
38. Prisons; clippings, 1985

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1. Rape; clippings, general, newsletters, 1981-88
2. Relationships; clippings, 1985-88
3. Religion; general, newsletter, 1973-81, n.d.
4. Religion; clippings, 1979, 1984-88
5. Religion; The Fellowship Letter, 1980-81
6. Religion; Voice of Reason, 1981, n.d.
7. Resources, 1980s
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19. Sexism; clippings, 1984-88
10. Sexual Harassment; clippings, general, 1979, 1984-87
11. Sexuality, 1986-87
12. Social Justice (ACTWU newsletter), Jul 1980
13. Socialization; clippings, 1985-88
14. Songs, n.d.
15. Sports/Athletics; clippings, 1984-87
16. State Co-ordinating Council, 1979-83
17. Supreme Court Justices, 1981-87
18. Surrogate Mothering; clippings, 1985-87
19. Teen pregnancy/sexuality; clippings, 1985-88
20. Toxic Substances in Michigan, (c. 1980)
21. United Nations Decade for Women Conference; clippings, 1985
22. University of Michigan, Dearborn, 1981, n.d.
23. Wayne County Community College; general, newsletters, 1980, 1987, n.d.
24. Wayne State University; general, newsletters, 1984-87
25. White House Conference on Families, 1980
26. White House Conference on Families; Lansing, 1980
27. Women USA, n.d.
28. Women's Equity Action League (WEAL), n.d.
29. Women's International Network NEWS, 1979-80

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1. Ann Arbor, (c. 1979-81)
2. Battle Creek, n.d.
3. Copper Country, n.d.
4. Dearborn, 1980
5. Kalamazoo, 1973-74
6. Lansing, 1979, 1981, n.d.
7. Macomb, 1978
8. Metro Detroit, 1972-87
9. Muskegon-Ottawa, 1974, 1980
10. Oakland County, 1980, 1987, n.d.

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12. Michigan Conference; Abortion, 1977, 1986
13. Michigan Conference; ERA, 1982
14. Michigan Conference; Finances, 1979-80
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16. Michigan Conference; Have A Heart fundraisers, 1979-81
17. Michigan Conference; Hotline, 1979, 1986-87

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19. Michigan Conference; Legislation, 1976-80
20. Michigan Conference; Mailings, 1978-87
21. Michigan Conference; Task Force and Committee; chairs, reports, 1980-81, n.d.
22. Michigan NOW State Conference, 1976
23. Michigan NOW State Conference, 1979
24. Michigan NOW State Conference, 1980
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26. Michigan NOW State Conference, 1983
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8. Dues, 1980, 1981
9. Literature; Abortion, 1979, 1986, n.d.
10. Literature; Clubs, 1988, n.d.
11. Literature; Education, 1987
12. Literature; Elections, n.d.
13. Literature; ERA, 1979-80, 1987-88
14. Literature; Families, 1984, 1987
15. Literature; Federal Income Tax, 1978, n.d.
16. Literature; Gay issues, 1979
17. Literature; General, 1979, 1986-88, n.d.
18. Literature; Human Life Amendment (HLA), 1981
19. Literature; Inaugural Watch, 1980
20. Literature; Legal Defense Fund, 1979, 1986-87, n.d.
21. Literature; Military, 1980
22. Literature; OSHA, 1980
23. Literature; Presidential Primary Survey, 1987
24. Literature; Religion, 1985, 1987
25. Literature; Supreme Court decisions, 1986
26. Literature; Supreme Court nominees, 1986-87
27. Literature; Welfare, 1979
28. Membership information, n.d.
29. Resources, n.d.

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2. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1974-77
3. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1978
4. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1979
5. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1980
6. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1981
7. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1982-83
8. Downriver NOW newsletter, 1986-88
9. Equality Times newsletter (North Orange County, CA), 1986
10. Macomb NOW Times, 1984
11. Michigan NOW Times, 1979-81
12. Michigan NOW Times, 1984-87
13. National NOW Times, 1980-81
14. National NOW Times, 1984-85
15. National NOW Times, 1986-87
16. National NOW Times, 1988
17. The News NOW (Ann Arbor-Washtenaw), 1983
18. North Oakland County/Oakland University NOW newsletter, 1985-86

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\*Heck-Rabi, Louise, 2:5-6, 3:1, 5:1,  
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\*Levin, Carl, 30:4, 32:1, 34:17  
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**Abstract**

The Downriver chapter of NOW was formed in 1974 by Loretta Moore, a Wayne State University professor, who was elected the chapter's first president. The chapter was active in supporting local, state and national policy concerning women's rights, participated in marches, rallies and walkathons and also endorsed pro-women's rights candidates. They hosted and participated in numerous programs for local women, set up networks and resources for the community, established a library for members and published in newspapers as well as their own newsletter. Their membership peaked in the ERA era with about 100, with their average membership being about 50.

This collection was assembled by Louise Heck-Rabi, the chapter's librarian and archivist. Included are chapter meeting minutes, publicity and press releases, newsletters, correspondence and mailings, as well as Michigan and National NOW mailings and programs. Also included are newspaper and magazine clippings relative to the women's movement, resources for members and local women, research done by the group and programs they hosted or participated in.

**Important Subjects:**

Abortion  
Abused Women  
Child Abuse  
Divorce  
Education  
Equal Rights Amendment  
Feminism  
Feminist Majority  
Memorial Convalescent Fund (MCF)  
Reproductive Rights  
Sexual Assault  
Women's Rights

**Important Individuals:**

Connell, Lisa  
Dingell, John  
Dobronski, Agnes  
Hall, Catalina  
Hasserodt, Margarete  
Hayes, Marie  
Heck-Rabi, Louise  
Hunter, Lyna  
Klotzek, Ute  
Moore, Loretta  
Nesbitt, Anna  
Robinson, Anke  
Welsh, Marvic  
Wilson, Virginia  
Wimpy, Sharon

**Arrangement**

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**Series IX:** Activities: Programs, Mailings, Publications, Newspaper Clippings, Research (Boxes 39-45)

Folders in each series are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series.

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12. Correspondence To/From Legislators, June 1991-May1993
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14. Downriver NOW, Press Releases and Publicity
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16. Membership
17. Membership Cards
18. Downriver NOW, Board of Directors and Minutes, 1970s and 1980s
19. Downriver NOW, Board of Directors and Minutes, 1980s
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26. Survey of 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Conference, Downriver NOW, 1987
27. D.C./Lansing Rally, 1989
28. D. C. Trip, 11-12-1989
29. Becky Bell, 9-1990

30. Political Campaigns Supported by NOW
31. Area Women's Programs and Events, 1 of 2
32. Area Women's Programs and Events, 2 of 2
33. Loretta Moore Campaign, 1978
34. Loretta Moore, Campaign Letters
35. Loretta Moore, Campaign Newsletter
36. Loretta Moore, Newspaper Clippings and Memorial

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3. *Michigan Women*, 1988-1991
4. *New Directions for Women*, 1992
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7. Newspaper Clippings on National NOW Conference, 1977
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12. H. O. W. (Happiness of Women) Opponents of ERA Material
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18. Cooperative League, 1 of 2
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20. NOW Non-Violent Action Handbook
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