

Eleanor Davis papers, 1963-1989

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Davis, Eleanor R., 1922-
Title	Eleanor Davis papers
Dates	1963-1989 (inclusive) 1963 1989
Quantity	8.25 linear feet, (7 containers) : 5 record storage boxes, 1 manuscript box, 1 half manuscript box
Collection Number	Coll 351
Summary	This collection includes professional and personal materials relating to Eleanor Davis' work on the advancement of women in Oregon. This includes her involvement in groups such as the Task Force on Sex Discrimination in Education, the State Advisory Council on Sex Discrimination in Employment, the Oregon Council for Women's Equality, the American Association of University Women, the Unitarian Church, and a variety of other civil rights-related commissions and task forces.
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Additional Reference Guides	See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administered through the Oregon State Library.

Historical Note

Eleanor R. Davis was born in Seattle, WA in 1922. She majored in Sociology at the University of Washington. She and her husband, Charles, settled in Portland in 1951.

In the early 1960s Davis became active in the American Association of University Women and the women's group at the First Unitarian Church. She was elected to the national board of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation in 1964 where she served for six years. In 1971 Davis helped form the Oregon Council for Women's Equality, and became a chief advocate for the advancement of women in Oregon. From 1974-1984 she was employed as a paid field investigator in the Civil Rights Division of the Oregon Bureau of Labor.

Davis was among those successfully campaigning for Oregon to ratify the federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). After the ERA was ratified, Davis went on to serve on the Task Force on Sex Discrimination in Education, the State Advisory Council on Sex Discrimination in Employment, the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, and a variety of other civil rights-related commissions and task forces.

Content Description

The Eleanor R. Davis papers comprise professional and personal documents, including printed materials, reports, correspondence, scrapbooks, notes, clippings, photographs, ephemera, and video and audio recordings. This collection includes a significant amount of material relating to Davis' work on the advancement of women in Oregon. This includes her involvement in groups such as the Task Force on Sex Discrimination in Education, the State Advisory Council on Sex Discrimination in Employment, the Oregon Council for Women's Equality, the American Association of University Women, the Unitarian Church, and a variety of other civil rights-related commissions and task forces.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Equal rights amendments
Unitarian Universalists--United States
Women's rights--Oregon

Corporate Names :

Oregon Council for Women's Equality
Oregon Women's Political Caucus
Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

Form or Genre Terms :

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