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Related Materials:

Dayton Women Working Records, MS-129

Dayton Women's Center Records, MS-119

Dayton Women's Liberation Records, MS-133

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged into the following five series:

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Dissertation Research Materials

Series III: Subject Files Alphabetical

Series IV: Index Cards

Series V: Interviews

 Subseries VA: Transcripts

 Subseries VB: Audio Recordings

Biographical Note:

Judith Ezekiel (b. 1956) grew up in Dayton View, Ohio, where she lived from a young age through the spring of 1973, and again during the summers of 1974 and 1975. Her family had a history of political involvement, with her parents active in community politics, a maternal grandfather who was a union organizer, and a paternal grandmother who served as secretary to suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt. With familial and community influences, Ezekiel's own participation in politics started when she was young. During high school, she attended several Dayton Women's Liberation (DWL) events and Dayton Women's Center's community events and benefits. Later, in 1975 after returning to Dayton from Ann Arbor, where she was a student at the University of Michigan, Ezekiel attended the Socialist Feminist Conference in Yellow Springs, Ohio, as a member of the Ann Arbor contingent.

Ezekiel spent thirty-five years in France and was a visiting Women's Studies professor at Wright State University from the Université de Toulouse. She has published on the women's movements in the United States and France, comparative race and ethnicities, and Franco-American, (mis)representations. She co-organized the 3rd international Francophone women's studies conference, "Ruptures, Résistances et Utopies, in September 2002 and was a founding member of the research group "Race et Genre", established in 2003. Ezekiel has published papers in "European Journal of Women's Studies", "Women's Studies Quarterly", "Nouvelles Questions Féministes", et "Les Temps Modernes". She was also an associate editor for ten years and a member of the Management committee of the "European Journal of Women's Studies."

Scope and Content:

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Series I, Correspondence, contains letters from colleagues and prospective publishers, including a photocopy of a letter to Ezekiel from Howard Zinn regarding the importance of her research. Materials date from 1985 to 1989.

Series II, Dissertation Research Materials, includes articles, charts, statistics, reports, chapters, and notes related to the development of Ezekiel's dissertation on the history of the feminist movement in Dayton, Ohio, in the 1970s. Dated materials range from 1968 to 1987.

Series III, Subject Files Alphabetical, contains articles, newsletters, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, conference materials, project documentation, and reports from various organizations. Many files have a handwritten index located in the front of the folders. The files are arranged in alphabetical order by topic and dated materials range from 1965-1986, with some undated.

Series IV, Index cards, contains notes on relevant people, subjects and events related to the Dayton feminist movement. These are undated.

Series V, Interviews, includes interviews with over 58 activists. Ezekiel and Dominique Loeillet conducted most of the interviews between 1980 and 1982; all other interviews were primarily conducted by Ezekiel. Materials in this series span 1974 to 1999, but the bulk are from 1980-1985. Subseries VA: Transcripts, includes several transcripts of interviews and conversation notes. Subseries VB: Audio Recordings contains over 233 cassette tapes containing the audio interviews.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

Dayton Women Working
Dayton Women's Center
Dayton Women's Liberation
Young Women's Christian Association

Personal Names

Loeillet, Dominique

Places

Dayton (Ohio) -- Social conditions

Subjects (General)

Feminism -- Ohio -- Dayton

Material Types

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| 1 | 2 | Correspondence - Chronological [Includes photo copy of a letter to Ezekiel from Howard Zinn] | 1985, 1987 |
| Series II: Dissertation Research Materials | | | 1968-1987 |
| 1 | 3 | Articles, Important, no. 1-25 | 1968-1981 |
| 1 | 4 | Articles, Important, no. 26-40 [many missing] | 1976-1981 |
| 1 | 5 | Charts [women profiles on career, class, religion, politics, education] | circa 1976 |
| 1 | 6 | Notes, "Already Used, Splits" | circa 1973 |
| 1 | 7 | Notes, Miscellaneous | undated |
| 1 | 8 | Notes, Writing Outline | undated |
| 1 | 9 | Notes, Reading Notes on Important Books | 1971-1978 |
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| 2 | 1 | Articles, Miscellaneous | circa 1970-1979 |
| 2 | 2 | L'histoire du mouvement féministe à Dayton, Ohio dans les années 1970, Victoires ou récupération? Le mouvement face aux institutions locales [The history of the feminist movement in Dayton, Ohio in the 1970s. Wins or recovery? The movement facing the local institutions.] Final Report | 1987 Jun |
| 2 | 3 | Une contribution à l'histoire du mouvement féministe américain: l'étude de cas de Dayton, Ohio (1969-1980)[A Contribution to the History of the American Feminist Movement: the case study of Dayton, Ohio] Tome 2, Chapters 4-7 | 1987 |
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| 3 | 2 | Abortion | 1973-1982 |
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| 3 | 8 | Board of Education (Public Schools) | 1973-1982 |
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| 4 | 2 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC) Newsletters | 1975-1980 |
| 4 | 3 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC) Minutes, WC Collective - My Summary, 1973-1978 | undated |
| 4 | 4 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), WCC Meeting Minutes | 1973-1974 |
| 4 | 5 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), WCC Meeting Minutes | 1975-1976 |
| 4 | 6 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), WCC Meeting Minutes | 1977-1978 |
| 4 | 7 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), WCC Meeting Minutes | 1978-1979 |
| 4 | 8 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), Referral Guide and Information for Volunteers | circa 1978 |
| 4 | 9 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), First Women's Service Directory | 1975 |
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| 4 | 11 | Dayton Women's Center (DWC), Notes on Logs, Finances, from 1974-1985 | undated |
| 4 | 12 | Dayton Women's Liberation (DWL) | 1969-1975 |
| 4 | 13 | Dayton Women's Liberation (DWL), Wright State University, Reunion, from M. Morgan | 1971-1974 |
| 4 | 14 | Dayton Women Working (DWW) | undated |
| 5 | 1 | Dayton Women Working (DWW), Articles of Incorporation, Agreement, Proposals, Finances | 1977-1979 |
| 5 | 2 | Dayton Women Working (DWW), Newsletters | 1975-1980 |
| 5 | 3 | Dayton Women Working (DWW), Miscellaneous Local, Articles | 1977-1979 |
| 5 | 4 | Dayton Women Working (DWW), Organizing Leadership | circa 1979 |
| 5 | 5 | Dayton Women Working - Progress Reports, By-laws, Relationship with National | 1976-1979 |
| 5 | 6 | Dayton Women Working (DWW), Workshops, Actions, Speeches | 1975-1980 |
| 5 | 7 | Divorce - Instructions for Dissolution [Kathy Ellison] | undated |
| 5 | 8 | Education - Title IX | 1975 |
| 5 | 9 | Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) | undated |
| 5 | 10 | Family - State of Ohio Women's Information Center, The Woman and Her Family pamphlet | 1978 |
| 5 | 11 | Freedom of Choice Coalition (FOC) | 1978-1981 |
| 5 | 12 | Freedom of Choice, Miami Valley - Reproductive Freedom | 1980 |
| 5 | 13 | Job Discrimination | 1973-1982 |
| 5 | 14 | Lesbianism, Lesbians | 1970 |
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| 7 | 1 | Socialist Feminist Conference, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1975 | 1974-1975 |
| 7 | 2 | Socialist Feminist Conference, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1975 | 1975 |
| 7 | 3 | Theory [feminism] | circa 1970 |
| 7 | 4 | Unions | 1982 |
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| 7 | 6 | Victimization Center, Victim/Witness Progress Report | 1974-1975 |
| 7 | 7 | Victimization Project [Final Report of the Victim/Witness Division] | 1975-1976 |
| 7 | 8 | Victim Witness, general | 1974-1981 |
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| 10 | 2 | Name, A-Z | Undated |
| 10 | 3 | Subjects, A-Y | Undated |
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| | Subseries VA: Transcripts | | 1980-1985, undated |
| 8 | 1 | Breslin, Maddi | 1980 July |
| 8 | 2 | Carroll, Betty Jean | 1980 |
| 8 | 3 | Collins, Sallie and Gail Levin [Interviewer: Judith Ezekiel] | 1982 July 2 |
| 8 | 4 | Crawl (Jackson), Donna | 1981 |
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| 8 | 8 | Ediss, Joan (Ruth) | 1982 July |
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| 8 | 12 | Ford, Cathy | 1982 July |
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| 8 | 14 | Gregg, Barbara | 1982 Mar 20 |
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| 8 | 16 | Grigsby, Nancy and Peg Kanapke | 1981 Aug |
| 8 | 17 | Hart, Tricia | 1981 Aug 20 |
| 8 | 18 | Holmes, Sherrie | 1980 July |
| 8 | 19 | Holmes, Sherrie, Interviewed by Dorothy Smith | 1983 June 30 |
| 8 | 20 | Kinder, Claudia | 1980 July |
| 8 | 21 | Kleine, Kathy and Joan Ediss | 1985 July |
| 8 | 22 | Kleinehenz, JoAnn | 1985 July |
| 8 | 23 | Koch, Gloria | 1980 July |
| 8 | 24 | Lizak, Leslie | 1982 July 22 |
| 8 | 25 | Lynch, Maureen | 1982 July 25 |
| 8 | 26 | Merz, Margo | 1982 July |
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| 8 | 29 | Novick, Sherrie, Interviewed by Barbara Tuss | 1981 Aug |
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| 9 | 4 | Reisner, Konrad and Elsa | 1982 July 9 |
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| 9 | 6 | Roarke, Joan | Undated |
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| 9 | 8 | Roundtable | 1982 July |
| 9 | 9 | Russel-Campbell, Pat | 1985 July |
| 9 | 10 | Saunier, Anne | 1982 July 1 |
| 9 | 11 | Silverman, Sybil | 1981 Aug |
| 9 | 12 | Simmons, Jeri | 1981 Aug 11 |
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| | | | undated |
| 11 | | Bray (?), Lorraine (2 cassettes) | undated |
| 11 | | Breslin, Maddi, 3 hours, in Ezekiel's home, (3 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 11 | | Breslin, Maddi (1 cassette) | 1980 Aug |
| 11 | | Brooks, Mary, 2.5 hours, with Maggie Reck, in her office (4 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 11 | | Carroll, Betty Jean (2 cassette) | undated |
| 11 | | Carroll, Betty Jean (2 cassette) | 1980 Apr |
| 11 | | Carroll, Betty Jean (2 cassette) | 1981 Aug |
| 11 | | Carroll, Betty Jean (2 cassette) | 1985 Jul |
| 11 | | Cohn-Bendit, Daniel (1 cassette) | undated |
| 11 | | Collins, Laura (1 cassette) | 1982 Jul |
| 11 | | Crawl, Donna (2 cassettes) | undated |
| 11 | | Crawl, Donna, 3 hours, Marion, Indiana (2 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 11 | | Davis, Bing and Audrey, 2 hours (2 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 11 | | Davis, Audrey (2 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 11 | | Drennen, Sheila, 4 hours, Yellow Springs, Ohio (4 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 11 | | D., R.W. (1 cassette) | undated |
| 11 | | Ediss, Joan (1 cassette) | 1980 Aug |
| 11 | | Ediss, Joan (cassette 1 of 3) | 1982 Jul |
| 12 | | Ediss, Joan (cassette 2-3 of 3) | 1982 Jul |
| 12 | | Ediss, Joan (1 cassette) | 1985 Jul |
| 12 | | Ellison, Kathy, 3 hours, in her office (4 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 12 | | Ellison, Kathy, 2 hours, in her office (2 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 12 | | Fisher, Roberta, 3 hours, Waynesville, Ohio (4 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 12 | | Ford, Cathy, 2 hours, in her office (4 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 12 | | Gooding, Jesse (2 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 12 | | Gregg, Barbara, 4.5 hours, Wilmott, New Hampshire [Interviewer: Loeillet alone] (6 cassettes) | 1982 Mar |
| 12 | | Griesinger, Jan and Morgan, 5 hours, Millfield, Ohio (6 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 12 | | Grigsby, Nancy and Peg Kanapke, 3 hours (cassettes 1-2 of 4) | 1981 Aug |
| 13 | | Grigsby, Nancy and Peg Kanapke, 3 hours (cassettes 3-4 of 4) | 1981 Aug |
| 13 | | Hart, Tricia, 3 hours (4 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 13 | | Haycock, Dana, 1 hour, in her office | 1982 Jul |
| 13 | | Holmes, Sherrie, 1.5 hours, in San Francisco, California [Interviewed by Dorothy Smith] (4 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 13 | | Holmes, Sherrie (4 cassettes) | 1981 Sep |
| 13 | | Joe, Brenda (1 cassette) | undated |
| 13 | | Kinder, Claudia, 2.5 hours, in her office [.75 hours with Kock and McGuire] (2 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 13 | | Kleine, Kathy and Joan Ediss, 4.5 hours (6 cassettes) | 1980 Aug |

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| 13 | | Kleine, Kathy, 2 hours, Berkeley, California (2 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 13 | | Kleinehenz, JoAnn, 1 hour (1 cassette) | 1985 Jul |
| 13 | | Koch, Gloria, with Kinder and McGuire, .75 hours, in Kinder's office (3 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 13 | | Levin, Gail, 2 hours, in her office (cassettes 1-4 of 5) | 1982 Jul |
| 14 | | Levin, Gail, 2 hours, in her office (cassette 5 of 5) | 1982 Jul |
| 14 | | Levin, Gail, Roundtable (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 14 | | Lizak, Leslie, 3 hours (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 14 | | Lynch, Maureen, 1.5 hours (2 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 14 | | Merz, Margo, 3 hours (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 14 | | Mescher, Maggie, 3 hours (3 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 14 | | Morgan, Mary with Griesinger, 7.5 hours, in Millfield, Ohio (7 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 14 | | Novick, Sherrie and Barbara Tuss, 7.5 hours (cassettes 1-2 of 9) | 1982 Aug |
| 15 | | Novick, Sherrie and Barbara Tuss, 7.5 hours (cassettes 3-9 of 9) | 1982 Aug |
| 15 | | Levin, Gail, Roundtable (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 15 | | Lizak, Leslie, 3 hours (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 15 | | Lynch, Maureen, 1.5 hours (2 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 15 | | Merz, Margo, 3 hours (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 15 | | Mescher, Maggie, 3 hours (3 cassettes) | 1985 Jul |
| 15 | | Morgan, Mary with Griesinger, 7.5 hours, in Millfield, Ohio (7 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 15 | | Russell-Campbell, Pat, 3 hours, in Ezekiel's home (cassette 1 of 3) | 1985 Jul |
| 16 | | Russell-Campbell, Pat, 3 hours, in Ezekiel's home (cassettes 2-3 of 3) | 1985 Jul |
| 16 | | Saunier, Anne, 3 hours (6 cassettes) | 1982 Jul |
| 16 | | Schurr, Lillian (2 cassettes) | undated |
| 16 | | Silverman, Sybil 4.5 hours (6 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 16 | | Simmons, Jeri 3 hours (2 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 16 | | Simmons, Jeri 3 hours (1 cassette) | 1985 Jul |
| 16 | | Simmons, Jeri 3 hours (2 cassettes) | undated |
| 16 | | Suits, Robin, 4.5 hours over 2 days, (6 cassettes) | 1980 Jul |
| 16 | | Vaughn, Noelle, 1.5 hours (1 cassette) | 1981 Aug |
| 16 | | Walker, Deborah, .5 hours, in a restaurant (2 cassettes) | 1980 Aug |
| 16 | | Willhelm, Noreen, 1.5 hours (cassettes 1-3 of 4) | 1999 Jul |
| 17 | | Willhelm, Noreen, 1.5 hours (cassette 4 of 4) | 1999 Jul |
| 17 | | Wilson, Anita, 3 hours, in her office (4 cassettes) | 1981 Aug |
| 17 | | WYSO (6 cassettes) | 1974-1979 |
| 17 | | YWCA (3 cassettes) | 1982 |
| 17 | | Miscellaneous, unknown audio (11 cassettes) | 1986, undated |