

THE POWER OF WOMEN'S VOICES

Celebrating 65 Years of Collecting Women's History at Smith College

September 28-29, 2007
Northampton, Massachusetts

Come celebrate the 65th birthday of the Sophia Smith Collection, the oldest archive devoted to the study of women's history in the United States. Founded in 1942 by Margaret Storrs Grierson, the SSC has grown to 575 collections (9,000 feet) of primary source material. The Voices of Feminism Oral History Project and the collections this initiative inspired focus on the activism of previously under-documented ethnic groups, lesbian activism and culture, and activist women of low-income. These new research resources promise to broaden the scope of U.S. women's history and permit scholarship to become more inclusive and therefore more accurate. In addition to the Voices of Feminism Oral History Project, this conference will highlight the recently processed YWCA Records, the Living U.S. Women's History Oral History Project, the Population and Reproductive Health Oral History Project, and the newly received Women's Music Archives.



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Schedule of Events

Friday evening, September 28, 2007

7:30 **Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall, Smith College**

Welcome: Carol Christ, President of Smith College

Voices of Feminism Oral History panel moderated by Joyce Follet: Loretta Ross, Carmen Vazquez, and Joan Biren.

9:00 Birthday reception in the Alumnae Gymnasium. Opening of exhibition.

Saturday, September 29, 2007

9:30 **Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall, Smith College**

Welcome: Sherrill Redmon, Director of the Sophia Smith Collection

YWCA panel moderated by Maida Goodwin: Nancy Robertson, Amanda Izzo, and Dorothea Browder.

12:00 Lunch break (150 box lunches provided). Guests are free to wander campus.

Alumnae Gymnasium open for exhibition browsing.

1:30 **Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall, Smith College**

Music (and group singing) by Margie Adam

New collections and projects moderated by Sherrill Redmon: Deborah McFarlane (Population and Reproductive Health Oral History Project) and Kathryn Kish Sklar (Living U.S. Women's Oral History Project).

3-3:15 Break

3:15 Excerpts from videotaped Voices of Feminism Oral History Project, introduced by Joyce Follet.

4:00 Featured speaker: Gloria Steinem on the future of feminism

4:45 End with music by Margie Adam

All events are free and open to the public.

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