

**Feminist Forum, Records**  
**1995-2002, n.d.**

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**Separations:** None.

**See Also:** *Women's Studies Program Records, 1977-2001* at the WLA.

**Administrative History**

The Feminist Forum was founded in 1995 through the Women's Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago. The first meeting was held on the lakeshore campus, September 19<sup>th</sup>; graduate student Phoebe Stein served as leader for the night, and over 20 undergraduate students attended. The Feminist Forum, according to the application for new student organization, was founded in order to provide a supportive, safe, and open environment to discuss women and women's issues. A pro-active organization, the Feminist Forum sought to bring speakers and hold events to raise awareness of the challenges in many women's lives such as sexual violence, HIV and AIDS, discrimination, sexual harassment and awareness of systems of patriarchy.

Following the first meeting, the Feminist Forum created a constitution through which there were no officers, only equal members who delegated duties and shared authority. The Forum sponsored and co-sponsored numerous campus events, speakers, and counter protests, mainly on the lakeshore campus, including, Winona LaDuke, Kay Leigh Hagan, Dolores Huerta, Angela Davis, Take Back the Night, Radical Cheerleading, and the Vagina Monologues. Members have volunteered at Sarah's Circle, a Chicago area "drop in" center for homeless/abused women. Occasionally, the Forum was, and still is, at the center of controversy and conflict with other campus organizations over ideological differences, mainly abortion. As of the 2003-2004 academic year, the Feminist Forum continues to operate at Loyola University Chicago.

## **Collection Overview**

This collection consists of 1 box, spanning the years 1995 to 2002 and includes two series: general activities and V-Day activities. The former includes materials related to the organization, structure, budget, and special events sponsored by the Feminist Forum. The latter concerns special events planned on and for V-Day held at Loyola University Chicago from 1997 to 2002.

### **Series 1: General Activities, 1995-2002, n.d., Box 1**

Consists of information on meetings/meeting minutes, membership lists, budget records, sponsored public speakers and events. Also included are six photographs of the members of Feminist Forum and Gloria Steinem, taken in 1999 when Steinem was a featured speaker.

### **Series 2: V-Day Activities, 1997-2002, n.d., Box 1**

Includes records related to the V-Day national campus campaign, including an organizer's kit, special flyers, play and performance transcripts, transcribed cheers and protest notes.

### **Subjects:**

Feminist Forum  
Loyola University Chicago  
Loyola University Chicago, Women's Studies Program  
Take Back the Night  
Vagina Monologues

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>General Activities, 1995-2002, n.d.</b>			
1	1	Application for New Student Organization	1995
	2	Constitution, Drafts and Final	n.d.
	3	Correspondence	1995-1997
	4	Emergency March for Women	2001
	5	Ephemera	2002
	6	Event Sponsorship	n.d.
	7	Facts About Sexual Assault, AMA	2000
	8	Financial Records	1997-1999
	9	Flyers	1995-2002
	10	Gloria Steinem Photographs	1999
	11	Hunger Week Activities	1997
	12	Membership Lists	1995-1996
	13	Meeting Minutes and Notes	1996-2002
	14	Newsletter Conflict	1998
	15	Newsletter, "The ForeFront"	1998
	16	Poetry: Vagina Monologues by Anita Melcher	n.d.
	17	Press	1995-2002
	18	Pro-Life Action League and Joseph M. Scheidler	1999
	19	Room Requests	1998
	20	Sarah's Circle	n.d.
	21	Speakers	1997-2002
	22	Teach in-Take Back the Night	1997-2000
	23	University Contact Numbers	n.d.
	24	University Policies	1993
	25	University Technical Support	1996
	26	What's Love Got to Do With It? Play	n.d.
	27	Women's Studies Program	1998
<b>V-Day Activities, 1997-2002, n.d.</b>			
	28	V-Day College Campaign Organizer's Kit	2000
	29	V-Day: Loyola University Chicago	1997-1998
	30	V-Day: Loyola University Chicago	2001
	31	V-Day: Loyola University Chicago	2002
	32	V-Day: Loyola University Chicago, Flyers	2002
	33	V-Day: Loyola University Chicago, Organizer's Notes and Limited Correspondence	2002