



**FINDING AID TO
THE COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
RECORDS, 1988-2012**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Council on the Status of Women, 1988-2011
Title	Council on the Status of Women records
Collection Identifier	MSP 49
Date Span	1988-2012
Abstract	The collection includes meeting minutes, correspondence, handouts, newspaper clippings, and electronic media that document the Council on the Status of Women and its activities.
Extent	3.318 cubic feet (Nine letter-size full-width manuscript boxes, two oversize folders, one print drop-front box, one legal-size folder)
Finding Aid Author	Virginia Pleasant
Languages	English
Repository	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:	Majority of the collection is open for research. One file has been restricted until 2087.
Acquisition Information:	Donated by Judith Ware and Joan Marshall, July 18, 2012
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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Myra Mason

Organizations

Purdue University. Council on the Status of Women.

Topics

Women's rights

Reproductive rights

Affirmative action programs.

Work-life balance

Women's archives at Purdue University.

Form and Genre Types

Born digital

Clippings

Correspondence

Pamphlets

Programs

Studies and reports.

Occupations

Women in higher education.

History of Council on the Status of Women

The Council on the Status of Women was founded at Purdue in 1988 to provide a space for women faculty and staff to network and advocate for women's rights at the university. The Council was also instrumental in the founding of the Women's Resource Center at Purdue. During the Council's tenure, they worked for the equal status and rights of women and other minorities at Purdue. They provided input for job searches for positions related to these goals and for the development of the Women's Resource Center and Office for Diversity. In addition to the many programs and presentations they sponsored, the Council also sponsored a mentorship program for junior faculty and several important studies and reports. These studies included several reports on the overall status of women at Purdue, work and family reports, and flexible scheduling and work-life balance studies. They also advocated on behalf of Myra Mason and her Lilly Report on Diversity. In addition, the Council played an important role in facilitating the change of university policies on birth control, same sex partnerships and benefits, child and elder care, and work-life balance related benefits. The group is perhaps best known, however, for its institution of and sponsorship of the Violet Haas Award, which honors an individual (usually a woman) affiliated with the university who has worked for women's rights. The Violet Haas Award continues as a legacy of the Council in spite of the group's dissolution in 2011.

Source(s):

MSP 49 Council on the Status of Women records, Karnes Archives and Special Collections

Collection Description

Scope

The Council on the Status of Women records (1988-2012; 3.85 cubic feet) document the activities and impact of the Council on the Status of Women at Purdue University. The collection provides a comprehensive picture of the various activities and causes that Council was involved in during its tenure. Also included are some news clippings about notable members and relevant stories about women's rights in the news. The collection would likely be useful for researchers interested in women's rights, affirmative action, equality and diversity in the university, women in higher education, advocacy in the university, and prominent women at Purdue University. Types of materials include: correspondence, papers, reports, newsletters and news clippings, handouts, and machine readable media, etc. The records are organized into four series:

Arrangement

- 1. Administrative, 1988-2011 (1.2 cubic feet)** The administrative series contains, meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, and surveys that document the operation and activities of the Council on the Status of Women at Purdue. These materials also give insight into the types of causes the Council advocated for. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically and by type.
- 2. Activities, 1988-2011 (0.6 cubic feet)** The activities series includes newsletters, handouts, papers documenting programs and presentations, and various reports produced by the Council on the Status of women. They provide insight into the activities and impact of the group on the Purdue community. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically and by type.
- 3. Violet Haas Award, 1991-2011 (0.8 cubic feet)** The Violet Haas Award series contains papers documenting the award committee, award ceremonies, and award nominations. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically and by type.
- 4. Other Media, 1988-2011 (1.25 cubic feet)** This series includes newspaper clippings (most of which have been photocopied and originals discarded), posters, and machine readable media. Extracted files from machine readable media are available in digital format and most are replicated in hard copy throughout the collection. Audio-visual materials had not been transferred as of yet. Files contain materials representative of the Administrative and Violet Haas Award series. Materials in the series are arranged chronologically and by type.

Descriptive Rules Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Whenever possible, original order of the materials has been retained. Excess duplicates, receipts, and mailing lists have been removed. All materials have been placed in archival housing. All newsprint has been photocopied and in most cases original newspaper clippings have been discarded. Some clippings containing images of people or color graphics, or front pages of newspapers, have been preserved for display purposes, with photocopies made available for research. Oversized maps, blueprints, diagrams, certificates, and other printed material [OVS]; photographs; and artifacts have been separated and grouped into individual series for preservation purposes. Files have been extracted from machine readable media (floppy disc, CD-Rs, and DVD-R) and transferred into a more stable digital format. They will be available to researchers upon request in digital format.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Administrative, 1988-2011

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
1	1	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1988-1989
1	2	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1989-1990
1	3	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1990-1991
1	4	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1991-1992
1	5	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1992-1993
1	6	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1993-1994
1	7	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1994-1995
1	8	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1995-1996
1	9	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1996-1997
1	10	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1997-1998
1	11	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1998-1999
2	1	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1999-2000 (1 of 2)
2	2	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 1999-2000 (2 of 2)
2	3	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2000-2001
2	4	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2001-2002
2	5	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2002-2003
2	6	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2003-2004
2	7	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2004-2005
2	8	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2005-2006
2	9	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2006-2007
10	1	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2007-2008
10	2	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2008-2009
10	3	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2009-2010
10	4	Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2010-2011
10	5	Annual Reports, 1989-2011
3	1	Correspondence, 1989-1990
3	2	Correspondence, 1990-1991
3	3	Correspondence, 1991-1992
3	4	Correspondence, 1992-1993
3	5	Correspondence, 1993-1994
3	6	Correspondence, 1994-1995
3	7	Correspondence, 1995-1996
3	8	Correspondence, 1996-1997
3	9	Correspondence: Myra Mason, 1997
3	10	Correspondence, 1997-1998
3	11	Correspondence, 1998-1999
3	12	Correspondence, 1999-2000
3	13	Correspondence, 2000-2001
3	14	Correspondence, 2001-2002
3	15	Correspondence 2002-2003
3	16	Correspondence, 2003-2004

3	17	Correspondence, 2004-2005
3	18	Correspondence, 2005-2006
3	19	Correspondence, 2006-2007
3	20	Correspondence, 2007-2008
3	21	Correspondence, 2008-2009
3	22	Correspondence, 2009-2010
3	23	Correspondence, 2010-2011
3	24	Surveys, 1990-1995
3	25	Surveys, 1997-2000
3	26	Surveys, 2001-2003
3	27	Surveys, 2008-2010
10	6	History of the council, 1988-1996
10	7	Fundraising, 1992-1997*
10	8	Staff training, 1994
CC 57	1	Fundraising, 1992-1997* (Restricted materials)

*Restricted records have been copied, redacted, and placed back in the file. Originals have been separated. Three floppy disks were separated and placed in Box 9.

Series 2 Activities, 1988-2011

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
4	1	Newsletters and Handouts, 1990-1995
4	2	Newsletters and Handouts, 1995-2000
4	3	Newsletters and Handouts, 2000-2005
4	4	Newsletters and Handouts, 2005-2011
4	5	Programs and Presentations, 1988-1995
4	6	Programs and Presentations, 1995-2000
4	7	Programs and Presentations, 2000-2005
4	8	Programs and Presentations, 2005-2011
4	9	Job Postings and Candidates, 1993-2005
5	1	Status of Women at Purdue Reports, 1989-2007
5	2	Work and Family Reports, 1998-2002 (1 of 2)
5	3	Work and Family Reports, 1998-2002 (2 of 2)
5	4	Myra Mason Lilly Report on Diversity, 1997
8	21	Women in Higher Education, 1989-2000
8	22	Flexible Scheduling, circa 1996
8	23	Sexual harassment in the workplace, undated
8	24	Quality of life in the workplace, 2008

Series 3 Violet Haas Award, 1991-2011

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
6	1	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1991

6	2	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1992
6	3	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1993
6	4	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1994
6	5	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1995
6	6	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1996
6	7	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1997
6	8	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1998
6	9	Violet Haas Award Committee, 1999
6	10	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2000
6	11	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2001
6	12	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2002
6	13	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2003
6	14	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2004
6	15	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2005
6	16	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2006
6	17	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2007
6	18	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2008
6	19	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2009
6	20	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2010
6	21	Violet Haas Award Committee, 2011
6	22	Violet Haas, 1996-2012
7	1	Violet Haas Award Nominees, 1991-2011
7	2	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 1992
7	3	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 1995
7	4	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 1998
7	5	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2001
7	6	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2004
7	7	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2005
7	8	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2006
7	9	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2007
7	10	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2008
7	11	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2009
7	12	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2010
7	13	Violet Haas Award Nominations, 2010
7	14	Violet Haas Award Correspondence, 1991-2011

Series 4 Other Media, 1988-2011

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
8	1	News Clippings, 1988-1989
8	2	News Clippings, 1989-1990
8	3	News Clippings, 1990-1991
8	4	News Clippings, 1991-1992
8	5	News Clippings, 1992-1995
8	6	News Clippings, 1997-1998
8	7	News Clippings, 1998-1999

8	8	News Clippings, 1999-2000
8	9	News Clippings, 2000-2001
8	10	News Clippings, 2001-2002
8	11	News Clippings, 2002-2003
8	12	News Clippings, 2003-2004
8	13	News Clippings, 2004-2005
8	14	News Clippings, 2005-2006
8	15	News Clippings, 2006-2007
8	16	News Clippings, 2007-2008
8	17	News Clippings, 2008-2009
8	18	News Clippings, 2009-2010
8	19	News Clippings, 2010-2011
8	20	Myra Mason Lilly Report Scandal Clippings, 1993-1997

Digital Media

9	1	Floppy disk 3 ½": CSW Sec, 7/2001
9	2	CD-R: V Haas Files, 1999-2006
9	3	DVD-R: CSW Reports, 1996-2011
9	4	CD-R: Violet Haas Files, 1999-2011
9	5	CD-R: Violet Haas Mary Ellen Bock, 2006
9	6	Disc: CSW Files, 2007-2008
9	7	CD-R: CSW Files, 2009-2010
9	8	CD-R: CSW Membership, 2011
9	9	Mini Video Cassette: Female Leadership Advantage, 2003
9	10	VHS: What Every Woman Should Know About Promotion and Tenure, 1995
9	11	VHS: Mentoring Program, 1995
9	12	Floppy disk, 3 ½": Info, 1994-1995 (Fundraising lists, rosters, etc)
9	13	Floppy disk, 3 ½": Info, 1994-1995 (Fundraising letters)
9	14	Floppy disk, 3 ½": Fundraising info, 1995-1996

Oversize Materials

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
CC 52	1	Posters, 1997-2007
CC 52	2	Newspapers, 2002-2009