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Caroline White fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

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Dates

1983-2006

Extent

approx. 20 cm of textual records (2 boxes)

Biographical sketch

Caroline White is a community-based consultant focusing on decolonial, anti-racist, queer and trans anti-violence and social justice education and activism. Caroline lives on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Sel̓ilwítulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. In 1991 she began working as Education Coordinator at the Kitchener-Waterloo Sexual Assault Support Centre in Ontario. She instructed on male violence against women, dating violence, child sexual assault, sexual harassment, dissociation, anti-racism, and oppression. However, White was frustrated with the heteronormative risk analysis used by the sexual assault centre, which focused on violence against cisgendered women by cisgendered men, to the exclusion of other gender dynamics. In 1994 she initiated policies and training to support transgendered people who have experienced sexual and interpersonal violence.

In 2000, White became a member of the Trans Alliance Society and the Women/Trans Dialogue Planning Committee, a grassroots project out of Vancouver, B.C. to foster dialogue between transgendered people and trans-exclusionary women's groups. The committee arose in response to two controversies: Vancouver Rape Relief's refusal to hire transwoman Kimberly Nixon and the subsequent Human Rights Tribunal hearing, and the inclusion of gender identity as grounds for discrimination under the BC Human Rights Code. It was through this Committee that White met Joshua Mira Goldberg, her frequent collaborator in articles and policy guides.

White received her M.A. in Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia in 2002, with her thesis titled *Re/defining Gender and Sex: Education for Trans, Transsexual, and Intersex Access and Inclusion to Sexual Assault Centres and Transition Houses*. Her research discovered that, contrary to common perceptions, many transition houses in British Columbia (45 out of 62 respondents to her questionnaire) are accessible to transgendered women in policy. Her writing has also appeared in publications *Intimate Violence in LGBTQ Lives* (New York: Routledge, 2011) and *Trans/forming Feminisms* (Toronto: Sumach Press, 2011).

In 2005, White was employed by the Justice Institute of B.C. (JIBC) as Program Coordinator at the Centre for Leadership and Community Learning. She later became Program Director for the Centre for Counselling and Community Safety at JIBC, and won their 2015 President's Award.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of Caroline White's research towards her M.A. thesis, and documents produced by the Women/Trans Dialogue Committee and Trans Alliance committee. Her research touches on discrimination, activism, violence, women-only spaces, gender theories, critical race theory, disability studies, and legal cases. Material includes research papers, articles, committee documents, zines, pamphlets, clippings, and correspondence.

Notes

Source of title proper: Title based on contents of fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition: Donated by Caroline White.

Finding aids: File list available.

Accompanying material: Material accessible in Special Collections, library, or public domain has been removed.

Associated material: Caroline White's thesis is available through the University of British Columbia Library: <http://webcat2.library.ubc.ca/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=2639622> (call number: AW5 .B71 2002-0603).

Subject access points: Health and social services; Law and justice; Organizations; Transgender people--Civil rights; Women

2. Inventory

Accession 2020-028

Box 1

- 1.1 Activism : education, workshops, etc.. -- 1995-2000. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains Women/Trans Dialogue Planning Committee documents, correspondence, list of Ontario trans organizations, presentation feedback, and notes from a psychology lecture.

- 1.2 Activism : community building. -- 1998-2002. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.3 Activism : transgender activist groups. -- 1994, 1999-2001. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.4 Articles : allies and equality-seeking groups. -- 1998-2002. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.5 NAWL: Consultation on Transgender & Women's Substantive Equality. -- 2003. -- 1 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.6 Policy examples of transgender inclusion. -- 1996-2003. -- 2 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.7 Articles : race theory, disability, and identity. -- 1994-2005. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.8 Articles : gender and transgender theories. -- 1993-2000. -- 1 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.9 Articles : transgender theory and feminism. -- 1985-2002. -- 1 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 1.10 Articles : transsexuals. -- 1994-1995. -- 6 p..

File contains clippings, correspondence, and brochure titled "Transsexual Transvestite".

- 1.11 Articles : transgender and lesbian/bi women. -- 1994-2000. -- 1 cm of textual records.

File contains correspondence, clippings, academic papers, and photocopies of zines.

- 1.12 Articles : women-only spaces. -- 1992-2002. -- 2.5 cm of textual records.

File contains photocopies of Gendertrash and Willyboy zines, photocopies of "off our backs" magazine, articles, clippings, correspondence, material from Trans/Action Justice and Equality Summit for Transgendered People, "Internalized Transphobia" by Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan, notes, policy material, and web forum printouts.

- 1.13 Articles : LGBTQ domestic violence. -- 1983-2006. -- 2.5 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, Survivor Project material, research papers, interview transcript, reports, presentation summaries, photocopied W.O.M.A.N., Inc. material, bibliography, notes, "Violence Against Women" report from Ms. magazine, and brochure for the Bradley-Angle House.

- 2.14 Articles : Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. -- 1993-2002. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.

File documents MWMF's controversial "womyn-born-womyn" policy and backlash against it. Material includes notes, articles, survey results, correspondence, photocopies of Gendertrash zine, and website printouts from MWMF and Camp Trans.

- 2.15 Articles : FTM perspectives. -- 1998-2004. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains photocopies of Willyboy zine, articles, correspondence, and web page printout titled "FTM Passing Tips".

- 2.16 General : definitions. -- 1993-2002. -- 1 cm of textual records.

File contains clippings, list of references, terminology guides, website printouts, conference material, photocopies of Willyboy and Gendertrash zines, correspondence, fact sheets, and articles.

- 2.17 General : testimonies and history. -- 1992-2002. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File contains articles, correspondence, "Reading Ourselves: Transsexual Women Tell Their Stories", and photocopies of Gendertrash zine.

- 2.18 Legal : BC Human Rights Code. -- 1999-2001. -- .5 cm of textual records.

File documents Trans/Action's proposed resolution to include protection of trans* people in the BC Human Rights Code. Material includes proposal, clippings, discussion paper, and articles.

- 2.19 Legal : Susan Mamela v. Vancouver Lesbian Connection, Tawni Sheridan v. BJ's Lounge. -- 1998-1999. -- 12 p..

File contains material documenting two legal cases: Susan Mamela v. The Vancouver Lesbian Connection (1999), and Tawni Sheridan v. BJ's Lounge (1998). Material includes legal opinion and clippings.

- 2.20 Legal : Kimberley Nixon v. Vancouver Rape Relief Society. -- 1997-2004. -- 2 cm of textual records.

File contains material documenting legal case Kimberley Nixon v. Vancouver Rape Relief Society (2000). Material includes clippings, correspondence, press releases, poster for a Healing Circle, and draft and oral arguments of the complainant prepared by lawyer barbara findlay.