



University of Victoria Archives

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Women Against Pornography, Victoria Branch fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

Women Against Pornography, Victoria Branch fonds

Dates

1982-1985

Extent

39 cm of textual records

Administrative history

Women Against Pornography (Victoria) was a feminist collective that was active in the late 1970s and 1980s. The group believed that pornography was anti-woman hate literature that promoted female submission and degradation through the glorification of male dominance. The group worked to defend the rights and dignity of all women by exposing the myths surrounding pornography and prostitution. The collective was opposed to depictions of sexual acts promoting male dominance and sexual aggression, not depictions of explicit sex that celebrated human sexuality. It worked toward the elimination of pornography through education, public awareness, and grassroots activism.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of correspondence, "Bad Trick Sheet" newsletters, reports, clippings, petitions, questionnaires, a "Women as Animals" file depicting women in advertising, and a script for a slide show entitled, "Erotica: A Feminist Exploration." Files arranged in alphabetical order by title.

Notes

Acquired from Monique Cikaliuk, April 1996.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

Accession 1997-100

Box 1

- 1.1 "Bad Trick Sheet" -- Newsletters, 1984
- 1.2 Bibliographies -- Current Research on Pornography and Violence, undated
- 1.3 Brief to the Fraser Commission – Pornography and Prostitution, January 1984
- 1.4 Brief to the Fraser Commission – Pornography and Prostitution, April 1984
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1982
- 1.6 Correspondence, 1983
- 1.7 Correspondence, 1984-1986
- 1.8 Downtown Youth Project – Final Report, 1982
- 1.9 Feminist Manifesto: Women Against Pornography, undated
- 1.10 Films – Lists and Review, 1982-1984, undated

Box 2

- 2.1 Hansen, Ann – Miscellaneous, 1984
- 2.2 Miscellaneous, 1983-1986
- 2.3 Newspaper clippings, 1981-1982
- 2.4 Newspaper clippings, 1983-1985
- 2.5 Newspaper clippings, undated
- 2.6 Pay TV – Newspaper clippings, 1983, undated
- 2.7 Petitions and questionnaires, 1983, undated
- 2.8 Pornography and the law, 1979-1985, undated
- 2.9 Presentations and discussion papers, 1981-1984, undated

Box 3

- 3.1 Prostitution – Brief on Prostitution, Solicitation Bawdy-Houses and related matters, 1982
- 3.2 Prostitution – Correspondence, 1980-1984, undated
- 3.3 Prostitution – Decriminalization of Prostitution: Towards a Non-Sexist Criminal Code, by Gayle Raphanel, undated
- 3.4 Prostitution – Easy Money: Adolescent Involvement in Prostitution by Debra Boyer and Jennifer James, undated
- 3.5 Prostitution (Articles), 1976-1978, undated
- 3.6 Prostitution – Newspaper clippings, 1982-1985, undated
- 3.7 Reports and Research, 1977-1983, 1991, undated
- 3.8 Women in Advertising (“Women as Animals” – original title) (1)
- 3.9 Women in Advertising (“Women as Animals” – original title) (2)

Box 4

- 4.1 Erotica – A Feminist Exploration – Miscellaneous, 1985-1986
- 4.2 Erotica – A Feminist Exploration – Script/manual, 1986
- 4.3 Erotica – A Feminist Exploration – Slide list and sources, 1986
- 4.4 Erotica – A Feminist Exploration – Slides (75 slides)
- 4.5 Erotica – A Feminist Exploration – Slides (59 slides)
- 4.6 Erotica – A Feminist Exploration – Slides (52 slides)
- 4.7 Erotica – A Feminist Perspective – Audio tape (1 tape)