



Guide to the Abortion Rights Association, Inc., photographs and pamphlets, 1972-1974 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Abortion Rights Association, Inc., photographs and pamphlets, 1972-1974 and undated

Creator:

Abortion Rights Association of New York. Medical Responsibilities Committee; Lisa Unger Baskin Collection (David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library)

Source:

Archive of Documentary Arts (Duke University); Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

Abstract:

Seven mounted photographs and five pamphlets from the Abortion Rights Association of New York, later known as the Abortion Rights Association, Inc., dating between 1972 and 1974. Pamphlets explain abortion procedures, clinic and physician guidelines, and women's rights to abortion, largely designed to address and implement the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*. Photographs (which contain captions) include black-and-white images of tools used in self-induced abortions; coroner's office photographs of deceased women following self-induced abortions; morgue photographs of infanticide victims; and images of fetuses in utero.

Extent:

1.0 Linear Feet

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Materials in English

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection consists of a set of seven mounted photographs, apparently intended for exhibition, and a set of five pro-choice pamphlets created by the Abortion Rights Association of New York (later known as Abortion Rights Association, Inc.). The photographs include coroner's office photographs of deceased women following self-inflicted abortions; morgue photographs of infanticides; equipment and tools used in self-inflicted abortions; and fetuses in utero, one with deformed brain. Author of the included captions is unknown. The pamphlets, written to assist New York physicians and practitioners implementing the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade ruling, address women's rights to clinical abortions, abortion laws, counseling and guidance on policies, and references to New York abortion clinics and practitioners.

Biographical/Historical

The Abortion Rights Association of New York, later known as the Abortion Rights Association, Inc., was based in New York City and advocated for women's rights to legal access to medical abortions. The group published several pamphlets outlining women's rights to abortion and listing abortion providers in New York State.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Abortion Rights Association, Inc., photographs and pamphlets were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a purchase from Lisa Baskin in 2015.

Processing Information

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Accessions described in this collection guide: LUB-MSS-2015-0050

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Names and Subjects

- Abortion -- Law and legislation
- Abortion services -- New York (State)
- Abortion -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
- Abortion -- Pictorial works
- Infanticide -- Pictorial works
- Fetus -- Physiology -- Pictorial works
- Baskin, Lisa Unger, former owner
- Archive of Documentary Arts (Duke University)
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

General Note

Forms part of the Lisa Unger Baskin Collection. Lisa Baskin noted that she originally received these items from Dr. Thomas Plaut, a member of the Medical Responsibilities Committee in the Abortion Rights Association of New York.

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Collection Inventory

Pamphlets, 1972-1974

Folder 1

"Listing of Selected New York State Abortion Clinics." Issued by Medical Responsibilities Committee of the Abortion Rights Association of New York, 1972 Folder 1

"Abortion: Guidelines for Counseling. To Implement the Supreme Court Abortion Decisions." Abortion Rights Association, Inc., 1973 Folder 1

"Abortion: A Physician's Rights and Responsibilities. To Implement the Supreme Court Abortion Decisions." Issued by the Medical Responsibilities Committee of Abortion Rights Association, Inc., 1973 Folder 1

"Abortion: A Woman's Right. To Implement the Supreme Court Abortion Decisions." Abortion Rights Association, Inc., 1973 Folder 1

"Effects of New York State's Liberalized Abortion Law. To Implement the Supreme Court Abortion Decisions." Abortion Rights Association, Inc., 1974 Folder 1

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Photographs, undated

Box 1

A1. "Woman dead on motel room floor from air embolism during criminal abortion. From files of Dr. Milton Helpert, Medical Examiner, New York City", undated

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A2. "Anencephalic fetus in utero, about 1 1/2 months; a deformity characterized by a gross malformation in which the brain extends beyond the skull. From files of Dr. Chester Swinyard, Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center", undated

Box 1 > Print RL-11371-P-002

A3. "Infanticide victim, photographed on newspaper, was discovered on tenement steps. From files of Dr. Milton Helpert, Medical Examiner, New York City", undated

Box 1 > Print RL-11371-P-003

A4. "Weapons used in self-abortion include coat hanger; knitting needle; catheter, or rubber tube; bulb syringe; and lysol, a corrosive solution. These materials are forced into the uterus to dislodge the fetus", undated

Box 1 > Print RL-11371-P-004

A5. "Group photo of turtle (1), mouse (2), human (3), chick (4), and pig (5) at a comparable developmental age. Radiologist Dr. Roberts Rugh took the picture, which stresses the similarity, to challenge the contention of some that the fetus is a human person from the moment of conception. Says Rugh: 'It is not a viable human being until it can survive the major transition of birth, by whatever means, at about seven months.'", undated

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B1. "Woman dead on bathroom floor from self-induced lye abortion; mother of three; found by husband. Photo from Coroner's Office, Hennepin County, Minnesota", undated

Box 1 > Print RL-11371-P-006

B2. "Infanticide victim, burned in incinerator, then discarded in snowbank; found by two children on their way to school. Photographed in County Morgue, Hennepin County, Minnesota", undated

Box 1 > Print RL-11371-P-007

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