



## **Guide to the Jill Gay papers, 1977-2006**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Jill Gay papers, 1977-2006

**Creator:**

Gay, Jill

**Source:**

Human Rights Archive (Duke University)

**Abstract:**

Jill Gay is an analyst and consultant that has worked with NGOs, foundations, and governmental and international organizations on projects related to women, health, reproductive issues, and policy. In 1981, Gay and Isabel Letelier founded the Third World Women's Project (TWWP) at the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS); Gay was the Associate Director of the project until 1986. The project was designed to educate American audiences about issues in "third world" countries from the perspectives of female human rights activists living in those countries. The collection includes materials about twenty-five participants mostly from Latin America between 1982-1986 such as program evaluations, itineraries, reports, and clippings; writings by Jill Gay; files on the TWPP and IPS; posters and other ephemera related to the Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award held by the IPS; and other assorted materials between 1977-2006. Acquired as part of the Human Rights Archive.

**Extent:**

2 Linear Feet

**Language:**

Materials mostly in English with some in Spanish.

**Collection ID:**

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**Permalink:**

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

The collection contains materials related to the Third World Women's Project (TWWP) by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) between 1977-2006 with most items dating between 1982-1986. Included are a variety of writings produced by Jill Gay during the program including evaluations and published articles; appreciation and thank-you letters; clippings about the IPS and Isabel Letelier; meeting records and other files for the IPS and TWWP; posters and various ephemera for the annual Letelier-Moffitt Awards; and a small number of collected materials on feminism and arpilleras. Most materials are files related to 25 speakers who participated in the program including articles, reports, program evaluations, profiles, itineraries, correspondence, flyers, news releases, clippings, and other assorted materials in English with some in Spanish. Speakers originated from more than a dozen countries, mostly Latin America, and were human rights activists from a variety of backgrounds including politicians and former first ladies, artists, community organizers, journalists, religious leaders, educators, and indigenous leaders.

### Biographical/Historical

Jill Gay is an analyst and consultant that has worked with NGOs, foundations, and governmental and international organizations on projects related to women, health, reproductive issues, and policy.

In 1981, Gay cofounded the Third World Women's Project alongside Isabel Letelier, a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies. Gay was the Associate Director of the program from 1982-1986. The project was designed to bring women from "third world" countries to speak to audiences in the United States about their experiences and contemporary issues including economic inequalities, politics, women's rights, and more. The project featured female activists from more than a dozen countries, particularly those in Latin America working in different areas of human rights; they gave interviews, lectures, workshops, and other talks throughout the United States at universities, religious sites, and other public avenues.

After working on the Third World Women's Project, Gay has worked with organizations within the UN, the World Bank, the MacArthur Foundation, the National Academy of Sciences, and others, as well as serving on the Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award committee.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged chronologically.

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### Processing Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

Institute for Policy Studies Records, 1959-2005 (bulk 1963-1993), Wisconsin Historical Society.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Human rights advocacy
- Human Rights -- Developing countries
- Human Rights -- Latin America
- Visitors, Foreign -- Developing countries
- Visitors, Foreign -- Latin America
- Women human rights workers
- Gay, Jill
- Letelier, Isabel de
- Institute for Policy Studies. Third World Women's Project
- Human Rights Archive (Duke University)

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## Collection Inventory

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Isabel Letelier, 1977-1984	Box 1
IPS General Files, 1980-1983	Box 1
Maria Helena Morrera Alves, 1981-1982	Box 1
Tamara Sanchez Peña, 1982	Box 1
Rosamaria Ruiz, 1982-1983	Box 1
Virginia Vargas, 1983	Box 1

Crueza Maciel, 1983	Box 1
Dessima Williams and Claudette Pit, 1983	Box 1
Carmen Pimentel, 1983	Box 1
Sonia Rivera, 1983	Box 1
Writings and Contributions by Jill Gay, 1983-1985	Box 1
<b>Physical Description:</b> 2 folders	
Amalia Alonso, 1984	Box 1
Magda Enriquez, 1984	Box 1
Valentina Bone and Anita Rojas, 1984	Box 1
Gabriela Videla, 1984	Box 1
Irene Santiago, 1984	Box 1
Marta Benevides, 1984	Box 1
"Arpilleras: Newspapers on Cloth", circa 1984	Audio-cassette RL13177-CS-0001
Arpilleras, circa 1984-1989	Box 1
Salvadoran Mothers Co-Madres, 1985	Box 2
Thandie Rankoe, 1985	Box 2
Sofia Paniqueo, 1985	Box 2
Lucia Mejia de Morales, 1985	Box 2
Beverley Manley, 1985	Box 2
Nursat Aygen, 1986	Box 2
Hortensia Allende, 1986	Box 2
Susana Blaustein Muñoz, 1986	Box 2
Veronica de Negri, 1986	Box 2
Isabel Allende, 1986	Box 2

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Fatima Allao, 1986	Box 2
Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Awards files, 1986-1997	Box 2
TWWP Pamphlets and Workshop Participants, 1989	Box 2
Arpilleras graphic and Chile map, 1980s	Box 3
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mujer/fempres no. 141, 1991 April	Box 3
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30th Annual Letelier-Moffitt Awards poster, 2006	Box 3

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