



# Guide to the Judith Hennessee Papers, 1950s-1999

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Judith Hennessee papers, 1950s-1999

**Source:**

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

**Creator:**

Hennessee, Judith Adler

**Extent:**

3.5 Linear Feet  
2140 Items

**Language:**

English.

**Collection ID:**

RL.00533

**Permalink:**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The collection primarily contains materials related to Hennessee's writing career and her participation in the National Organization for Women (NOW). Most of the NOW materials concern its 1972 petition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to deny renewal of WABC-TV's license due to alleged discrimination against women in programming and employment. Included are legal documents; information related to NOW's monitoring study of WABC; reports pertaining to ABC and other television networks; and materials concerning the portrayal of women in the broadcast and print media, including several issues of the Media Report to Women newsletter. Other feminist

materials include clippings, reports, political buttons and stickers, publications, and printed material, including several issues of the feminist literary magazine *aphra* and various women's organizations' newsletters. The collection also includes interview transcripts and other research materials for, correspondence about, and both a typescript and a published copy of Hennessee's biography *Betty Friedan: Her life*. Acquired as part of the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Biographer of feminist Betty Friedan and member of the National Organization for Women.

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## **Administrative Information**

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the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

### **Acquisition Information**

The Judith Hennessee Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a purchase in 2000.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Shayla C. Nunnally

Completed June 21, 2000

Reprocessed by Cat Saleeby

Completed October 4, 2002

Encoded by Walt Evans and Cat Saleeby

Updated by Jodi Berkowitz, July 2008

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Feminism -- United States
- Feminism -- United States -- Periodicals
- Feminists -- United States
- Women on television -- United States
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Television broadcasting -- Social aspects -- United States
- Television broadcasting policy -- United States
- Women in television broadcasting -- United States
- Television -- Law and legislation -- United States
- United States. Federal Communications Commission
- National Organization for Women -- Trials, litigation, etc.
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture
- National Organization for Women
- National Organization for Women -- History
- Hennessee, Judith Adler
- Friedan, Betty
- American Broadcasting Company

## Collection Inventory

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### Judith Hennessee Papers, 1950s-1999

NOW petition to deny renewal of WABC-TV's FCC license, 1970s	Box 1
Analyses of and reports on gender and the media, including WABC-TV, 1970s	Box 2
<b>Processing Information:</b> [Oversize materials removed to Box 6.]	
Clippings, 1970s	Box 3
<b>Processing Information:</b> [Oversize materials removed to Box 6.]	
Clippings: Betty Friedan, 1980s-1990s	Box 3
Reviews of Betty Friedan: Her Life, 1999	Box 3
Various feminist publications, 1970s	Box 3
NOW publications, 1971	Box 4
NY Radical Feminists Conference on Rape, 1971	Box 4
Feminist buttons and stickers	Box 4
Typescript of Betty Friedan	Box 4
Clippings: articles by and about Betty Friedan, 1950s-1990s (bulk 1970s)	Box 4
<b>Processing Information:</b> [Oversize materials removed to Box 6.]	
Correspondence regarding Betty Friedan, 1998	Box 4
Transcripts of phone interviews, 1994-1997	Box 4
<b>Physical Description:</b> Folders 1-2 of 5	

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Transcripts of phone interviews, 1994-1997 Box 5

**Physical Description:** Folders 3-5 of 5

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Analysis of WABC-TV Responses (Removed from Box 2) Box 6

Articles about Betty Friedan (Removed from Box 3-4) Box 6

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