



# Guide to the Working Group in Feminism and History Records, 1992-2017

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Working Group in Feminism and History Records, 1992-2017

**Creator:**

Working Group in Feminism and History

**Abstract:**

The Working Groups in Feminism and History (WGFH, formerly the Feminist Women in History Group, FWHG) is a collective of graduate students and faculty from Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and other area universities that meets regularly to discuss scholarship in gender and history. The collection includes fliers, correspondence, websites, and other materials related to the activities of the Working Group in Feminism and History.

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The collection includes fliers, correspondence, websites, and other materials related to the activities of the Working Group in Feminism and History. Included are captures of both the Feminist Women in History website from 2003 and the Working Group in Feminism and History site as of 2017; fliers for events

organized by the group; correspondence regarding event planning, scheduling speakers, leadership of the group, and other topics; a printed out copy of the website for the Feminist Women in History Group; and schedules for events.

## **Biographical/Historical**

The Working Group in Feminism and History (WGFH) was founded in 1990 as the Feminist Women in History Group (FWHG). The group was formed by Judith Bennett, a faculty member in history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Cymthia Herrup, a faculty member in history at Duke University, to provide support, discussion, and socializing for female graduate students and female faculty at Duke, UNC-CH, and other universities in the area. The group met several times per semester at the home of one of the faculty members to discuss scholarship and socialize. At least one or two meetings per year invited guest speakers or panelists to discuss a particular topic or work of scholarship, while other meetings provide an opportunity for group members to discuss their own scholarship.

In 2003, the Feminist Women in History Group became the Working Group in Feminism and History, with some organizational changes. The group meets monthly during the academic year to discuss topics related to gender history, and is open to everyone.

Organizational leadership in the group rotates each year. Some frequent organizers have included Judith Bennett of UNC-CH, Cynthia Herrup of Duke, Jacquelyn Hall of UNC-CH, Laura Edwards of UNC-CH and later Duke, and many others from both UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University.

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Women -- History
- Feminism -- North Carolina
- Feminism and higher education
- Working Group in Feminism and History
- Duke University -- Faculty
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill -- Faculty
- Hall, Jacquelyn Dowd
- Bennett, Judith M.
- Herrup, Cynthia B.
- Edwards, Laura F.
- Duke University -- Graduate students
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill -- Graduate students

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## Collection Inventory

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Feminist Women in History Group, 1992-2003	Box 1
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Feminist Women in History Group website, 2003

(online item available)

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Working Group in Feminism and History,  
2003-2009

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Working Group in Feminism and History website,

2017-ongoing (online item available)

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