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Finding Aid for

**Patricia S. Konstam Papers**

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Patricia S. Konstam  
Title: Patricia S. Konstam Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1959-1980  
Bulk dates: 1970 - 1980  
Abstract: The Konstam collection (1959-1980) consists of books, newsletters, magazines, and other publications from the donor's private collection concerning such topics as women in the church, feminism, and social justice issues. Titles include *Genesis II*, *Lilith*, *The Jewish Women's Quarterly*, *Network Quarterly*, and the *Yellow Ribbon*.  
Size: 1 box, 0.5 cubic feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
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## Administrative Information

Provenance: Patricia Konstam donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in 1999.

Access restrictions: The collection is unrestricted.

Preferred Citation: item, folder title, box number, Patricia S. Konstam Papers, Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship, The Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary

## Biography

Patricia S. Konstam, a 1959 M.Div. graduate of Union Theological Seminary, worked for 20 years as a business reporter for the San Antonio Express-News and as a freelance writer.

## Collection Scope and Content Note

The Konstam Collection consists of books, from the donor's private collection. It also contains numerous original copies of newsletters, magazines and other denominational publications, which are no longer in print. Much of the material is described by Konstam as illustrating the efforts of religious professional and lay women to reconcile the women's liberation movement with their faith and concerns such topics as women in the church; women's liberation; and social justice issues.

The collection consists of one series:

Series 1: Books, Newsletters, Magazines, 1 box, 0.5 linear ft.

The collection is divided into Books, arranged alphabetically by author, and Newsletters/Magazines arranged by title and chronologically within titles.

## Processing

When the Burke Library acquired Konstam's papers, an attempt was made to maintain the donor's original order.

Folded materials were flattened. Newspaper clippings were photocopied on acid free paper. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes.

## Contents

### Series 1: Books, Newsletters, Magazines

#### Box 1: Books

- Beaver, R. Pierce. *All loves excelling: American protestant church women in world mission*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1968
- Calkins, Gladys Gilkey. *Follow those women: Church women in the ecumenical movements, a history of the development of united work among women of the protestant churches in the United States*. New York, National Council of Churches, 1961
- Kirby, Ellen. *Women: over half the earth's people: a guide to resources and process*. Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church, 1973
- Magalis, Elaine. *Conduct becoming to a woman: bolting doors and burgeoning missions*. Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church, 1973

#### Box 1: Newsletters, Magazines

- Coalition Task Force on Women and Religion, single sheet advertisement, 1977
- Genesis III*, published by Philadelphia Task Force on Women in Religion, Vol.2 (1-6), vol.3 (1-4), May/June 1972 – November/December 1973.  
The newsletter covers news on the status of women in religious institutions, abstracts of feminist books and articles.
- Newsletter*, Office of Women's Affairs of the Graduate Theological Union (later renamed Center for Women and Religion), vol.1 (3) July/Aug 1974 [1975?], vol.2 (2) Jan 1976, vol.3 (3) Spring 1977, vol.4 (2) Winter 1978.
- Lilith, the Jewish Women's Quarterly*, 4 issues: Winter 1976/77 – No 5 1978.  
A magazine first published in 1976, bringing feminism and Jewish life together.
- Motive*, University Christian Movement of the United Methodist Church, March/April 1969: special double-issue on the Liberation of Women.
- Network Quarterly*, 3 issues: Spring 1975, Spring 1976, Winter 1976, with 3 leaflets, published by Network, a religious lobby for social justice, an organization of Roman Catholic sisters from various orders, based in Washington D.C.
- New World Outlook*, United Methodist Church Board of Missions, April 1971: Special issue on Women in the Third World.
- Nexus 7: Alumni Magazine of Boston University School of Theology*, vol 3 (1), Nov 1959, includes Jean M Stevenson, The role of women in Christian campus work, pp.25-26.

Series 1: Books, Newsletters, Magazines

## Box 1: Newsletters, Magazines (cont'd)

*Risk*, "Words to the churches. Voices of the sisters", vol. 10, No. 2 (1974)  
Quarterly published by the editorial group at the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

Universalist Women's Federation Catalog and Bibliography, 1977

*Women in the church*: statement by the Worship and Mission Section of the Roman Catholic/Presbyterian Reformed Consultation, Oct. 31, 1971 with appendix and study guide

*Women's Campus Ministry Caucus Newsletter*, 12 issues, bimonthly, 1972 - 1980 incomplete:

vol. 1 (3) Sept 9 1972; vol. 1 (4) Nov 15 1972; vol1 (5) Feb 1973; vol.2 (1) April 1 1973; vol.2 (2) June 1 1973; vol 2 (3) Sept 1973; vol.2 (4) Oct 1973; Feb 1975; Spring 1977; Sept 1978;

March 1979; Fall 1980 with Membership directory 1979 - 80.

Mimeographed newsletter of United Ministries in Higher Education Women's Caucus, a national organization of women in campus ministry. The organization changed its name to Campus Ministry Women in 1975.

*The Yellow Ribbon*, United Methodist National Women's Caucus, Mimeographed newsletter, 12 issues:

Feb 20 1972; vol. 1 [Sept?] 1972; vol.1 (3) Nov 1972; vol.1 (4) Jan 1973; vol.1 (5) March 1973; vol.1 (6) May 1973; vol. 2 (1) Sept 1973; vol.2 (2) Nov 1973; vol.2 (3) Winter 1974; Consultation extra vol.3 (4) [1975]; vol. 3 (5) April 1975; vol. 3 (6) June 1975.

The caucus sought to bring a feminist theological perspective to issues affecting women in the United Methodist Church. Sermons and speeches by women ministers and scholars were frequently printed.

Photograph mounted on card of poster featuring feminist button spelling out the NT quotation, "There is neither male nor female for you are all one in Jesus Christ"