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Nancy P. Moore
(1939-)

Papers, 1970-2008

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Biographical Note:

“This collection demonstrates that women- and African-Americans- pursued their rights in the toughest corner of the SC, the Upstate,” commented Nancy Moore. For over forty years, Dr. Nancy Moore was active in educating and improving the lives of women and African-Americans in South Carolina. Among her many accomplishments, she was SC ERA Chair for the League of Women Voters in 1978, an active participant on the ERA Countdown Campaign in 1982, and served two years as President of SC NOW (National Organization for Women) beginning in 1986. She is co-founder of the Spartanburg National Women’s Political Caucus, which operated in the 1990s, and was the Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences at USC Spartanburg from 1995 until her retirement in 2001.

Born in Southside, Tennessee on April 28, 1939 and graduating from Austin Peay State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Dr. Moore’s notable career in activism began in 1969 after she joined the faculty at USC Spartanburg and protested for better, equal pay for women. She chaired the Church Women United Committee that pursued better day care for low-income mothers between 1969 and 1975 and started advising women of their legal rights. She joined NOW in 1972 and participated on the SC NOW board for multiple years as secretary, VP, and finally SC NOW President from 1986 to 1987. In 1977, the League of Women Voters appointed Dr. Moore as the Equal Rights Amendment Chair for SC League of Women Voters, which required her to travel the state, appear on national CBS News, and attend South Carolina International Women’s Year. During the 1980s and 1990s, Dr. Moore was instrumental in the success of the Fairness in Jobs Taskforce, which improved the hiring of women and African-Americans to government positions, and the formation of the Spartanburg National Women’s Political Caucus, an informal group of women leaders previously known as the Raucous Caucus. The first big success of the Spartanburg NWPC was the election of Kathleen Kempe to the South Carolina House of Representatives. She became the Assistant Dean for Humanities and Sciences in 1995 and retired in 2001. In honor of her devoted teaching career and her commitment to women’s rights, USC Spartanburg’s Center for Women’s Studies and Programs presented her in 1999 with the Nancy P. Moore award, which is now given annually to those with lifetime achievement in women’s rights.

Scope and Content Note:

Comprising four linear feet, Dr. Moore’s papers provide insight into her notable career as educator and activist from the 1970s and 2000s. In the **ERA/NOW** series, there are meeting minutes, memorandums, Pro-ERA and Anti-ERA literature and LWV ERA files from 1970, which Dr. Moore inherited as LWV ERA Chair. There are also files from Olivia Topdahl, who served as NOW President for Spartanburg and South Carolina prior to Dr. Moore.

The efforts between 1983 and 1990 to improve the hiring of women and African-Americans in the Spartanburg city and county government are documented with reports and statistical data in the **Fairness in Jobs Taskforce** series.

The **Spartanburg National Women's Political Caucus** series includes the materials used to conduct a pro-choice phone bank and to elect Kathleen Kempe to the South Carolina House of Representatives.

The **NAACP, Spartanburg** series is small but highlights the group's efforts to improve the lives of African-American women and includes materials for a NAACP leadership workshop.

Within the **Personal** series, there are two scrapbooks, a timeline, and a transcript from a class visit that offer detailed insights into the hardships and successes of women during the 1980s. In addition, about a dozen of Dr. Moore's estimated seventy speeches and interviews are included in the scrapbooks and in the general folder.

The **Audiovisual** series includes photographs from the 1986 March for Women's Equality as well as a cassette of interviews from the women who attended the event.

Series List:

Business and Professional Women USA
ERA/NOW
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Spartanburg National Women's Political Caucus
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Clippings
Audiovisual

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Business and Professional Women USA, Equal Pay Day, 1998-2002
ERA/NOW:

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Abortion Data and Legislation, 1989

Agendas and Minutes:

National

State:

1976-1983

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1986-1987

1988-1990

Conferences:

Commission on the Status of Women Conference, 1975

Legal Symposium, 1975

National NOW Conference, 1982

Southeast Regional Conference, 1983

State Conference:

1977, 1980

1983-1985

1986-1987

Women and Therapy Conference, 1980

"Consciousness-Raising" Material

Correspondence:

1974

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1976

1977:

Jan-Apr

May-Dec

1978, 1980

1981-1983

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1988-1992

"Equal Rights Amendment: A Manual for South Carolina," 1980

ERA Booklets, 1976 and 1977

ERA Countdown:

1982 Diary

1983 Campaign List (2)

1984 Campaign List

ERA Guidelines

ERA Literature

Pro-ERA (4)

"Stop ERA"

ERA Republican Action Kit, 1982

ERA Walk, 1980

Historical Documents (*The Revolution* from 1869 used for fundraising and

Box 2

Equal Rights, 1940)
Legislative Updates, 1990
Lesbian Rights Resource Kit, 1983
March For Women's Lives, 1986 and 1989
National Women's Agenda, 1975:
 General
 Clippings
Newsletters:
 General
 Eleanor Smeal Report (2)
 Equal Rights Monitor
 ERA South Carolina (Coalition for ERA)
 The League of Women Voters
 NOW News:
 General (Regional)
 Spartanburg

 State (*SC NOW Times*, *SC NOW Newsletter*, *SC NOW News*) Box 3
 South Carolina Women: A Publication of the SC Commission on Women
 "NOW and the Equal Rights Amendment: An Examination of Strategy Choices"
Press Releases:
 General
 1974-1987
Polling Data:
 Politician Correspondence, 1974
 Results of Common Cause Poll
Reproductive Rights Kit, 1981
Rosters:
 1975-1986
 1987-1991
South Carolina International Women's Day:
 General
 "Current S.C. Laws and Procedures which are Sex Biased"
Stop HLA (Human Life Amendment) Campaign, 1981
 "Women Can Make the Difference"
Fairness in Jobs Taskforce:
 General
 Affirmative Action Plan (3 Versions)
 Affirmative Action Reports:
 1984-1985
 1986
 1987
 1988
 1989
Correspondence from Housing Authority of Spartanburg, 1989
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC):

Affirmative Action Personnel Activities Report, 1984

Summaries:

City of Spartanburg:

1980-1982

1983-1984

Spartanburg County, 1983

“Improving Employment for Blacks and Women: A Case Study in Employment”

Presentation

Quarterly Report on City Employment:

1986-1987

1988-1989

1990-1991

Report on Affirmative Action Plan, 1988

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Report on County Hiring, 1986-1988

Statistics and Data:

General

Affirmative Action, 1984

Sheriff's Department Report, 1986

Spartanburg Salaries, 1980

NAACP, Spartanburg:

General

Black Leadership Workshop Report, 1987

Spartanburg National Women's Political Caucus:

General

Campaigns:

Danny Allen, 1992

Kathleen Kempe, 1992

Coalition for Choice

Newsletter, *SC Elect*, 1993-1994

Pro-Choice Phone bank Material

Clippings

Personal:

General

Awards

Correspondence

Papers and Remarks

Tenure File

Scrapbooks (2)

Miscellaneous:

Kent, C. H., A Manual for Young Ladies with Hints on Love, Courtship, Marriage, and the True Object of Life, 1881.

Smith-Rosenberg, Carroll, Disorderly Conduct: Visions of Gender in Victorian America, 1985 (Margin notes from Moore)

Warner, Deborah J., Perfect in Her Place: Women at Work in industrial America, 1981.

Clippings:

1974

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1977-1978

1982-1984

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1988-1992

1998-2008, n.d.

Audiovisual:

Photographs

Slides, Negatives

Cassette (1986 March for Women's Equality)