



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

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| <b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>  | <b>D'Aprano, Zelda</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ACCESSION NO</b>        | 104/47                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>CATEGORY</b>            | Community and Political, individuals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>ACTIVITY</b>            | Feminists                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>DATE RANGE</b>          | 1971-2004                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>  | 0.17 metres (2 small boxes)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>     | <p>Zelda D'Aprano was born in Carlton, Melbourne, in 1928 of Jewish working-class parents and her early life was a constant battle against poverty, ignorance and discrimination. She left school at 14, married at 16 and soon after gave birth to a daughter. Subsequently D'Aprano worked and qualified as a dental nurse at Larundel Hosptial and became female staff shop steward for the Hospital Employees' Union No.2 Branch. She left Larundel after 15 years. She was employed in the Meat Industry Employees' Union office when the union was involved in the 1969 Equal Pay case. It was her experiences in the workforce, trade unions and left-wing politics which defined her political activism. This culminated in her most famous act, that of chaining herself to the Commonwealth Building in October 1969 in protest at women's unequal pay.</p> <p>A prominent feminist, D'Aprano related her career and life in the autobiography 'Zelda: The Becoming of a Woman' (Melbourne, 1977; new edition 'Zelda' 1995).</p> |
| <b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>    | 23 November 2004                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>   | Restricted. Some files open but some closed for periods specified by Ms. D'Aprano. Closed files indicated in the list and stored separately.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b> | Files are as compiled by Ms D'Aprano and access restrictions are in accordance with her wishes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>LISTED BY</b>           | Suzanne Fairbanks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>DATE</b>                | 19 April 2005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 1             | 1/1              | Correspondence to Zelda D'Aprano from women responding to her autobiography.<br><br>[Photocopies with original names of correspondents removed for privacy reasons. Access open.]             | 1977 – 2001      |
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| 2             | 3/1              | File not to be opened until after Zelda D'Aprano's death.                                                                                                                                     | c.1970s          |

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