



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	D'aprano, Zelda
ACCESSION NO	100/231; VWLLFA No.67
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Feminists
DATE RANGE	1910-1984
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm. (1 archives box)
HISTORICAL NOTE	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 Hospital 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. 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). She was appointed AO in 2005. This material is No.67 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive.
DATE OF TRANSFER	2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Articles; correspondence; leaflets; newspaper clippings; periodicals including 'Time', 'Meat Employees' Journal', 'The Postal Advocate', 'Vashti's Voice', Vashti', 'Women's Liberation Newsletter', 'Womens' News Service', 'Women Write Catalogue'; monograph; bulletin; handbook.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	

NOTE ON LISTING	Data converted from a FilemakerPro Database in 2008. Series and Item numbers follow the original numbering system established for the VWLLFA. For boxes, the Collection Number precedes the box number. For item identifiers, the Collection Number precedes a classification number and an item number.
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1	67/01/01	Articles, essay; Melbourne, Victoria	1978
	67/01/02	Articles, by men; Booklet, article; 'Unbecoming Men'; 'Refusing to be a Man'; Melbourne, Victoria	mid 1970's
	67/01/03	Articles, by women; Book review, articles, periodical	1974 to 1982
	67/01/04	Articles, by Zelda; Articles, conference papers, letters, public lecture; Melbourne, Victoria	1970 to 1978
	67/02	Correspondence	1977 to 1983
	67/03	Leaflets; Melbourne, Victoria	1970 to 1975
	67/04	Newspaper clipping; Melbourne, Victoria	1984
	67/05	Photographs; Photo reprints	1910 to 1930's
		Periodicals:	
	67/06/01	<i>Time</i>	1972
	67/06/02	<i>Meat Employees' Journal</i> ; Melbourne, Victoria	1969, 1973
	67/06/03	<i>The Postal Advocate</i> ; Melbourne, Victoria	1969, 1973
	67/06/04	<i>Vashti's Voice</i> ; Melbourne, Victoria	1974 to 1979
	67/06/05	<i>Vashti</i> ; Melbourne, Victoria	1974 to 1979
1	67/06/06	<i>Women's Liberation Newsletter</i> ; Melbourne, Victoria	1973 to 1980

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
	67/06/07	<i>Women's News Service;</i> Melbourne, Victoria	December 1976
	67/06/08	<i>Women Write Catalogue;</i> Sydney, NSW	1979-1980
	67/07	<i>Changing Life Patterns of Australian Women and Men;</i> Working Group on Equal Opportunities in Education; Melbourne, Victoria	1979
1	67/08	<i>Peoples Health Bulletin;</i> Melbourne, Victoria	1978
		<i>Birth Control Handbook;</i> Canada	1973

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