

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION: D'APRANO, ZELDA

ACCESSION NO: 104/18

CATEGORY: Other, Individuals
ACTIVITY: Feminists

DATE RANGE: 1961-2001

SIZE OF COLLECTION: 17 cm.

DATE OF TRANSFER: 27 July, 4 October 2001

ACCESS CONDITIONS: Copyright various: D'Aprano, ABC, Film Australia, Channel 10, SBS

HISTORICAL NOTE: Zelda D'Aprano was born in Carlton, Melbourne, in 1928 of Jewish working-class immigrant 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 shop steward for female staff 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 experience in the workforce, trade unions and left-wing politics which helped to define D'Aprano's political activism. This culminated in her most famous act – chaining herself to the Commonwealth Building in October 1969 in protest at women's unequal pay. A prominent feminist, D'Aprano's career and life were related in her autobiography, 'Zelda: the becoming of a woman' (Melbourne, 1977; new edition 1995)

DESCRIPTION: Articles, offprints, newsletters and other publications, and newscuttings, some by D'Aprano and many others annotated by her, c.1970-1990s; videotapes, 1961-1996; audiotapes, 1979-2001; badges

NOTE ON COLLECTIONS:

NOTE ON LISTING: Roughly listed to send copy to Zelda with Certificate of Transfer

LISTED BY: Mark Richmond
DATE: 26 November 2004

Box	Series	Description	Date
1		Videotapes	
		/1 Equal Pay Week March (ABC-TV News)	1961
		/2 Equal Pay Demonstration (ABC-TV News)	1962
		/3 Zelda D'Aprano's new edition of <i>Zelda</i> Launch (SBS-TV)	8 March 1995
		/4 Zelda D'Aprano – Bert Newton interview, 'Good Morning Australia' (Channel 10 TV)	8 March 1995
		/5 Zelda D'Aprano/Katrina Sawyer, Women and Labour Conference	1997
		/6 'Second Wave Women's Liberation in Melbourne 1969-1979'	1992
1		Audiotapes	
		/1 Monash University Social Welfare Students' Conference; 1 x C90 cassette;	1979
		/2 Zelda D'Aprano interviewed by Marlene Clear, 2KPTR NSW and <i>Zelda</i> book review, RTRFM 92.1 Perth; 1 x C60 cassette;	8 March 1995 17 April 1995
1		/3 Zelda D'Aprano interviewed by Jon Faine and Jill Singer; 774 ABC Melbourne Radio; 1 x C90 cassette	25 May 2001
		Objects	
1		Miscellaneous lapel badges, mainly feminist, but including one 'Land Rights Not Uranium', and one 'Social Work The Non-Stick Band-Aid'; only one – "Put some GOOD WOMEN on Council" - is labelled on the back: Camden Haven 1995 [Camden Haven Shire being the local municipality that includes Laurieton]; 15 metal badges + 3 duplicates	Mostly n.d. [1995]
1		Miscellaneous publications , newsletters, offprints, articles, newscuttings etc., some written by or about D'Aprano, and many annotated by her; six large envelopes, c.1970-1990s; to be sorted and listed in detail.	c.1970-1990s