

# Guide to the Christine Pattee Papers on the New Haven Women's Liberation Movement

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1985

**CREATOR:** Pattee, Christine

**TITLE:** Christine Pattee papers on the New Haven women's liberation movement

**DATES:** Circa 1972-1980

**BULK DATES:** 1972-1974

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of Christine Pattee's interview and discussion notes, an outline, and a chronology as well as a copy of an article from 1980. Primarily dated from 1972 to 1974, the papers document the early years of the women's liberation movement in New Haven, particularly the experiences of several lesbian women within the movement. Topics covered include early activities; the Women's Collective; feminism; socialism; AIM (American Independent Movement); lesbians within the movement; response to lesbianism; Yale women; and the arts.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Christine Pattee, 2011.

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### Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

Christine Pattee was born on October 2, 1941, in Waterbury, Connecticut. Her family moved away from Connecticut while Pattee was still a child. She returned to Connecticut to attend the Yale School of Public Health in 1969. While at Yale she became part of the emerging New Haven Women's Liberation Movement and came out as a lesbian. An activist, she was the first state-wide gay rights lobbyist in Connecticut; instrumental in the passage of the Connecticut Civil Rights Act of 1975. She worked for the Connecticut Health Department. In addition to her activism and political work, she founded the Northeast Women's Musical Retreat (NEWMR).

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by document type.

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b. 1, f. 1	Outline	Circa 1972
b. 1, f. 1	Chronology NHWL (New Haven Women's Liberation) revision 2	1973
b. 1, f. 1	A gay-straight dialogue	1972 June 23
b. 1, f. 2	Discussion notes	1973 July
	Interview notes	
b. 1, f. 2	Barbara Deinhart--Yale	1973 August 5
b. 1, f. 2	Judy Miller	1973 August 12
b. 1, f. 2	Diane Alsted	1973 August 17
b. 1, f. 2	Betsey	1973 August 22
b. 1, f. 2	Feminists in the arts--Shirley McConahy	1973 September 7
b. 1, f. 2	Lesbianism	1973 September 11
b. 1, f. 2	Harriet Fraad [Wolf]	1973 September 25
b. 1, f. 2	The fem[inist]/soc[ialist] split--Diane Alsted	1973
b. 1, f. 3	Anatomy of a movement (outline)	Circa 1973-1974
b. 1, f. 3	"A decade of (women's) liberation," by Rhea Hirshman (photocopy of article published in the <i>New Haven Advocate</i> )	1980 October 22

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Feminism  
Lesbianism  
Lesbians -- Connecticut  
LGBTQ resource

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.)

### **Names**

Pattee, Christine