

L2017.05
Judith McConnel
Collection, 1954-2017

FINDING AID AUTHOR

Gabrielle Garcia

ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Diane Germaine donated these materials on behalf of Judith McConnell to Lambda Archives of San Diego in 2017. Accession #L2017.05.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

Processed by Gabrielle Garcia. The decision was made to restrict access to specific sensitive material which describes abuse.

EXTENT

Number of containers:

Linear feet of shelf space: 2

ABSTRACT

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

“Judith McConnell [was] born Feb[ruary] 16, 1949 in Orange County (Fullerton). [She was a] 4th generation southern Californian. She spent one year at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, attended Fullerton [Junior College], and then [went] off to Berkeley, where she graduated in 1971 with a B.A. in English Literature. Judith spent 8 years working in a school for the blind in Oakland. She moved to San Diego with Diane Hammer [who was studying Art at UCSD]. In 1986, she spent about 9 months on the Great Peace March. She worked in the desert with a disabled person, was a groundskeeper, a library aide, a masseuse while in school. She studied 2 years to become a physical therapist assistant. She worked at the V.A. Hospital to retirement.” - Diane F. Germain, 2017

Judith McConnell was a member of Beautiful Lesbian Thespians and Labrys Productions, a volunteer for Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United (LAGADU), a poet, a long-time partner of Edna Myers, and a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. Judith passed away from complications due to COVID-19 in 2020.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains 37 personal journals of Judith McConnell covering the years 1969 to 2016 and paper materials pertaining to performing arts (Beautiful Lesbian Thespians and Labrys Productions), Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United (LAGADU) and Marti Mackey, poetry, the West Coast Conference of Socialist Organizations, Breakaway School for Women, Whoopi Goldberg, and Ramona “Mojo” “Mona” Guerrera. These paper materials include event programs, clippings, contacts, bios, scripts, lyrics, poetry books, newsletters, cards, letters, reports, catalogues, photographs, flyers, and poems. Materials separate from the journals that mention incestual childhood abuse have been relegated to Folder 7 in Box 2. Journals that contain mentions of incest are noted below in the inventory section.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 2 boxes divided into 3 series:

- Series I: Journals [Box 1-2]
- Series II: Arts and Organizations [Box 2]
- Series III: Miscellany [Box 2]

SEPARATED MATERIAL

In this field, list any materials that have been removed from the collection and transferred to another collection, department (e.g., the library), or institution.

SUBJECTS

Judith McConnell, Edna Meyers, Marti Mackey, Ramona Gurrera, Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United (LAGADU), Beautiful Lesbian Thespians, Labrys Productions, Breakaway School for Women, Lesbians, Performing Arts, Poetry, Incest, Restricted Access

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

This collection is open and available for research use, except for one journal that contains specific information about abuse.

PREFERRED CITATION

The suggested citation for the collection is:

[Item Description]

Judith McConnell Collection, 1954-2016

Lambda Archives of San Diego

San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

L2000.05, L2010.18, L2011.24

LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

| Box | Folde r | Description | Date(s) | |
|-----|------------|--|-----------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Large Black Journal 1969 | 1969 | |
| 1 | 2 | Black Journal 1970-1971 | 1970-1971 | |
| 1 | 3 | Black Journal 1971-1973 | 1971-1973 | |
| 1 | 4 | Large Black Journal 1973 | 1973 | |
| 1 | 5 | Black Journal 1974-1976 | 1974-1976 | |
| 1 | 6 | Black Journal 1976-1977 | 1976-1977 | |
| 1 | 7 | Black Journal 1977-1978 | 1977-1978 | |
| 1 | 8 | Black Journal 1978-1979 | 1978-1979 | |
| 1 | 9 | Black Journal 1979-1980 | 1979-1980 | |
| 1 | 10 | Black Journal 1980-1981 | 1980-1981 | |
| 1 | 11 | Black Journal 1981-1982 | 1981-1982 | |
| 1 | 12 | Black Journal 1982-1983 | 1982-1983 | |
| 1 | 13 | Black Journal 1983-1986 | 1983-1986 | |
| 1 | 14 | Small Black Journal 1986-1987 | 1986-1987 | |
| 1 | 15 | Small Smithy 20 Month Calendar 1986-1987 | 1986-1987 | |
| 1 | 16 | Black Journal 1987-1988 | 1987-1988 | |
| 1 | 17 | Black Journal 1988-1990 | 1988-1990 | |
| 1 | 18 | Black Journal 1990-1991 | 1990-1991 | |
| 1 | 19 | Black Journal 1991 | 1991 | |
| 1 | 20 | Black Journal 1991-1992 | 1991-1992 | |
| 1 | 21 | Black Journal 1991-1992 | 1991-1992 | |
| 1 | 22 | Black Journal 1992-1994 | 1992-1994 | |
| 1 | 23 | Black Journal 1994-1995 | 1994-1995 | |
| 1 | 24 | Black Journal 1995-1996 | 1995-1996 | |
| 1 | 25 | Black Journal 1996-1997 | 1996-1997 | |
| 1 | 26 | Large "Blank Book" with Tree | 1996 | |

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| | | Illustration 1996 (on side of box) | | |
| 1 | 27 | Black Journal 1997-1999 | 1997-1999 | |
| 1 | 28 | Black Journal 1999 | 1999 | |
| 2 | 1 | Black Journal 1999 | 1999 | |
| 2 | 2 | Dark Green Journal 1999-2000 | 1999-2000 | |
| 2 | 3 | Black Journal 2000-2001 | 2000-2001 | |
| 2 | 4 | Black Journal 2001 | 2001 | |
| 2 | 5 | Black Journal 2001-2003 | 2001-2003 | |
| 2 | 6 | Black Journal 2003-2005 | 2003-2005 | |
| 2 | 7 | Black Journal 2005-2009 | 2005-2009 | |
| 2 | 8 | Black Journal 2009-2011 | 2009-2011 | |
| 2 | 9 | Dark Blue Journal 2011-2016 | 2011-2016 | |
| 2 | 10 | Performing Arts 1987-2002 | 1987-2002 | |
| 2 | 11 | LAGADU and Marti Mackey 1991-1993 | 1991-1993 | |
| 2 | 12 | Poetry 1975-2004 | 1975-2004 | |
| 2 | 13 | Conference and Classes 1975-1979 | 1975-1979 | |
| 2 | 14 | Letters and Cards 1990-1992 | 1990-1992 | |
| 2 | 15 | Miscellany 1982-2017 | 1982-2017 | |
| 2 | 16 | Materials Mentioning Incest 1954-1991 [RESTRICTED] | 1954-1991 | |