

Ms. Magazine Collection An Inventory

- Creator:** Steinem, Gloria
Hughes, Dorothy Pitman
- Title:** Ms. Magazine Collection
- Dates:** 1971-2017, bulk 1980-2000
- Abstract:** *Ms. Magazine* is a political and literary magazine dedicated to representing female voices and feminist politics. As the most mainstream feminist magazine of the 1970s and 1980s, *Ms.* occupied a unique space in the popular consciousness and understanding of women's rights, dedicating articles to progressive political issues such as abortion access, birth control, income inequality, environmental activism and protests of war. This collection consists of issues of *Ms.* ranging from the December 1971 preview issue through Fall 2017.
- Extent:** 13 boxes, 4.3 linear ft
- Language:** English
- Repository:** Drew University Library, Madison NJ

History Note:

Ms. Magazine is a political and literary magazine dedicated to representing female voices and feminist politics. The first issue of *Ms.* was published as an insert in the December 1971 issue of *New York Magazine* where Gloria Steinem worked as a staff writer. Following this initial issue, Gloria Steinem and Dorothy Hughes Pitman co-founded *Ms.* as a magazine dedicated to second-wave feminist themes that were considered taboo in much of society. The first stand-alone issue was published in July 1972. The founding editors also included Patricia Carbine, Joanne Edgar, Nina Finkelstein, Mary Peacock, and Letty Cottin Pogrebin.

Since its inception, the magazine has rejected the notion that women's magazines should concern themselves with merely recipes, housekeeping tips or fashion. Instead, the magazine has crafted space for the expression of feminist political commentary, journalism, and literature by women. In a time where women were fighting for positions as writers and editors in the male-dominated field of journalism, *Ms.* proposed the revolutionary idea of a non-hierarchical structure and a collaborative model of leadership in the magazine. The feminist politics of *Ms.* directed not only the articles and organization, but also the advertising presented in the magazine until it began to be published without ads in 1989, relying instead upon reader support.

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progressive political issues such as abortion access, birth control, income inequality, and environmental activism.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of issues of *Ms.* ranging from the preview issue published in *New York* magazine in December 1971 through Fall 2017. The bulk of the collection is from 1981 to 2003, including notable issues concerning abortion access, women in government, evolving notions of the family, women's political rights, LGBTQ rights, and other second-wave feminist themes.

This collection will hold particular interest for those researching in the fields of gender studies, recent and contemporary U.S. History, popular culture in the 1970s and 1980s, second-wave feminism, and gender in advertising.

Arrangement: Collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Acquisition: Women's & Gender Studies Department, Drew University. August 2018.

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Related Material

[Women's Popular Magazine Collection](#), Special Collections and Archives, Furman University.

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Index Terms

People

Carbine, Patricia Theresa (lcnaf)
 Edgar, Joanne, 1943- (lcnaf)
 Ephron, Nora (lcnaf)
 Finkelstein, Nina, 1927-2013 (lcnaf)
 Hughes, Dorothy Pitman (lcnaf)
 Levine, Suzanne Braun (lcnaf)
 Peacock, Mary
 Pogrebin, Letty Cottin (lcnaf)
 Steinem, Gloria (lcnaf)

Corporate

Ms. Foundation for Education and Communication. (lcnaf)

Subjects

Feminism. Periodicals (lcsh)

Feminist theory (lcsh)

Pro-choice movement (lcsh)

Second-wave feminism (lcsh)

Third-wave feminism (lcsh)

Women's liberation (lcsh)

Women's rights (lcsh)

Document Types

Magazine (periodical) (aat)

Journalism (aat)

Frequency of publication

Monthly, 1972-1989

Bimonthly, 1990-Dec./Jan. 2002

Quarterly, Spring 2002 - current

Container List**Box 1: December 1971– August 1973****1971**

December 1971 (Preview Issue)

1972

July 1972

August 1972

September 1972

October 1972

November 1972

December 1972

1973

January 1973

February 1973

March 1973 (2 copies)

April 1973

May 1973

June 1973

July 1973

August 1973

Box 2: March 1974 – December 1981

1974

March 1974

June 1974

July 1974

August 1974

October 1974

December 1974 (2)

1975

October 1975

1976:

January 1976

1977:

July 1977

1980:

October 1980

November 1980

1981:

January 1981

March 1981 (2)

April 1981 (2)

May 1981

June 1981

July 1981

August 1981

September 1981

October 1981

November 1981 (2)

December 1981

Box 3: January 1982 – May 1983

1982

January 1982

February 1982 (2)

March 1982 (2)

April 1982
May 1982 (2)
June 1982 (2)
August 1982
September 1982
November 1982
December 1982 (2)

1983

January 1983 (2)
February 1983 (2)
March 1983 (2)
April 1983 (2)
May 1983

Box 4: June 1983 – July 1984

1983

June 1983 (2)
July 1983 (2)
August 1983
September 1983
October 1983
November 1983
December 1983 (2)

1984

January 1984
February 1984 (2)
March 1984
April 1984 (2)
May 1984 (2)
June 1984 (2)
July 1984 (2)

Box 5: August 1984 – October 1985

1984

August 1984 (2)
September 1984
October 1984
November 1984 (2)
December 1984

1985

January 1985
February 1985
March 1985
April 1985
May 1985
June 1985 (2)
July 1985 (2)
August 1985 (2)
September 1985 (2)
October 1985 (2)

Box 6: November 1985 – August 1987**1985**

November 1985
December 1985

1986

January 1986 (2)
February 1986 (2)
March 1986 (3)
April 1986 (2)
May 1986 (2)
June 1986 (2)
July 1986
August 1986 (2)
September 1986
October 1986
November 1986 (2)
December 1986

1987

January 1987
March 1987
August 1987

Box 7: September 1987 – October 1990**1987**

September 1987
October 1987
November 1987
December 1987

1988

January 1988
February 1988
March 1988
April 1988
May 1988
June 1988
August 1988
September 1988
October 1988
November 1988
December 1988

1989

February 1989
March 1989
April 1989
May 1989
June 1989
July/August 1989
November 1989

1990

September/October 1990

Box 8: January/February 1991 – July/August 1992

1991

January/February 1991
March/April 1991
May/June 1991
July/August 1991
September/October 1991
November/December 1991 (2)

1992

January/February 1992
March/April 1992 (2)
May/June 1992 (2)
July/August 1992

Box 9: September/October 1992 – September/October 1994

1992

September/October 1992
November/December 1992

1993

January/February 1993

May/June 1993 (2)

July/August 1993

September/October 1993

November/December 1993 (2)

1994

January/February 1994

March/April 1994

May/June 1994

July/August 1994

September/October 1994

Box 10: November/December 1994 – January/February 1997**1994**

November/December 1994 (2)

1995

January/February 1995

March/April 1995 (2)

May/June 1995 (2)

July/August 1995

September/October 1995 (2)

November/December 1995

1996

January/February 1996

May/June 1996

July/August 1996

September/October 1996

1997

January/February 1997

Box 11: March/April 1997 – December 2000/January 2001**1997**

March/April 1997

May/June 1997

July/August 1997

1998

March/April 1998

May/June 1998

July/August 1998
 September/October 1998

1999

April/May 1999 (2)
 June/July 1999 (2)
 August/September 1999 (2)
 October/November 1999 (2)
 December/January 1999 (2)

2000

February/March 2000
 April/May 2000 (2)
 June/July 2000 (2)
 August/September 2000 (2)
 October/November 2000
 December 2000/January 2001 (2)

Box 12: February/March 2001-Fall 2004

2001

February/March 2001
 April/May 2001
 June/July 2001
 August/September 2001
 October/November 2001 (2)
 December 2001/January 2002

2002

Spring 2002 (2)
 Summer 2002

2003

Spring 2003 (2)
 Summer 2003 (2)
 Fall 2003 (2)
 Winter 2003

2004

Spring 2004
 Summer 2004
 Fall 2004

Box 13: Spring 2005 – Fall 2009

2005

Spring 2005 (2)

Summer 2005 (2)
Fall 2005

2006

Spring 2006
Fall 2006
Winter 2006

2007

Spring 2007 (2)
Summer 2007 (2)
Fall 2007
Winter 2007 (2)

2008

Spring 2008
Summer 2008 (2)
Fall 2008
Winter 2008 (2)

2009

Spring 2009 (2)
Summer 2009
Fall 2009
Winter 2009

2010

Spring 2010
Summer 2010
Fall 2010
Winter 2010

2011

Spring 2011
Summer 2011
Winter 2011

2012

Spring/Summer 2012
Fall 2012 (2)

2013

Spring 2013
Summer 2013
Fall 2013
Winter 2013

2014

Winter/Spring 2014

Summer 2014

Fall 2014

2015

Spring 2015

Summer 2015

Winter 2015

2016

Spring 2016

Summer 2016

Fall 2016

Winter 2016

2017

Spring 2017 (3)

Summer 2017 (2)

Fall 2017 (3)

2018

Spring 2018 (2)

Summer 2018 (2)

Fall 2018 (2)

Winter 2018

2019

Spring 2019

Summer 2019

Fall 2019

Winter 2019

2020

Spring 2020

Fall 2020

Winter 2020

2021

Spring 2021

Summer 2021

Fall 2021

Winter 2021

2022

Spring 2022
Summer 2022
Fall 2022
Winter 2022

2023

Spring 2023
Summer 2023
Winter 2023

2024

Spring 2024 (2)
Summer 2024
Fall 2024

2025

Spring 2025
Summer 2025