

## 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.

[Sophia Smith Collection](#), Smith College Libraries

### **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 (2)  
Summer 2017 (2)  
Fall 2017 (3)

**2018**

Spring 2018  
Summer 2018  
Fall 2018  
Winter 2018