

# Guide to the Chris Bose Wages for Housework Research Collection SC25

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Barnard Archives and Special Collections  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Bose, Christine E.  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Christine E. Bose Wages for Housework Research Collection   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | SC25  |
| <b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>          | /repositories/2/resources/400   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1970-1979   |
| <b>Date [bulk]:</b>              | 1974-1977   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 0.05 Linear Feet 1 folder   |
| <b>Physical Location:</b>        | This collection is located in the Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or archives@barnard.edu. |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .   |
| <b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>    | 1   |
| <b>[folder]:</b>                 | 1   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | This collection contains correspondence to Bose, flyers, newsletters, and publications.   |

### Preferred Citation

Chris Bose Wages for Housework Research Collection, 1970-1979; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

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## Biography

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Dr. Christine E. Bose is currently Professor Emerita of Sociology, University of Albany, SUNY and an Affiliate faculty member in the Departments of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies

and of Sociology at the University of Washington (since 2015). She received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Wagner College (1969) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology from the Johns Hopkins University (1973) where she specialized in gender and work, and later incorporated interests in global gender inequalities and the intersections of race, class, and gender. Part of her doctoral dissertation and early publications addressed the social status of the housewife which connected to her involvement with social feminist movements in the 1970s and 1980s, and the Wages for Housework campaign (WFH), both of which shared a positive perspective on the productive aspects of housework. While in Seattle, she worked to spread knowledge about the WFH movement using links to the Los Angeles branch.

Professor Bose began her academic career at the University of Washington (1973) and later moved to the University at Albany SUNY (1978) to become their first externally hired director of Women's Studies (1978-81). During her tenure at the University at Albany, Bose moved through the ranks from Assistant to Associate to Full Professor of Sociology with joint appointments in the Department of Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latino Studies and Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She also served again as Chair of the Department of Women's Studies (2004-2007), was a founding member of the campus Initiatives for Women scholarship project, and the Founding Director of the Institute for Research on Women (IROW). With Professor Edna Acosta-Belén, IROW garnered several large Ford Foundation grants that funded projects including, among others, "Integrating Puerto Rican Women into the Curriculum," "Gender Studies in Global Perspective," and "The Globalization of Gender Research: A Feminist Dialogue." Professor Bose has authored two books (Jobs and Gender: A Study of Occupational Prestige (1985) and Women in 1900 (2001)) and co-edited six additional volumes including Ingredients for Women's Employment Policy (1987), Hidden Aspects of Women's Work (1987), Researching Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (1993), Women in the Latin American Development Process (1995), Global Dimensions of Gender and Carework (1996), and Global Gender Research (2009).

She has been involved with a number of professional organizations, in many of which she has held elected leadership positions. Her professional memberships have included the American Sociological Association (Chair, Publications Committee, 2005-2007), the Eastern Sociological Society (President, 2011), Sociologists for Women in Society (President, 2006), the National Women's Studies Association (founding member), and United University Professions. She also served as Editor of the journal Gender and Society from 1999-2003.

Christine E. Bose's contributions to Sociology, Women's studies, and Universities have been widely recognized by her elected positions. Her honors include selection as a Fulbright Senior Scholar (Costa Rica, 2008); being the Sociologists for Women in Society 2014 Distinguished Feminist Lecturer; becoming a University at Albany (UA) Collins Fellow; receiving a UA Bread and Roses Award and a UA Award for Excellence in Academic Service; receiving a United University Professions Excellence Award and the Albany YWCA Tribute to Women Annual Award.

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## Scope and Content Summary

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Chris Bose Wages for Housework Research Collection consist of correspondence, flyers, newsletters, and publications collected by Christine E. Bose, in relation to the Wages for Housework Campaign (WFH). The letters from other members in the Wages for Housework campaign, particularly Silvia Federici, key organizer in the Campaign, provide insight into the connections between different Wages for Housework groups across the United States. Most of the papers and publications date from 1972 to 1977 and offer a well-rounded view of progressive, activist analyses of housework in a variety of written sources on topics such as immigration, welfare, labor unions, reproductive justice, and socialist feminism.

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## Collection Arrangement

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The collection is arranged in two series, both of which have been further arranged in subseries and items. The contents are not arranged in the original order which separated the collection into three parts. An item level inventory was created by the donor and was used as a reference for the collection. The series and subseries are arranged topically and by record type and items follow in chronological order. The collection of the records are arranged as follows:

Series 1, Correspondence (1975-1979) Subseries 1.1, Letter to Chris Bose from Silvia Federici  
Subseries 1.2, Wages for Housework in Los Angeles correspondence and flyers, 1975-1979.

Series 2, Publications (1970-1977) Subseries 2.1, Women: A Journal of Liberation, vol. 3 #3, 1972. Subseries 2.2, Power of Women, Journal of the Power of Women Collective, Vol. 1, 1974-1975. Subseries 2.3, Wages for Housework Newsletters, 1976-1977. Subseries 2.4, Other publications, 1970-1977.

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## Acquisition Information

Received from Christine E. Bose, Seattle, W.A, in a single donation in 2018.

## Accruals

No additions are expected.

## Processing History

This collection was processed and the finding aid written by Zakiya Collier in October 2018. Descriptive Rules Used: Finding aid adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard. Finding aid written in English

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Abortion -- Political aspects -- United States
- Birth control
- Bose, Christine E.
- Capitalism -- United States
- Chores

- Correspondence
- Emigration and immigration
- Exploitation
- Federici, Silvia
- Housekeeping
- Labor
- Labor unions -- Organizing -- United States
- Letters
- May Day (Labor holiday)
- Motherhood
- Newsletters
- Proletariat
- Public welfare
- Racism in public welfare
- Reproductive rights -- United States
- Socialism
- Unemployment
- Unpaid labor
- Wages -- Household employees
- Wages -- Women -- United States
- Women, Black
- Women -- Employment -- United States
- Women's rights
- Women foreign workers
- Women labor union members -- United States

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## Collection Inventory

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| <b>Correspondence, 1975-1979</b>   |           | box 1 | folder 1 |
|--|-----------|-------|----------|
| <b>Letter to Chris Bose from Silvia Federici</b>                               |           |       |          |
| <b>Wages for Housework in Los Angeles correspondence and flyers, 1975-1979</b> |           |       |          |
| Title/Description  | Instances |       |          |
| Letter from Sidney Ross, 1975-04-20  |           |       |          |
| Mimeo letter from Sidney, Beth, and Susan, 1975-04-11                          |           |       |          |
| LA May Day flyer (bilingual), 1975   |           |       |          |
| Letter from Beth Ingber plus two flyers, 1975-07-14                            |           |       |          |
| Letter from Beth Ingber, 1976-01-30  |           |       |          |

Letter from Margaret Krpan, 1976-03-01

Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee mimeo mailing, 1977-11

Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee (6 page bilingual) mimeo mailing, Spring 1979

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| <b>Publications, 1970-1977</b> | box 1 | folder 1 |
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**Women: A Journal of Liberation, vol. 3 #3, 1972**

| Title/Description  | Instances |
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| "A New Direction for the Women's Movement: Socialist Feminism," Women: A Journal of Liberation, vol. 3 #3, pp. 56-57, 1972 |           |
| "Wages for House Work," Giuliana Pompei, Modena Italy, Women: A Journal of Liberation, vol. 3 #3, pp. 60-62                |           |

**Power of Women, Journal of the Power of Women Collective, Vol. 1, 1974-1975**

| Title/Description   | Instances |
|---|-----------|
| Power of Women, Journal of the Power of Women Collective Vol. 1 No. 1, March/April 1974 |           |
| Power of Women, Journal of the Power of Women Collective Vol. 1 No. 2, July/August 1974 |           |
| Power of Women, Journal of the Power of Women Collective Vol. 1 No. 3, January 1975     |           |

**Wages for Housework Newsletters, 1976-1977**

| Title/Description  | Instances |
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| Wages for Housework Newsletter, No. 1, July, 1976 (bilingual)            |           |
| Wages for Housework Newsletter, Vol. 1 No. 2, September, 1976            |           |
| Wages for Housework Newsletter, Vol. 1 No. 3, November, 1976 (bilingual) |           |
| Wages for Housework Newsletter, National Edition, Spring 1977            |           |

**Other Publications, 1970-1977**

| Title/Description | Instances |
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Pat Mainardi, "The Politics of Housework" New England Free Press-4 page article, ca. 1970

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"Women, the Unions, and Work or What is Not to be Done," Selma James with N. American Introduction by Silvia Federici, 39-page pamphlet, published by Know, Inc., 1974

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"Women and Pay for Housework," Carole Lopate, Liberation, pp.8 -11, May/June 1974

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Wages for Housework Notebooks #1 18-page monograph, edited by Montreal Power of Women Collective, January 1975

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"Sex, Race, and Class," Selma James with contributions from Barbara Reese, Mala Dhondy, Darcus Howe and Correspondents to RACE TODAY, Falling Wall Press, 36 page pamphlet, February 1975

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Women in Struggle 2, a 42-page edited monograph with 5 reprinted articles, including "The Beginning...Wages for Housework" Reprinted from Power of Women Journal, vol. 1, number 2, February 1975

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"The Long March: The Politics of Housework," Barbara Ehrenreich, March 1975, New American Movement

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Joan Landes, "Wages for Housework: Subsidizing Capitalism" Quest, pp. 18-30, 1975

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"Wages for Housework: Women's Struggles and the Politics of the Male Role," A statement of the Struggle against Work Collective, Toronto; Summer 1976

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Gail F. Baker, Support welfare: Black women demand wages for housework, Chicago Defender, April 16, 1977

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Welfare Penny Press, Vol.1 No.1 (small newspaper published by LA Wages for Housework Committee), October 1977

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SAFIRE: Black Women for Wages for Housework (USA) -4 page pamphlet, Fall 1977

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