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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Northup, Lesley A.
Title:	Lesley Armstrong Northup papers
ID:	5628342
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1987 -- 1994
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains the working papers, correspondence, publications, and other related materials of Lesley Northup, a writer, teacher, and Episcopal priest, and Associate Professor of Religion and Culture and Associate Dean of the Honors College, Florida International University, including manuscripts, notes and clippings, correspondence related to Northup's choice to become a single parent by artificial insemination, and responses to the Forms of Address for Episcopal Women Clergy survey.

Preferred Citation

Item description, AWTS: Lesley Armstrong Northup papers, 1987-1994, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Lesley A. Northup was born on December 2, 1947 in the Bronx, New York. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Speech) from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1970. Northup received her M.Div in 1980 from the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. She went on to study for the M.A. in Religious Studies/Liturgics (1983) and a Ph.D. in Historical Theology (1991) from The Catholic University of America. Honors include the Florida International University Outstanding Service Award (2004) and Teaching Award (2001, 2002) and the Outstanding Honors Fellow, 2003. Northup was ordained an Episcopal priest at the Cathedral

of St. John the Divine in New York City by the Rt. Rev. Paul Moore in 1981. The first Episcopal woman priest to serve as a chaplain in the Navy Reserve, Northup served for ten years in that capacity from c. 1976, while she was writing, publishing, and teaching. Her daughter, Evan Armstrong Northup, was born August 8, 1986 by artificial insemination. Northup began her teaching career in 1984 at Howard University's Divinity School, Washington, D.C., as a lecturer in Liturgical History. She has taught religion, religion and broadcasting, women's studies, English and professional writing at Howard University (1984), the Virginia Theological Seminary (1987), and the University of Maryland (1988-1993). In 1993, she joined the faculty at Florida International University in the Department of Religious Studies as Associate Professor of Religion and Culture and became Associate Dean of the Honors College at F.I.U. in 1994. Northup is the author of several books including *Ritualizing Women: Patterns and Practices* (1997), *Women and Religious Ritual* (1993), and *The 1892 Book of Common Prayer* (1993). Numerous articles, book reviews, and essays have appeared in both mass market and professional journals.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains the working papers, correspondence, publications, and other related materials of Lesley Northup, including manuscripts, notes and clippings, correspondence related to Northup's choice to become a single parent by artificial insemination, and responses to the Forms of Address for Episcopal Women Clergy survey.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series: 1. Responses to Northup's motherhood; 2. Research survey for forms of address for Episcopal women clergy; 3. Writings.

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Publication Statement

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Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2021-10-28

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Access

The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Lesley A. Northup donated her papers to the Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship in March 2001.

Processing Information

An attempt was made to maintain the original order, within series, that Northup imposed throughout the course of her career. Folded materials were flattened. Newspaper clippings were photocopied on acid free paper. Staples, rubber bands, and metal clips were removed and replaced with plastic clips. All materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Susan Cathcart Ketchin in 2006 and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Northup, Lesley A. -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Archives of Women in Theological Scholarship (AWTS)

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Responses to Northup's motherhood, 1987 -- 1994

Physical Description: 16 folders

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format.

Scope and Contents

This series contains personal and professional correspondence, editorials, letters to the editor, and requests for appearances based on Northup's choice to become a single parent by artificial insemination.

Title/Description	Instances	
The Churchman article, n.d.	box 1	folder 1
Gayspring: Newsletter of Integrity: article; editorial , n.d.	box 1	folder 2
The Living Church: article; correspondence, n.d.	box 1	folder 3
The National Review editorial, n.d.	box 1	folder 4
Star article, n.d.	box 1	folder 5
The Washington Post: article; letters to the editor, n.d.	box 1	folder 6
The Witness Magazine: article; correspondence; citation/ award to Editor of The Witness, n.d.	box 1	folder 7

Woman Magazine article, n.d.	box 1	folder 8
Correspondence, B - M, n.d.	box 1	folder 9
Correspondence: The Right Reverend Paul Moore, Jr., Bishop of New York, 1988 -- 1989	box 1	folder 10
Correspondence, N - W, n.d	box 1	folder 11
The Les Kinsolving Show, transcript of radio commentary, n.d	box 1	folder 12
Correspondence, Literary agent to LN, 1987 -- 1988	box 1	folder 13
Media appearances, correspondence; Listing of invitations to appear in the media, 1987 -- 1994	box 1	folder 14
Correspondence re speaking engagement at American University, 1988-02-10	box 1	folder 15
Separate selection of articles, correspondence, editorials, n.d.	box 1	folder 16

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Series 2: Research Survey for Forms of Address for Episcopal Women Clergy, 1992

Physical Description: 3 folders

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains responses to the survey from women clergy from many different parts of the country, as well as a blank survey form, and one completed but unsigned.

Title/Description	Instances	
Survey responses, Achiff-Croom; blank form, 1992	box 1	folder 17
Survey responses, Dalaba-Lowry, 1992	box 1	folder 18
Survey responses, Mackie-Wulsin; Unsigned survey response, 1992	box 1	folder 19

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Series 3: Writings, circa 1987

Physical Description: 2 folders

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by subject.

Scope and Contents

This series contains published articles and essays, and material in manuscript form including a book outline, a book chapter, essays, and a treatment for a screenplay. Subjects include Northup's choice to become a single parent by artificial insemination, and others such as being a military chaplain, inclusive language in liturgy, and being a woman in baseball.

Title/Description	Instances	
Book reviews, published articles; Transcript of Radio/TV piece re "Monir," an artist, n.d., 1987	box 1	folder 20
Proposed chapter outline for book; Book chapter 4 manuscript , n.d.	box 1	folder 21

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