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Biographical / Historical

The Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), is a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded by former New York State Representative Bella Abzug (1920-1988) and Miriam "Mim" Kelber (1922-2004), among others. Its goal is to advocate for women's equality in global policy.

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Abzug and Kelber were high school friends and classmates at Hunter College in New York City. Both were feminists and activists from their early years. Kelber was the New York news editor for the labor-syndicated Federated Press from 1943-1955 while Abzug, after graduating from Columbia University Law School in 1947, became one of a few privately practicing female lawyers. Abzug and Kelber (among others), co-founded the "Women Strike for Peace" campaign, one of the first groups of the 1960s to protest the Vietnam War.

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When Bella Abzug was elected to the New York State House of Representatives in 1971, Kelber became her executive assistant and speech writer until Abzug left office in 1978. Kelber also chaired the National Women's Political Caucus media committee. President Jimmy Carter appointed Abzug to the chair of his National Advisory Committee for Women, and Kelber served as its policy consultant and writer. When Carter fired Abzug as head of the advisory committee in 1979 after it actively criticized Carter for budget cuts, both women left the administration. Together they went on to establish the organization that would eventually become WEDO: the Women USA Fund., Inc.

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Women USA Fund was incorporated in 1980 as an action and information network for the "woman who wants to help win equality and justice for all women." The Fund established a 24-hour hotline for action alerts, lobbied for women's representation in Washington, DC government, and sponsored and organized educational forums, symposiums, and conferences. In 1985, the Women USA Fund developed a proposal (written by Kelber) to establish the non-partisan Women's Foreign Policy Council. According to the original proposal, the Council aimed to enhance the visibility of women in public debate formulation and the conduct of American foreign policy on a variety of issues; encourage the opening of national and international political roles for women as foreign policy leaders; and to serve as a

"Women's 'Shadow' State Department" in order to propose alternative, peace-oriented policies and analyses of constructive solutions to world problems. A major goal of this fledgling organization was to develop and write the first-ever comprehensive directory of women foreign policy specialists and organizations working in the realm of International Affairs. Abzug served as the policy chair of the directory and the group, while Kelber served as its Editorial Director (a position that she would later assume at WEDO as well). "The Women's Foreign Policy Council Directory" was published in 1987 and included a picture, areas of expertise, recent professional experience, professional appointments and memberships, and contact information. Additional listings included contacts for female members of the U.S. Congress, foreign heads of state, organizations working on war and peace issues, United Nations and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) leaders and other contacts. The Council also established an aggressive public relations campaign and aimed to sponsor public debates on major issues with both male and female participants.

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The Women's USA Fund began planning a major conference in 1990 under the title, the "World Women's Congress on a Healthy Planet." The project was launched under the name of the "Women's Environment and Development Organization" or "WE-DO." The Congress was held in Miami, Fl. in 1991 and prepared the way for women's involvement at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED Earth Summit, 1992, Rio de Janeiro) by producing a Women's Action Agenda 21 to help shape the dialogue of the UNCED from a woman's perspective. While closely related to the United Nations' own "21st century agenda" known as Agenda 21 (a sprawling, 900-page all-encompassing action document) produced at the Rio summit, WEDO's Women's Action Agenda 21 provided a uniquely woman-centric perspective regarding the environment, poverty, war, and disease. The Miami Congress itself became known as a major event in women's international organizing history and established a strong network of women working on environmental and development issues.

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In 1994, the Fund published "Women and Government: New Ways to Political Power" edited by Kelber. This work, sponsored by the Stanley Foundation, was a survey of six European countries analyzing the success of their women's movements and the advancement of women in their governments, and how these successes could be applied to American politics. On

January 27, 1995, Women USA Fund, Inc., officially changed its name to the Women's Environment and Development Organization.

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WEDO's mission was similar to the Women USA Fund, Inc., in that WEDO would serve as an organ to disseminate general information to the public, though WEDO established a broader mission to encourage academics and other communities to research and write on women's policy issues, provide technical assistant and training to empower women and develop leadership skills, and like the Women USA Fund, to sponsor conferences and symposiums. Beginning in 1991, WEDO organizers served on the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women, in preparation for the UN's Fourth Woman's Conference (1995), held in Beijing, China. WEDO worked after the conference to disseminate conference information, track government and UN commitments, hone the language of the Conference's "Platform for Action" lobby politicians, and attend follow-up sessions (Beijing + 5, 2000). In 1996, WEDO developed the "Contract with Women of the USA" campaign as a counter to Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America." The WEDO Contract adopted key elements of the Beijing Platform for Action and applied them to American women as a feminist response to the Republican Contract.

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After Abzug's death in 1998, WEDO helped to establish a memorial fund in her name, the Abzug Leadership Award. Kelber left her position as editorial director at WEDO the same year and continued to work with WEDO as a non-staff member. Mim Kelber died in 2004 and was survived by her husband, AFL-CIO leader, Harry Kelber, and daughters Karli and Laura.

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The organization has consistently been involved with world politicians, activists, feminists, and other notable and "ordinary" women who have helped with WEDO projects or served on the Board of Directors. Prime among these women is Wangari Maathai, a WEDO board member and co-founder, who was the first president of the African Union (2005) and Nobel

Prize (2004) recipient "for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace."
WEDO continues its work on behalf of women in the memories of Bella Abzug and Mim Kelber.

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Summary

The records of the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) document its political advocacy for women's equality in formulating global policy, and highlights founders New York State Representative, Bella Abzug (1920-1988) and feminist activist, Miriam "Mim" Kelber (1922-2004).

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- Maathai, Wangari
- Siegel, Beatrice
- Earth Summit Watch (Organization)
- Women's Foreign Policy Council (U.S.)
- Women USA Fund, Inc
- United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992 : Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- World Conference on Women (4th) (Location of meeting: Beijing, China). Date of meeting or treaty signing: 1995 :.)
- World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (Location of meeting: Nairobi, Kenya). Date of meeting or treaty signing: (1985 :.)
- World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet

Collection Inventory

Series I: Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), 1980-2006, undated, (1994-1998)

Scope and Contents

Series I primarily contains WEDO organizational records and is divided into five subseries. The series holds administrative files of WEDO and its predecessor, the Women USA Fund, Inc., Board of Directors minutes and correspondence, subject files, and numerous materials including correspondence, reports, and brochures gathered from conferences attended by WEDO, campaigns organized by others in which WEDO contributed, and other organizations with which WEDO collaborated in some fashion.

Subseries I.1: Administrative Files, 1983-2000

Scope and Contents

The administrative files of WEDO are arranged in alphabetical order. Though primarily administrative files, the subseries also contains several of Mim Kelbers' notebooks and articles written by her on behalf of WEDO. Outlines, notes, and interviews on WEDO history may also be in this series (two microcassettes of these interviews may be found in Subseries V.1) as well as correspondence with and on behalf of Wangari Maathai's 1998 run for the presidency of Kenya. The correspondence is primarily from her daughter, Wanjira, but does contain letters from Wangari Maathai herself.

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"Daughters of Mother Earth, The," New Directions for Women, 1989 July/August, 1989		
"For Women of the world, the time has come to break forth toward power," Perspectives, <i>Earth Times</i> , 1993 June 30		
Letter to Mark Shields <i>Washington Post</i> , undated		
"Old Boys' Network Still Alive and Well at the United Nations," <i>Der Uberblick</i> , undated		
"Women: Just Another 'Special' Interest Group?," unknown publication,, undated		
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Scope and Contents

This subseries includes Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Steering Committee minutes, agendas, correspondence and memos pertaining to the governance and activities of WEDO.

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Subseries I.3: Women USA Fund, Inc., 1984-1994

Scope and Contents

Women USA Fund, Inc., as a subseries, overlaps slightly with the records of WEDO. Primarily the materials pertain to the early years of WEDO in regards to funding proposals, financial statements, the Fund's work with the Democratic National Committee in 1984, and the development of an environmental-themed t-shirt design that incorporated the autographs of famous female personalities. In 1990, Women USA Fund, Inc., began planning for their World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet symposium. The Fund established WEDO as the project arm of the Women's Congress. As such, files regarding the Women's Congress are located in this subseries. Official incorporation change to WEDO did not occur until 1995, though the greater majority of WEDO records prior to 1995 are located in Subseries I.1.

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Subseries I.4: Subjects, 1980-1994**Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains material that was collected on specific subjects of interest to both Mim Kelber and/or the WEDO organization. Subjects include women in national politics; economic and environmental issues; the Balkans/Kosovo conflict of 1999; Africa; abortion and reproductive rights; gender balance, and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

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Subseries I.5: Conferences, Campaigns and Organizations, 1990-2000

Scope and Contents

WEDO attended numerous conferences, helped coordinate multiple campaigns, and interacted with many non-United Nations and non-governmental organizations to achieve their goals of engendering issues on International and National platforms. The records contained in this subseries document their work with or attendance at, a wide variety of events and work with these organizations. The materials do not regard WEDO's work with United Nations-sponsored meetings such as the Earth Summit and Agenda 21, the Beijing Conference and its Platform for Action, nor Rio + 5 or Beijing + 5, though some materials contain references to these United Nations forums. For materials on these conferences, please see Subseries III.1: United Nations Conferences, Campaigns, and Organizations.

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Series II: Women's Foreign Policy Council, 1985-1990

Scope and Contents

The Women's Foreign Policy Council series includes a copy of the original Council proposal, some correspondence, materials on two conferences attended by the Council, an environmental fact sheet developed by the Council, and a copy of the 1987 *Women's Foreign Policy Council Directory*.

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Series III: United Nations, 1972-2000, (1994-1996)

Scope and Contents

Series III: United Nations is divided into three subseries. The series focuses largely on WEDO's (and to a smaller extent, Women USA Fund and the Foreign Policy Council's) work with and at the United Nations in developing policy, WEDO attendance at major conferences sponsored by UN offices, and tracking subjects of interest regarding the UN including its reform and operation. In addition, there is extensive documentation on the United Nation's monumental World Women's Conference held in Beijing, China, attended by Abzug, Kelber, and several WEDO members, in 1994.

Subseries III.1: Conferences, Campaigns and Organizations, 1979-2000, (1994-1996)

Scope and Contents

This subseries documents WEDO's work with various United Nations offices including the Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), the Development Programme (UNDP), General Assembly Special Assemblies (UNGASS), and the Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) including conference materials, correspondence, reports, and memos generated by the UN, WEDO, and various NGOs. Of note are materials regarding the Earth Summit Agenda 21 held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, and its follow-up session, Rio +5, as well as follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development (UNICPD) conference held in Cairo in 1994, and the Beijing Women's Conference (Beijing +5). Some materials and correspondence on the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, held in Nairobi, Kenya in 1985 are also included.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1989-2000	box 21	folder 8
Children's Fund Non-Government Organization Consultation, 1995	box 21	folder 9
Commission on Sustainable Development, 1995-2000	box 21	folder 10
Conference on Environment and Development, undated, 1992	box 22	folder 1-2
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, 1979-1980, 1993-1997, 1979-1980, 1993-1997	box 22	folder 3

Development Fund for Women		
General, 2000	box 22	folder 4
International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women Merger,, 1994	box 22	folder 5
Development Program, 1996-2000	box 22	folder 5-6
General Assembly Special Session		
Rio +5, 1997	box 22	folder 7
Rio +5, 1997	box 23	folder 1
Beijing +5, 2000 June 5-9, 2000 June	box 23	folder 2-3
Global Policy Forum on United Nations Reform Conference, 1994, 1997, 1994, 1997	box 23	folder 4
International Conference on Population and Development and Implementing Policy After Cairo Forums,, 1994-1996	box 23	folder 5-6
International Conference on Population and Development, undated,, 1997-1999	box 23	folder 7
International Women's Day Forum, 1994	box 23	folder 8
Non-Governmental Organizations		
Advisory Committee to the Fund for Population Activities, 1996	box 23	folder 9
Committee on Disarmament, 1996	box 23	folder 10
Task Force Group for a National Women's Organizing Body, 1996	box 24	folder 1
Research Institute for Social Development, 1997	box 24	folder 2
"United Nations and Civil Society", 1995 October 12	box 24	folder 3
"We the People. . . : The Role of Civil Society in the History and Future of the United Nations" Conference,, 1995	box 24	folder 4
World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women,, 1985	box 24	folder 5
<i>World in Need of Leadership: Tomorrow's United Nations, A Fresh Appraisal</i> , Brian Urquhart and Erskine Childers,, 1996	box 24	folder 6
World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), 1994	box 24	folder 7

Subseries III.2: World Women's Conference--Beijing, China, 1989-2000, (1994-1996)

Scope and Contents

While Subseries III.1 contains some materials on the Beijing Conference and its follow-up, Beijing + 5, Subseries III.2 holds the greater majority of correspondence, planning documents, memos, reports, and follow-up materials regarding the UN's 4th conference on women. This series contains items regarding preparation for the conference, WEDO committee work, Platform for Action formulation and proposed re-writes, addresses and statements, and WEDO's work after the conference in order to promote the implementation of the Platform for Action.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1995	box 24	folder 8-10
Addresses and Statements, 1995	box 25	folder 2
Before and After, 1995-2000	box 25	folder 3-6
Commission on the Status of Women Preparatory Committee, 1991-1994	box 25	folder 7
Credentialing, 1995-1996	box 25	folder 8
Davis, Susan--After Beijing Schedule, Invitations and Events, 1995	box 26	folder 1
Government Commitments and Accountability, 1995, 1999, 1995, 1999	box 26	folder 2
New York City Report Back Meeting, 1995 October 25	box 26	folder 3
Non-Governmental Organization		
Forum on Women Reception (New York), 1995 March 13	box 26	folder 4
Forum on Women Site Plans, 1995	box 26	folder 5
Northwest Airlines Transportation Grant, 1994-1995	box 26	folder 6
Platform for Action, 1994-1995	box 26	folder 7-8
Platform for Action, 1994-1995	box 27	folder 1-3
Preliminary Report Version, 1995	box 27	folder 4
Preparations, 1995	box 27	folder 5
Stanley Foundation Conferences, 1989-1996	box 27	folder 6
United Nations Commitments Pledge, 1994-1995	box 27	folder 7
Zill, Anne--Correspondence, 1995	box 27	folder 8

Subseries III.3: Subjects, 1972, 1994-2000**Scope and Contents**

This subseries holds material on specific United Nations-related subjects such as reform and restructuring; the 1994 sexual harassment appeal of Catherine Claxton, a junior UN member who accused asst. Secretary General Luis Maria Gomez of harassment in 1991; UN relations with NGOs

and the United States; UN women's history and data; staffing issues; and the election of a woman as Secretary General.

Title/Description	Instances	
History and Data on Women, undated, 1994-1996	box 28	folder 1
Peacekeeping and Gender Reform	box 28	folder 2
Finances, 1994-1995	box 28	folder 3
Restructuring Background Material, undated, 1972, 1994-1996, 1972, 1994-1996	box 28	folder 4
Women and Peace, 1994-1995	box 28	folder 5
Sexual Harassment		
Catherine Claxton Case, 1994	box 28	folder 6-7
Joint Appeals Board, Mrs. Catherine Claxton Appeal, 1994	box 29	folder 1
United Nations		
Non-Governmental Organizations Relations, 1994-2000	box 29	folder 2
United States Relations, 1995-1996	box 29	folder 3
Women and the United Nations		
Candidates for the Secretary-General, 1996 June	box 29	folder 4
Secretariat, 1994-1995	box 29	folder 5
Staffing Issues, 1990s	box 29	folder 6

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Series IV: Abzug, Bella, 1984-2000, (1992-1998)

Scope and Contents

The WEDO records contained files pertaining directly to Bella Abzug throughout the collection. These materials were pulled together in order to form a comprehensive series of documentation related to Abzug, particularly her death in 1998 including condolence correspondence and Abzug anecdotes (sent to WEDO and Kelber), memorial service arrangements and the establishment of a memorial fund and leadership award in her name. Articles and speeches written by Abzug herself or by Kelber for Abzug, were placed in this series. Also included is a transcript of the 1999 Lifetime Television documentary on Abzug entitled, Intimate Portraits--Bella Abzug and the unpublished manuscript and research of a children's book (1984) on Abzug written by Beatrice Siegel.

Title/Description	Instances	
Abzug Leadership Awards, 1998-2000	box 29	folder 1-2
Abzug Firing--Articles and Clippings, 1979	box 39	folder 1

Abzug Firing--Letters, 1979	box 39	folder 2
Articles About Abzug, 1992-1998	box 30	folder 1
Articles and Speeches (Written by Bella Abzug), 1993-1994	box 30	folder 2
Articles and Speeches (Written by Mim Kelber), 1989-1996	box 30	folder 3
Beijing Conference Opening Ceremony Speech, 1994	box 30	folder 4
"Bella the Ball", 1991	box 39	folder 3
Biographical Information, undated, 1998	box 39	folder 4
Breast Cancer Climb, 1995	box 39	folder 5
Condolences, 1998	box 39	folder 6
Condolences, 1998	box 30	folder 5
Empowerment of Jewish Women Speech, 1988	box 30	folder 6
Funeral and Memorials, 1998	box 39	folder 7
<i>Intimate Portraits: Bella Abzug</i> (Transcripts), 1989	box 30	folder 7-8
Memorial Fund, Bella Abzug		
Correspondence, 1999	box 30	folder 9
Memorial Fund--Kelber File, 1998, 2000, 1998, 2000	box 30	folder 10
Memorial Service		
Anecdote Correspondence, undated, 1998	box 31	folder 1
Speeches, 1998	box 31	folder 2
Photographs and Slides, undated, 1984 circa 1994, 1984, 1994	box 31	folder 3
Press After Abzug's Passing, 1998	box 39	folder 8
Printed Matter, undated, 1998	box 31	folder 4
Siegel, Beatrice--Children's Book Research and Typescript, 1984	box 31	folder 5
Woman of the Year Award-- <i>Ms. Magazine</i> , 1998 January-February	box 31	folder 6

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Series V: Publications and Printed Matter, 1974-2000, (1994-1998)

Scope and Contents

The collection contained a variety of pamphlets and brochures, newsletters, journals, magazines and newspaper clippings produced both by WEDO and other organizations. The great majority of these materials have been pulled together in Series V, which is divided into three subseries: V.1: WEDO,

Women USA Fund, Inc. and the Women's Foreign Policy Council; V.2: Other organizations by subject and V.3: Oversized Printed Matter. Some printed materials were kept in their original locations. The materials contained here were either filed on their own accord or sprinkled throughout the collection. They are filed together for easier retrieval and organization.

Subseries V.1: Women's Environment and Development Organization, Women's USA Fund, Women's Foreign Policy Council and Mim Kelber, 1987-2002 [Bulk Dates: 1996-1994], 1987-2002

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains many of the materials produced by WEDO, Women's USA Fund, Inc., or the Foreign Policy Council. The subseries includes WEDO reports on the Beijing Conference, breast cancer, the *WEDONews and Views* newsletter (1998-2002, incomplete) and *Primer* publication, a guide to early online activism, pamphlets and brochures from WEDO and the World Women's Conference for a Healthy Planet. The Women's Foreign Policy Council Declaration of Independence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Family of Earth are located in this subseries, while the Council's *Women's Foreign Policy Council Directory* is located in Series II. Also included in this subseries is a copy of the only novel published by Mim Kelber, entitled *A Pride of Women*.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Building on Beijing: United States NGOs Shape a Women's National Agenda," 1997	box 31	folder 7
<i>Environmental Links to Breast Cancer Handbook</i> , 1996	box 31	folder 8
"First Steps: What Has Happened Since Beijing?", 1996 March 8	box 31	folder 9
"Keeping the Promises...A WEDO Workshop Report," 1996	box 31	folder 10
<i>News and Views</i>		
1988-1995	box 31	folder 12
1996-2002	box 31	folder 13
Pamphlets and Brochures, undated, 1987, 1991, 1987, 1991	box 31	folder 14
<i>Primer</i> , undated, 1999	box 32	folder 1
"Promise Kept, Promise Broken?," 1996-1997	box 32	folder 2
"Women Engaging the UN Online," 1994	box 32	folder 3
Women's Foreign Policy Council Declaration of Interdependence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Family of Earth,, undated	box 32	folder 4
"Women Making a Difference...," 1992	box 32	folder 5
World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet, 1991	box 32	folder 6

Subseries V.2: Other Organizations, 1974-2000

Scope and Contents

Subseries V.2 contain magazines, journals, newsletters, reports, articles, clippings and papers produced by other organizations and arranged by subject of publication in alphabetical order. Subjects center on women's issues involving the environment, poverty, reproduction and population, the United Nations, the United States and women refugees, violence against women, human rights, and politics.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1995-1996	box 32	folder 7-8
Book Excerpts, Articles, and Papers, undated, 1974, 1989-1996, 1974, 1989-1996	box 32	folder 9
Donor Countries and Organizations, 1995	box 32	folder 10
Education and Poverty, undated, 1994-1997	box 33	folder 1
Environmental and Globalization Issues, undated, 1989-1999	box 33	folder 2
European Women Status Report, 1995	box 33	folder 3
Feminism and Activism, 1991-1997	box 33	folder 4
Reproduction and Population, 1995	box 33	folder 5
Symposium and Conference Brochures, 1990s	box 33	folder 6
United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations, 1988-1997	box 34	folder f-1-2
United States and Women Refugees Report, 1997	box 34	folder 3
Violence Against Women Discussion Paper, 1995	box 34	folder 4
War and Disarmament, undated, 1997-1998	box 34	folder 5
"Women and the United Nations" (Roosevelt Institute), 1995	box 34	folder 6
Women Human Rights Reports, 1988, 1993, 1998, 1988, 1993, 1998	box 34	folder 7
Women and Politics, undated, 1992-1997	box 34	folder 8-9
Women and Politics, undated, 1992-1997	box 35	folder 1
Women's Vote and Women's Issues Chronological Clippings		
1988	box 35	folder 2
1989	box 35	folder 3
1990	box 35	folder 4
1991	box 35	folder 5
1992	box 35	folder 6
1993	box 35	folder 7

1994	box 35	folder 8
Post-Election, 1994	box 35	folder 9
1995	box 35	folder 10
1996	box 35	folder 11
1997	box 35	folder 12
1998	box 35	folder 13
1999	box 35	folder 14
2000	box 35	folder 15
General, 1995-2000	box 36	folder 1
<i>Eco</i> , Action for a Common Future (Bergen Conference),, 1990	box 36	folder 2
<i>Earth Times</i> , 1994-1996	box 36	folder 3
<i>ICPD +5 Watch</i> , 1999 July 2	box 36	folder 4
Terra Viva, 1997, 2000, 1997, 2000	box 36	folder 5

Subseries V.3: Oversized Printed Matter, 1977-1997.

Scope and Contents

Four oversized posters have been removed from the general records and placed in oversized storage. The posters include a copy of the Contract with Women of the USA *New York Times* advertisement, a 1977 copy of the National Women's Conference poster, a 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage poster produced by the Center for Policy Alternatives, and a poster from a women's conference held in Modena, Italy in 1997.

Title/Description	Instances
"American Women on the Move" (Poster), 1977	box 14-L-2
Contract with Women of the USA-- <i>New York Times</i> Advertisement, 1996	box 14-L-2
"State of the States for Women and Politics" (Poster), 1995	box 14-L-2
Sviluppo Umano Sostenibile: Una Prospettiva Di Genere (Poster),, 1997	box 14-L-2

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Series VI: Audio Visual Material, 1991-2005

Scope and Contents

Audio visual materials include VHS tapes and DVDs of WEDO public relations reels, Bella Abzug memorials, and interviews conducted by Lee Grant of Mim Kelber for *Intimate Portraits-- Bella Abzug*. Audio materials include two microcassettes of interviews conducted by Libby Bassett in 2000 for a

history of WEDO. Rounding out this series are speeches by Harry Kelber, the husband of Mim Kelber and noted AFL-CIO leader, produced by the AFL-CIO in honor of his union leadership and service.

Title/Description	Instances
"An Evening with Harry Kelber: 70 Years in the Labor Movement," 2006 (DVD), 2006	box 37
"Bella at the Ball," 1991 May (VHS), 1991 May	box 37
"Bella's Last Decade" United Nations Memorial Service, 1998 April 24 (VHS), 1998 April 24	box 37
"Earthspinners," Rough Cut Dub Fundraising, 1992 October 27 (VHS), 1992 October 27	box 37
"Giving Women An Equal Say!," undated (VHS), undated	box 37
History Interviews Microcassettes, circa 2000 (2), 2000	box 37
Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug, Lee Grant Interviews Mim Kelber, 1998 April (DVD), 1998 April	box 37

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Series VII: Archived Web Site, 2013-present

Title/Description	Instances
Women's Environment and Development Organization Web Site, 2013-present	
Scope and Contents	
Archived web site captures of the official web site of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, at http://www.wedo.org/ . Captured semi-annually, 2013-present.	
Scope and Contents	
Link to Archived Web Site	

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