HOUSTON EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN WELCOMING RALLY

City Hall 4:00pm
Friday, November 18
Opening night of National Women’s Conference
Music & Theatre

“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex.”
Dr. Alice Paul 1885-1977

Speaker/moderators
Betty Friedan
Nikki Van Hightower
Billie Carr
Dolores Huerta
Flo Kennedy
Luz Gutierrez
Deborah Hailey
Lillian Bembow

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The National Women’s Conference: 
Taking 1977 into the 21st Century 

November 6-7, 2017 

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Many people have worked long and hard behind the scenes to make this conference a success.

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A special thank you to our Host Committee and to Friends of Women’s Studies.

Monday, November 6, 2017

Monday, November 6, 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library
Welcome

Monday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Midtown Room 262, Student Center South
Sisterhood Salon/Salón de Hermandad: Come immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and conversation of 1977 in this space brought to you by IWY Official Photographer Diana Mara Henry and scholars Linda Garcia Merchant and Maria Cotera.

Monday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Evans Room, Special Collections, M.D. Anderson Library
Oral History Commons: Stop by and tell your story in a short, ten-minute Story Corps style interview. Let us know about your experiences in 1977. If you were not there, busy with other things, too young, or not yet born, come tell us your story too. Reflect on this 40th Anniversary moment in whatever way that moves you. Sign-up for a time at the registration desk. Drop-ins welcome too.

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“Mixed Outcomes of the 1977 IWY Conference”
- Mary Jean Collins, Illinois Delegate, former NOW Action Vice President
- Jo Freeman, New York Delegate, Independent Scholar
- Noreen Connell, New York Delegate, former NOW NE Regional Director
- Frances “Poppy” Northcutt, Special Conference Consultant to the IWY Secretariat
- **Moderator:** Nancy Sims, University of Houston

Monday, November 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Bayou City Room 219, Student Center South

“Women’s Political Leadership and the Persistent Political Glass Ceiling”
- Judy Wu, University of California, Irvine, “What Women Want’: Patsy Takemoto Mink and Global/National Feminism”
- Nancy Elizabeth Baker, Sam Houston State University, “Phyllis Schlafly and Babette Francis: The Establishment of a 1970s Transnational Anti-Feminist Movement”
- Angie Maxwell, University of Arkansas, “The Impact of Modern Sexism on the 2016 Presidential Election”
- **Moderator:** Monica Perales, University of Houston

Monday, November 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Writing Center, 238 Classroom and Business Building

“On Tape and Online: Sharing and Preserving the Voices of the 1977 National Women’s Conference”
- Jillian Hinderliter and Andrea L’Hommedieu, University of South Carolina

Monday, November 6, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library

“The Historical is Political: What Activists Today Can Learn from the IWY”
- Nicole Eaton, Simmons College, “‘Moving History Forward’: The Feminist Usable Past in the 1977 IWY Conference and the 2016 Election”
- Natasha Zaretsky, Southern Illinois University, “Social Reproduction, Neoliberal Crisis, and the Paradox of 1970s Feminism”
- **Moderator:** Catherine Rymph, University of Missouri
Monday, November 6, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
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“Catching the Waves: Generational Stories of Women’s Movements”

- Morna J. Gerrard, Georgia State University, “‘Shoulder to Shoulder Into the Fray!’ The Activist Archivist Documents Contemporary Women’s Protest in Georgia”
- Robin Morris, Agnes Scott College, “Run Away: Southern Women in Electoral Politics”
- *Moderator:* Linda Reed, University of Houston

Monday, November 6, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Writing Center, 238 Classroom and Business Building

Open Conversation Space: For all who were in Houston in 1977, this space is set aside for meeting up and rekindling old ties.

Monday, November 6, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
Ballroom East and West, Room 210, Student Center South

**Keynote Luncheon:** Marjorie Spruill, University of South Carolina will talk about her book, *Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women’s Rights and Family Values That Polarized American Politics* (2017).
*Moderator:* Lora Wildenthal, Rice University

Monday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library

“Capturing Houston: Photographers, Journalists, and History-Making on Deadline”

- Janice Blue, Editor of the *Daily Breakthrough*
- Diana Mara Henry, Official IWY Photographer
- Lucy Komisar, Investigative Journalist
- Melba Tolliver, Journalist and Television Anchor
- *Moderator and Participant:* Clara McLaughlin, Publisher of the *Georgia Star* and *Florida Star*
Monday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Space City Room 214, Student Center South
“Las Muxeritas and Revolutionary Acts of Recovering”
- Rosie Bermudez, University of California, Santa Barbara, “La Causa de Los Pobres: Alicia Escalante's Lived Experience of Poverty and the Struggle for Economic Justice”
- Linda Garcia Merchant, University of Nebraska, “Chicana Diasporic: The Nomadic Journey of the Activist Exiled”
- Tiffany Jasmin Gonzalez, Texas A&M University, “We Were Here: Chicanas/Latinas, Texas Women's Political Caucus, and Reshaping American Politics”
- Samantha Rodriguez, University of Houston, “Mujeres Por La Raza, Community Feminisms, and the 1977 IWY”
- Moderator: Maria Cotera, University of Michigan

Monday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Writing Center, 238 Classroom and Business Building
- Sophaline Chuong, University of California, Irvine, “AAPI Women and Activism”
- Malire Lozada, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Tin Myaing Thein and Asian Pacific Islander Women on the Move”
- Maribel Comparan, University of California, Irvine, “Age and Activism among AAPI Attendees at the 1977 National Women’s Conference”
- Justine Trinh, University of California, Irvine, “The Educational and Class Status of AAPI Attendees at the 1977 National Women’s Conference”
- Pauline Nguyen, University of California, Irvine, “Law and Activism for AAPI Women”
- Moderator: Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, University of California, Irvine

Monday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Space City Room 219, Student Center South
- Joan Jacobs Brumberg, Cornell University, “The Body is a Message Board”
- Helena Shaskevich, Graduate Center, CUNY, “Body Feedback: Feminist Art and Women’s Health Activism”
- Moderator: Jen Wingard, University of Houston

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Special Collections, M.D. Anderson Library
Take a Tour of the Carey C. Shuart Archives: Learn about all the fabulous holdings pertaining to women’s history in our Special Collections Department.

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Moderator: Sarah Fishman, University of Houston
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McGovern Reception: Featuring images by Joan Roth, photographer and multi-media artist.

Monday, November 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall


Roundtable Discussion: author and activist-librarian Martha Cotera joins Ms. founder and author Gloria Steinem, Rutgers University Professor Charlotte Bunch, and journalist and news anchor Melba Tolliver to discuss the National Women’s Conference then and now.

Moderator: Leandra Zarnow, University of Houston

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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Room 106-R, M.D. Anderson Library

Wikipedia edit-a-thon: Raise the representation of women and feminist topics on Wikipedia by editing and writing high-quality wiki articles. Computers and Wikipedia training will be provided. No prior experience required. Stop by anytime, stay as long as you want.

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Blaffer Art Museum, Café Lounge

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Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library

“Lesbian Organizing for IWY, 1977”
- Christine Pattee, Iowa Delegate
- Barbara “Boo” Price, IWY Cultural Events Producer
- Margie Adam, Musician, Composer of “We Shall Go Forth”
- Charlotte Bunch, Washington, D.C. IWY Delegate and Co-Organizer of IWY National Lesbian Caucus

Tuesday, November 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Bayou City Room 219, Student Center South

“Feminism and Conservatism: Points of Convergence and Divergence”
- Charles McCaslin, Texas Christian University, “The First Mass Demonstration of the Sexual Counterrevolution: Lottie Beth Hobbs and the Houston Pro-Family Rally”
- April Young Bennett, Health Advocate and Mormon Activist, “Mormon Feminism in 1977 and Today”
- Kacey Calahane, University of California, Irvine, “Engineering the New Right: How Phyllis Schlafly Built the Conservative Movement”
- **Moderator**: Mark Goldberg, University of Houston

Tuesday, November 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Space City Room 214, Student Center South

“Women, Welfare and Poverty: Back to the Grassroots”
- Pat Albright, Every Mother is a Working Mother Network
- Reverend Annie Chambers, Past President Baltimore Welfare Rights Union
- Pat Gowens, Co-Founder and Director of Welfare Warriors, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Marian Kramer, co-founder of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization
- Margaret Prescod, New York Delegate, Global Women’s Strike
- **Moderator**: Phoebe Jones, Global Women’s Strike

Tuesday, November 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Skyline Room 223, Student Center South

“Art, Activism and Artists 1977-2017 Part One: At the 1977 Conference”
- Susan Schwalb, independent artist, NY delegate (the only official delegate who was an artist)
- Ferris Olin, Distinguished Professor Emerita, Rutgers University
- Linda Cunningham, Arthur and Katherine Shadek Professor of Humanities, emerita Franklin and Marshall College
- **Moderator**: Judith Brodsky, Professor Emerita, Rutgers University
Tuesday, November 7, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library

“‘It’s Our Movement Now’: Black Women’s Politics and the 1977 National Women’s Conference”
- Janine Fondon, Bay Path University, “Inclusive Feminism: Are We There Yet?”
- Marcia Walker-McWilliams, Rice University, “‘To Do What Is Necessary’: Addie Wyatt, the Women’s Movement and the Quest for Solidarity”
- Sarah B. Rowley, DePaul University, “‘You Have to Take Advantage of Every Chance You Get’: Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and the Politics of Representation”

Moderator: Laura L. Lovett, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Tuesday, November 7, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Bayou City Room 219, Student Center South

“South Asian Feminist Social Justice Praxis in Houston”
- Gayatri Joshi, University of Houston
- Praveena Lakshmanan, Michigan State University
- Saneea Sakhyani, University of Houston

Moderator: Rachel Afi Quinn, University of Houston

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Waldorf-Astoria Ballroom, North Wing, Second Floor, Hilton College/Hilton Hotel

Moderator: Elizabeth Gregory, University of Houston
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Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library
“What Began in Houston: A Conversation about Legacy and Influence”
- Loretta Ross, SisterSong, Hampshire College
- Janice A. Farringer, Army JAG Captain, 1977-1980
- Phyllis Frye, First “out” Transgender Judge in Nation
- Robin Paoli, Serial entrepreneur and Founder, Houston Women March
- **Moderator:** Jessica Waggoner, University of Houston

Tuesday, November 7, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Space City Room 214, Student Center South
“Intersectionality: Perspectives on the Women’s March, Community Research, and Ally Action”
- Aida Hurtado, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Marching Together: Of Many, One Wall of Resistance”
- Desdamona Rios, University of Houston-Clear Lake, “Using Intersectionality to Transform Models of Education for ‘At-Risk’ Latinx Students”
- Kim Case, University of Houston-Clear Lake, “Doing the Work: Applying Intersectionality to Ally Action”
- **Moderator:** Maria Gonzalez, University of Houston

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Skyline Room 223, Student Center South
“Re-Thinking Women’s Conferences and their Reproductive Justice Legacies”
- Claudia Roesch, University of Munster, “Transnational Family Planning? German-American Cooperation at International Conferences from 1948 until 1989”
- Jennifer Donnally, Knox College, “‘This Is War!’: The Untold Story of the Hyde Amendment, the IWY and Why the Anti-Abortion Movement Declared a War on Feminism”
- **Moderator:** Karissa Haugeberg, Tulane University

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Writing Center, 238 Classroom and Business Building
Crunk Feminism: Digital Activism for the Real World
- Eesha Pandit, Writer and Co-Founder of Center for Advancing Innovative Policy
- Secunda Joseph, Director Of Smart Media & Organizing - BLMHTX
- Josie Pickens, Educator, Writer, Cultural critic

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Afternoon Plenary: Screening of award-winning film, SISTERS OF ’77 with filmmakers Cynthia Salzman Mondell and Allen Mondell of Media Projects, Inc.—Q&A to follow.
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Reception and Debut of Student Curated Exhibit, “The Spirit of Houston: A Retrospective 40 Years in the Making
Tuesday, November 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Krost Hall, UH Law Center
**Roundtable Discussion on Women, Politics, and Law:**
With lawyers Sissy Farenthold and Sarah Weddington
*Moderator:* Nancy Beck Young, University of Houston

Tuesday, November 7, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
The Grove, The Arts District Courtyard, UH School of Art
**Closing Celebration: “Go Forth from Houston:”**
**Houston Women in the Arts Take Action:** Dance and art performances, art cars, a community engagement salon, and a live public performance by the female-fronted art band, the Mydolls.