**Purpose of the Collection:**
To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Institute for Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The Institute offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts with concentrations in sexuality, race and globalization, and social change. The study of women, gender, and sexuality studies has a global emphasis. Feminist critique and theory related to women and the social construction of gender and sexuality are important areas of study.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

a. **Languages:** English is the primary language of the collection; some titles may be collected in Spanish and/or French.

b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Emphasis is on current issues and research, but materials from prehistoric times forward may be selected in accordance with collection needs.

c. **Geographical Guideline:** Selection is not restricted to any one society, culture, or area of the world; materials from all areas are collected.

d. **Date of Publication:** Current publications are of primary importance. Retrospective classic or standard works not already in the collection are selectively collected.

e. **Types of Materials:** Materials in all formats may be selected and added to the collection as needed.

f. **Treatment of the Subject:** The collection provides research level support for the concentrations covered by the Department.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Global Studies
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

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