Purpose: To support research, teaching and the academic study of women and gender across all disciplines for faculty, students, and life-long learners. Feminism is a multi-faceted, multi-cultural, international movement that addresses a wide range of social, political, and economic issues, including intersections of gender and age with sexuality, race, class and nationality. The study of women and gender studies in the Women’s Studies Institute has a global emphasis which requires a complex collection of resources. Feminist critique and theory related to women and the social construction of gender are also important areas of study. Women’s studies is highly interdisciplinary and draws on a variety of sources and methods. “Although regarded at first as a social science, women’s studies has made contributions in all domains from narrow study of women as an aspect of traditional categories of scholarship, to a feminist critique of knowledge that calls for a restructuring of all intellectual analysis.”

General Collection Guidelines:

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

b. Chronological Guidelines: Emphasis is on 20th and 21st century, but materials for 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 regarding women will be collected.

d. Treatment of Subject: Materials in all formats (book, non-book, electronic, etc.) may be selected and added to the collection as needed. Research and doctoral level materials are added to the collection to support graduate and faculty researchers from other departments in the area of women’s studies.

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