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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Leith, Priscilla Marie Tremper, 1935-
Title:	Priscilla Tremper Leith Papers
Dates:	1974-1988
Quantity:	2.4 cubic feet (4 boxes)
Abstract:	Correspondence, reports and other materials relating primarily to Leith's work with the National Organization for Women.

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Biographical Note

Priscilla Marie Tremper Leith, born 1935, graduated from Vassar College in 1956 with a mathematics major and went on to do graduate work in business at Babson College. Leith has worked as an accountant, tax preparer, and journalist, publishing 200 articles between 1975 and 1978. Additionally, Leith held public office in Ward 4 of the Democratic Committee of Newton, Massachusetts from 1980 to 1982. She became a member of the National Organization for Women soon after it was founded, and held leadership positions in Massachusetts NOW chapters.

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Scope and Content Note

Correspondence and other papers from NOW actions, meetings, and initiatives. Of particular interest are materials relating to the campaign for the Equal Rights Amendment, Walter Mondale's 1984 Presidential campaign and the 1978 re-election campaign of Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke. The collection includes letters from several notable politicians and activists, including Katherine Graham, Edward Kennedy, Robert Drinan, Edward Brooke, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, as well as NOW Presidents Eleanor Smeal and Judy Goldsmith.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Brooke, Edward William, 1919-

Organizations:

- National Organization for Women

Subjects:

- Equal rights amendments
- Sex discrimination--Law and legislation--Massachusetts
- Feminists--United States
- Women in politics
- Women's rights

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- Politics
- Women's History

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, March 2008

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Priscilla Tremper Leith Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Jared Berenholz, November 2007

Acquisition Information

Gift of Priscilla Tremper Leith, 2004.

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