

Draft Versions of a News Release for the March 2008 Opening of the Radical Women in Gainesville Digital Collection and Exhibit

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Radical Women in Gainesville: Reclaiming History from the Grassroots

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Radical Women in Gainesville is a developing collection and exhibit site that memorializes the work of local radical feminists while preserving historical documents for future generations to access for research and empowerment. The collection continues to grow as local women contribute their personal collections to the repository.

For more information or to schedule an interview with the exhibit curator, contact Leila Adams or the University of Florida Digital Library Center at dlc@uflib.ufl.edu or 352.273.2900.

Radical Women in Gainesville Digital Collection: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/rwg>

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The *Radical Women in Gainesville* collection and exhibit sites represent radical feminists involved in the grassroots and separatist strands of the local movement. Radical feminist organizations are less likely to have coherent histories as most of their institutions quickly close down in resistance to mainstream values, leaving the task for the ethnographer to compile the historiography from movement documents and participants.

The *Radical Women in Gainesville* online exhibit showcases the new *Radical Women in Gainesville* Digital Collection, which documents the valiant history of women in the Gainesville Women's Liberation Movement. The collection is comprised of photos, oral histories, self-published newsprints, newsletters, brochures, notes from feminist organizations, and other original documents. While commemorating the uppity women who helped reform the conservative Gainesville college town in the 1970s, this Digital Collection also preserves artifacts for future generations to access for research and empowerment.

The *Radical Women in Gainesville* online exhibit and collection are growing and will expand to include Radical Women throughout Florida to reclaim and preserve the history of the Women's Liberation Movement. More materials are being added as they are located and Internet Distribution Permissions are obtained.

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