Introduction
Approximately 12 cubic feet

The Barbara J. McGough Papers contains correspondence, photographs, calendars, scrapbooks, and newspaper and magazine clippings pertaining to her activism in the LGBTQ and feminist movements in St. Louis and the Midwest. Interspersed in the collection are newsletters and pamphlets produced by LGBTQ businesses and groups, including Moonstrom, as well as McGough’s handwritten notes documenting the connections and networks she made throughout her life. The collection is arranged chronologically according to the order McGough maintained her papers, except for boxes 10-13, which contain weekly planners, scrapbooks, ephemera, and additional materials not included in the original donation. The materials in these boxes are arranged chronologically by type. The materials in this collection date from 1945 to 2011.


As an activist, McGough helped form the St. Louis Women’s Federal Credit Union (1977), served as Treasurer (1978-1980), Vice-President (1980-1981), and President (1981) of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Organization for Women, and attended the Equal Rights Amendment vigil in Jefferson City, Missouri in 1982. McGough also recruited women to attend the National Women’s Music Festival in Bloomington, Indiana, as well as the Michigan Womyn’s Music Festival in Oceana County, Michigan. In addition to her activism, McGough also participated in the International Women’s Brass Conference in St. Louis in 1993 and sang with the St. Louis Women’s Chorus from 1986 to 1990.

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*Barbara J. McGough Collection* (S0780)
*National Organization for Women, Metro St. Louis Chapter* (S0175)
*St. Louis Lesbian and Gay Archives* (S0545)
*St. Louis Women’s Choir* (S0977)
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