Activist Women's Voices
oral history project

The Graduate Center
The City University of New York

The Center for the Study of Women and Society
The Activist Women's Oral History Project is committed to documenting the voices of unheralded activist women in community-based organizations in New York City. Students from various disciplines at The Graduate Center of The City University of New York are trained to do oral histories of outstanding women leaders. The life histories document the turning points in women's lives when the personal becomes the public and the political. These histories then become part of the Activist Women's Oral History Archive. Through this experience, students become informed of community issues and opportunities for organizational research. Integrating this experience into their doctoral research, they transform what is considered "knowledge" in the university. They become the future links between the university and the community.

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Influence on public policy - creation of a new agenda for research and resources for community leadership and education on women's issues and white women's history workshops.

Collaborative projects with community organizations.

Universities and community centers.

Collaborative workshops for extended learning.

Graduate students in the university.

Researchers in the community and faculty.

Create links between academic and women's history.

Institutes were established in 1995.

The University of Colorado Women's History Archive and Community Collections.