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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Echo (Linda Janell Ray)

Echo (Linda Janell Ray) was born in Kansas City, MO on August 29, 1947. Having a great interest in teaching blind students, she studied Elementary Education at UMKC while volunteering for the Camp Fire Groups at the Kansas School for the Blind and the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. Attending Graduate School at Peabody College, Echo also spent time volunteering at the Tennessee School for the Blind. Upon graduating from Peabody College she began teaching for the Shawnee Mission School District, all the while continuing her work at Summer Camps. Echo was awarded Vision Teacher of the Year at the state AER convention in 1997, partly for her work developing an after school program to encourage physical fitness for the visually impaired. After retiring in 2005, she worked for a couple years as a traveling technology teacher for the Kansas School for the Blind. Besides teaching, Echo has been active in musical organizations such as the Kansas City Women's Chorus and Dance Brigade, and continues to serve on the CrossCurrents Board.

Karin Augerson McAdams

Karin McAdams was born at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital on April 8, 1940. With degrees from Pomona College and UC-Berkeley, Ms. McAdams left her job at the UCLA Library in 1966 to move to Schenectady, New York, and get married. On March 24, 1983, having gotten divorced, she moved to Kansas City with her three children to begin a family with Echo (Linda J. Ray). When in Kansas City, Ms. McAdams received another Master's Degree from UMKC in Adult Education, and went on to work for the Women's Employment Network, teaching for the GED, and later vocational skills. She retired in 2005, and went on to do work with the Prairie Village Environment and Recycling Committee, along with her continued involvement with Quaker groups.

(These sketches were extracted from the complete autobiographies located in Box 1, Folder 9).

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Echo (Linda J. Ray) and Karin A. McAdams Collection was a gift of Echo and McAdams in July 2011. Contained in the collection are two scrapbooks, featuring a wide array of Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles, Flyers, Photographs, and Programs dating from 1976-1983, and featuring LGBT rights and women's issues. A few miscellaneous items are also featured, including two Gay Games medals and a necklace.

SERIES NOTES

SERIES I: SCRAPBOOKS

Located in Box 1, Folders 1-8; includes two large scrapbooks, one containing material from 1976-1979, the other containing material from 1979-1983. The scrapbooks are filled with Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles, Flyers, Programs, Photographs and other documents relating to women's issues and LGBT issues.

SERIES II: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Located in Box 2; includes two medals from Unity '94: Gay Games IV (New York City, June 1994), and a necklace with a Venus symbol.

CONTAINER LIST

SERIES I: SCRAPBOOKS

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	<p><u>Echo Coming Out 1976-1979</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Concert Program] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Holly Near & Mary Watkins in Concert, 12 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Feminist Buoys E.R.A. Effort".- [Newspaper Clipping] "First Lady Joins ERA Campaign" in The Kansas City Times, 11/19/1977.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Women Need 'Soldiers, Not Kamikazes'".- [Magazine Article] "Women March on Houston" in Time Magazine, 11/28/1977, 3 pp.- [Magazine Article] "A Women's Agenda" in Newsweek, 11/28/1977, 4 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Of All, the Most Vulnerable: Homophobia Hits the Classroom".- [Flyer] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Rosy's Bar & Grill, 12/3/1977.- [Magazine Article] "On the Move: Amid the Tumult of Houston, 2,000 Delegates Vote: Yes, We Are Our Sisters' Keepers" in People Magazine, 12/5/1977, 2 pp.- [Magazine Article] "What Next for U.S. Women" in Time Magazine, 12/5/1977, 8 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Anita Bryant Preaches on 'Revival' of America".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Julia".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Call to Oppose Homosexuality".- [Newspaper Clipping] "In the Field of Religion".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Episcopal Survey: Favorable Reaction to Women Priests".
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Flyer] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents An Evening With Sweet Honey in the Rock, 2/10/1978.- [Magazine Article] "Should Homosexuals be Allowed to Teach?" in McCall's, March 1978, 4 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Missouri Ready to Fight Court Battle Over ERA Boycott".- [Church Bulletin] Metropolitan Community Church of Greater Kansas City, 3/5/1978.- [Correspondence] From David Helton (MCKKC) to Linda Ray, 3/6/1978.- [Certificate] MCKKC Membership, Linda Ray, 3/19/1978.- [Booklet] By-Laws of Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.- [Flyer] Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert of The Weavers in Concert Together.

Box	Folder	Description
(1	2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Newspaper Clipping] "Not Anti-Homosexual: 'Bible Used Wrongly'".- [Flyer] "An Evening with Rita Mae Brown, 3/31/1978.- [Flyer] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Margie Adam in Concert, 4/22/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Anti Gays Plan Big Offensive" in The Kansas City Times, 4/27/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Church Supports Homosexuals" in The Kansas City Star, 1/23/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Churchman Defends 'Living Together'".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Wields Wit to Put the World on Her Terms" in The Kansas City Times, 4/1/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "'Parents of Gays Must Show Them Love'" in Columbia Missourian, 1/4/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Church Rejects Ordination of Active Gays".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Without University Harassment: Gay Rights Group Flourishing" in The Kansas City Times, 3/6/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Mayor Fears Gay Exodus".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Churches Zero in on Gay Issue" in The Kansas City Star, 5/7/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Gay Students Now Recognized By UMKC" in The University News (UMKC), 9/14/1978.
1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Newspaper Clipping] "Sexual Politics Denied" in The Kansas City Times, 8/31/1978.- [Article] "Word is Out: An Interview with the Mariposa Film Group" by DuMont Howard and Jeffrey Escoffier, 4 pp.- [Flyer] Word is Out: Stories of Some of Our Lives.- [Program] A Service of Celebration of our "Humaness [sic]", MCC of Greater St. Louis, 10/1/1978, 7 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Speaker Outlines Dangers Facing the Gay Movement".- [Book Review and Workshop Handout] Take Off the Masks by Malcolm Boyd, 5 pp.- [Correspondence] From Big Brothers and Sisters of Greater Kansas City to Linda Ray. 10/2/1978.- [Flyer] Word is Out: Stories of Some of Our Lives.- [Flyer] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Izquierda, 10/7/1978.- [Magazine Article] "Winners: A Term Paper by Two Harried Law Students Paves the Way to the Passing of an 'ERA' (Maybe)".- [Magazine Article] "In His Own Words: In a New Kinsey Report, Arthur Bell Studies Gays—From Cruisers to 'Marrieds'".- [Newspaper Clipping] "Initiative 13 Loses Big" in The Seattle Times, 11/8/1978.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Holyoke Head".
	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Flyer] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Therese Edell, 12/9/1978.- [Flyer] New Earth Books & Records Open House/Seasonal Celebration, 12/10/1978.

Box	Folder	Description
(1	4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Program] Kansas City Women's Chorus, 3 pp.- [Booklet] Homosexuality in the Light of Biblical Language and Culture: An Evangelical Approach, by The Rev. L. Robert Arthur, 12 pp.- [Flyer] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Holly Near in Concert with J.T. Thomas, 1/27/1979.- [Press Release] Willow Productions, Inc.: Holly Near Concert.- [Program] Willow Productions, Inc. Presents Holly Near in Concert with J.T. Thomas, 1/27/1979, 11 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Revel in a Sound Alternative" in The Kansas City Times, 4/13/1979.- [Program] Chris Williamson, 4/13/1979, 11 pp.- [Flyer] Community Calendar, 2 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Willow Productions... Westport Success Story" in Westport, April 1979.- [Program] The Wallflower Order Dance Collective.- [Flyer] Meg Christian in Concert, 6/2/1979.- [Flyer] Women Take Back the Night, 6/9/1979, 2 pp.- [Magazine Article] "Women Take Back the Night".
1	5	<p><u>Echo Coming Out 1979-1983</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Newspaper Clipping] "NOW Has a Word for Cooler Ads" in The Kansas City Times, 5/22/1979.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Convicted in San Francisco Slayings/Homosexuals March on City Hall".- [Program] Holly Near with J.T. Thomas, 11/25/1979, 17 pp.- [Periodical] Multiple Vision, 12/1/1979, Vol. 1, No. 2, 12 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "A Decade of Change for Women" in The Kansas City Star, 12/30/1979.- [Rules Sheet] Midwest Women's Festival.- [Program] Actors' Sorority Presents Sacrifices, March 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 1980, 3 pp.- [Photographs] (1) Monarch, (2) Joan Driskill, Joyce Constant, ?, Judi Carlson, Megan Monroe (maybe), Echo, ?, ?, (3) Echo (Linda Ray).- [Flyer] Art Works.- [Flyer] Lesbian Images in Photography.- [Program] A Late Show (a Play by Jane Chambers), 3 pp.- [Flyer] The 5th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, August 14-17, 1980.- [Flyer] At the Foot of the Mountain, Spring Tour 1982.- [Flyer] Women's Music Archives.- [Flyer] Amazon and Earthworks.- [Bookmark] Bloodroot: A Feminist Restaurant and Bookstore.- [Business Cards] (1) Labryis, (2) 13th Moon, (3) Womn Identified Jewelry.- [Flyer] Sara's Shoes.
1	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Flyer] Why Are Women Joining the National Gay Task Force?

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Flyer] About Coming Out (National Gay Task Force).- [Flyer] Answers to a Parent's Questions About Homosexuality (National Gay Task Force).- [Booklet] Twenty Questions About Homosexuality (National Gay Task Force).- [Flyer] XX Alix.- [Catalogue] Labyris: Fine Crafts by Wimmin, 6 pp.- [Periodical] Lesbian Connection, Sept. 1980, Volume V, Issue 1, 26 pp.- [Flyer] The F.L.O.W.E.R. (For Love of Womyn Emergency Resource) Fund.- [Flyer] 1981 Women's music Calendar.- [Orientation Sheet] The 5th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival.- [Program] The 5th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 15 pp.
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Handwritten Note] "Sister Singers Network is Born".- [Flyer] Women Take Back the Night Posters.- [Flyer] Missouri N.O.W. '80 Conference.- [Pin] "ERA Yes".- [Flyer] Susan B. Anthony Invites You to Join Her as a Member of Catholics Act for ERA.- [Flyer] Reverence for Life Means Reverence for Equality.- [Correspondence] from Susan B. Anthony (Catholics Act for ERA).- [Program] K.C.'s Finest (The Kansas City Women's Chorus, The Kansas City Women's Quintet, Lea Hopkins, Kate Kasten), 3 pp.- [Program] Actions for the 80's: Missouri NOW State Conference, August 30-31, 1980, 34 pp.- [Program] St. Louis Women's Film Festival, 1980, 23 pp.- [Program] Wallflower Order Dance Collective, 11/1/1980, 3 pp.- [Photographs] (4-6) Wallflower Order Dance Collective, (7) Painting of Dancers.- [Flyer] Wallflower Summer Workshop.- [Flyer] International Women's Day, 3/7/1981?.- [Flyer] Rosy's Bar & Grill and Rosy's Friends in Concert, 10/23/1980.- [Flyer] Every 18 Seconds Another Women is Physically Abused.- [Flyer] Robin Flower and Nancy Vogl, with Barbara Higbie, 11/20/1980.- [Periodical] Multiple Vision, October 1, 1980, Vol. 1, No. 10, 14 pp.
	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Program] 8th Midwest Wimmin's Festival, 1981, 21 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Judy Chicago: making Art With a Feminist Message" in The Wall Street Journal, 1/8/1982.- [Flyer] Issues in the 1980 Presidential Election.- [Program] Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert of the Weavers in Concert Together, 4/8/1983?, 7 pp.- [Newspaper Clipping] "Ronnie Gilbert Weaves Old issues and New" in In These Times, April 13-19, 1983.
(1	8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- [Flyer] Rachel Alexander, Phyllis Snyder, Catharine Strom, and Carol Hwang, 11/13/1983?.- [Handwritten Note] "Don't for students from the Moral Majority", 2 pp.

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		- [Flyer] Kay Gardner in Concert with Kansas City Women's Chorus, 11/20/1983?.
		- [Program] 10 th National Conference on Men and Masculinity, St. Louis, June 20-23, 1985, 6 pp.
		- [Program] 14 th Midwest Wimmin's Festival, 1987, 16 pp.
1	9	<u>Biographies</u>
		- Echo (Linda Janell Ray), 14 pp.
		- Karin Augerson McAdams, 3 pp.

SERIES II: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Box	Folder	Description
2	N/A	- Rope Necklace with Venus Symbol.
		- 2 Medals from Unity '94: Gay Games IV, New York City, June 1994.