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Panel of American Women - Kansas City Branch Records

1963-1991

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*Organizational records of the Kansas City branch, an organization dedicated to thoughtful examination and discussion of social issues. Includes treasurers' files, program Committee information, correspondence, miscellaneous articles, workshop and panel information, cassette tapes, and historical information on the branch establishment.*

### HISTORY:

The Panel of American Women evolved from an earlier Panel of Americans which began in Kansas City in 1957. At that time, functioning on many college campuses, the National Panel of Americans was composed of student participants from various racial, ethnic and religious groups. Each member told their personal story in a manner designed to create discussion with the audience. Mr. Sidney Lawrence, as Director of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau, was working with the student panel at the University of Kansas City.

Ann Jacobson, program chairman for the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, asked Mr. Lawrence to form a panel of adults modeled on the student Panel of Americans. Through the help of Esther Brown, six women responded. With Brown as moderator, the first adult Panel of Americans gave its initial presentation in February, 1957. Panelists included: Francelia Wu, Chinese-American; Margaret Ruhe, Bahai faith; Louise Bryant, Negro; Ruth Wasserstrom, Jewish; Jane Dick, White Protestant; and Sister Christine Banta, Catholic. From this nucleus, the Panel expanded rapidly to forty participants, including some men.

Esther Brown began to help establish Panels in other cities, leading to development of a nationwide organization. In order to meet the needs of the sudden expansion and growth, the Panel was incorporated and chartered in 1964

as a tax-exempt educational organization. Esther continued to serve her local Panel, and as National Coordinator until her death in May 1970.

In 1971, the first official National Convention of the Panel of American Women was held in Kansas City. A new Board of Trustees was elected by the membership, a set of bylaws was adopted, and five Regional Coordinators were elected to be responsible for work in their geographical areas. A National office was established in Kansas City, Missouri to provide support for the increasing numbers of local Panels throughout the United States.

Taken from Panel of American Women guidebook 1973

See also: National Panel of American Women Records K0619  
Shirley and Stanley Morantz Papers KA1747

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#### DESCRIPTION :

This collection consists of the organizational records of the Panel of American Women. Included are Treasurers' files, Program Committee information, correspondence, miscellaneous articles, workshop and panel information, Chapter

Establishment information, historical information and other materials related to the operation of the organization.

See also K0619 for the National Panel of American Women Records.

See also KA1747 Shirley and Stanley Morantz Papers.

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- Folder 2.d Metropolitan Action
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- Folder 2.g Prospective Panelists (1968, 1969, 1970 & 1973)
- Folder 2.h Thaddeus Okatch
- Folder 2.i Bingham Jr. High Letters (February 24, 1967)
- Folder 2.j Communiqué Newsletters (1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991)
- Folder 2.k Awards
- Folder 2.1 KC Panel (3/71) Youth Workshop
- Folder 2.1 Miscellaneous Brochures and Articles
- Folder 2.2 Extras about Panel
- Folder 2.3 Masters about Panel (Publicity)
- Folder 2.4 National - Bank Statements
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- Folder 2.16 National - Proposals
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- Folder 2.18 Starting a Panel Information
- Folder 2.19 Symposium (May 1990)
- Folder 2.20 National - Timesheets
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- Folder 2.23 Indian Hills Student Letters on P.A.W. (1969)
- Folder 2.24 National - Surveys (1989)

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- Folder 2.26 Newsletter
- Folder 2.27 Issues and Resources
- Folder 2.28 National - Panel History - Miscellaneous
- Folder 2.29 Emergency School Aid Act
- Folder 2.30 National (1978-1981)
- Folder 2.31 Lawrence, KS Student Letters
- Folder 2.32 Panel Program
- Folder 2.33 P.A.W. Booklets
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- Folder 3.2 Petty Cash - Moss (November 1984-August 1985)
- Folder 3.3 Petty Cash - Summer FY 1984/1985 (September & October 1984)
- Folder 3.4 Petty Cash Records (June 1981-August 1984)
- Folder 3.5 KC P.A.W. FY 1985/1986
- Folder 3.6 Fiscal Year September 1987 – August 1988
- Folder 3.7 KC P.A.W. Fiscal Year 1986/1987
- Folder 3.8 Douglass Bank
- Folder 3.9 Corporate Papers -501(c)3
- Folder 3.10 New Programs
- Folder 3.11 Correspondence (1089-1990)
- Folder 3.12 Programs Completed (September 1989 – August 1990)

#### Cassette Tapes

0885kc-A0001: Side 1: Resource panel Wichita KS April 22. Side 2: Sara Murphy; T.R. Prog. Wichita KS April 22.

0885kc-A0002: Side 1: Sara Murphy on Bussing. Wichita KS April 22.  
Side 2: Corriene - Ed. meeting; Kay-Reg, Ruth-Reg. Wichita KS April 22.

- Tapes 1/1 (4) Midwest Regional Workshop (April 22) Wichita
- Tapes 1/2 (1) Poverty Workshop, Catholic Causes KC (June 1971)
- Tapes 1/3 (2) KC Workshop, Carl Creider (March 27, 1971)
- Tapes 1/4 (1) KC Radio Interview
- Tapes 1/5 (1) Panel - School Operation

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- Folder 3.16 Small Group Work (September 1989-August 1990)
- Folder 3.17 United Way/Federal Campaign (1989)
- Folder 3.18 Communiqués (1987-August 1989)
- Folder 3.19 Coordinating Council (1987/1988)
- Folder 3.20 Coordinating Council Minutes (1986-April 1989)
- Folder 3.21 Correspondence - Miscellaneous (1985-1989)
- Folder 3.22 Fundraising (1969-1988)
- Folder 3.23 Harmony - World of Difference Project (1988)
- Folder 3.24 Legal Papers - Local KC Chapter
- Folder 3.25 Membership Meetings (1985-1988)
- Folder 3.26 Miscellaneous (1986-1988)
- Folder 3.27 Money Submitted (January 1988 – July 1989)
- Folder 3.28 Monthly Financial Reports (January 1987-July 1989)
- Folder 3.29 National Institute against Prejudice and Violence
- Folder 3.30 Panels Completed (1988-1989)
- Folder 3.31 Publicity (1987 on)
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- Folder 3.33 Women's Heritage Conference (1988)
- Folder 3.34 Summers Appraisal (Includes contact prints and negatives)
- Folder 3.35 Thirty Women of Conscience
- Folder 3.36 P.A.W. 30th Anniversary Brochure
- Folder 4.1 Panel interest inventory, 1987-1988
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- Folder 4.13 "Visibility" - press releases, correspondence, 1984-1986
- Folder 4.14 Task Force, 1985
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- Folder 4.17 Convention - Carolos Cortes, Ph.D., 1985
- Folder 4.18 Convention - LaDonna Harris, 1985
- Folder 4.19 Convention - Judith Weinstein-Klein, Ph.D., 1985
- Folder 4.20 Convention - Marcella Womack, 1985
- Folder 4.21 Convention - Shirley Koritnik, 1985
- Folder 4.22 Convention - Rhonda Lokeman, 1985

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- Folder 5.1 Convention - co-sponsors, 1985
- Folder 5.2 Panels, 1984
- Folder 5.3 Womanspeak, 1984
- Folder 5.4 Miscellaneous, 1984
- Folder 5.5 Letters to membership, 1984
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- Folder 5.9 Panel manual, 1979
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- Folder 5.11 Miscellaneous correspondence, public relations, financial, 1978-1981
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- Folder 5.14 Questions to Panel, 1967-1968
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- Folder 5.18 Questions to Panel - Shawnee Mission West, 1970
- Folder 5.19 Questions to Panel, 1972
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- Folder 5.23 Thank you letters to Panel, 1965-1986
- Folder 5.24 Thank you letters to Panel, 1965-1986
- Accession 1811kc
- Folder 5.25 Panel of American Women, KC roster March 1972; handwritten notes (Fran Manson?); letters: Esther [Brown] to panelists June 5, 1969; Eileen Curns to Lois and Esther October 1, 1968
- Folder 5.26 "Psychosocial Factors in Riots" July 30, 1968; "Rationale-For a national Consultation on Ethnic America, Irving M. Levine, March 1968; Hints about ways groups work
- Folder 5.27 Questionnaires: July 1969; 1969-1970; 1972
- Folder 5.28 Newsletters- July 1, 1972, January 10, 1972
- Folder 5.29 Panel Techniques and Guidelines 1972
- Folder 5.30 Articles: reprints re: racism, ethnicity, welfare 1965-1972
- Folder 5.31 "What We Want" by Stokely Carmichael, reprint September 22, 1966
- Folder 5.32 Pamphlets: Racism, Prejudice, Civil Disorders, Welfare 1968-1971
- Folder 5.33 Pamphlets: "Racism in America and How to Combat it: January 1970; "Racism in America a continuing crisis: November 1968.
- Folder 5.34 Publication: National Urban League Progress Report 1971
- Folder 5.35 Publication: History of Panel of American Women 1973
- Folder 5.36 Correspondence: Esther Brown to Panelists January 15, 1970, Patricia deZutter to Panel Coordinators July 10, 1973; various article reprints 1969. (1822kc)

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Awards, Proclamations (1975, 1988, 1987)

P.A.W. Scrapbooks (2 volumes)

Artwork for brochure (on top of box) [to oversize?]

Newspapers: "The Negro's Role in American History, Kansas City Star, September 29, 1968; "The Panel of American Women", National Catholic Weekly Visitor, July 21, 1968; Community Now, November 22, 1968 (KA1811)

Articles-reprints: various sources, re: Panel activities, racism 1968-1969 (KA1811)