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Jane E. Larson papers, 1979-2010

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Jane Elizabeth Larson, professor of law and writer, was born on September 4, 1958 in Omaha, Nebraska. She graduated from Macalester College in 1980 with a B.A. in history. She earned a J.D. in 1985 at the University of Minnesota, where she graduated magna cum laude and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. After she finished law school, she clerked for The Honorable Rosalie Wahl of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and then for The Honorable Theodore McMillian of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Between 1987 and 1990 Larson worked as an associate attorney at Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Washington, D.C. She joined the faculty of the Northwestern University Law School in 1990. As a young scholar she quickly became known for significant contributions to feminist jurisprudence. Her work focused on the interaction of choice, consent, individualism, and sexual autonomy. An award-winning teacher, she taught courses in property, conflicts of law, feminist legal theory, and women's legal history.

Larson moved to the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1996. She continued to write on matters of feminism and the law, producing a major work, *Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex*, in 1999. This book, co-authored with Linda Hirshman, earned both enthusiastic praise and trenchant criticism. During this period Larson also did extensive research on unregulated land markets in Texas, and she worked closely with the University of Wisconsin's Land Tenure Center. She was appointed William Voss-Bascom Professor in 2003.

Jane Larson died in 2011.

Scope and Content Note

The Jane E. Larson papers include correspondence, book and article manuscripts, and subject files. The bulk of the collection is made up of material related to Larson's writings and speaking engagements. Her activities as a scholar, teacher, and public intellectual are well documented.

Arrangement Note

Organized into seven series: (1) Biographical material, (2) Correspondence, (3) Writings, (4) Northwestern University, (5) University of Wisconsin, (6) Colonias Study, and (7) Subject files.

Description of Series

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Series 1
Biographical Material, 1979-1998
Box 1

Scope and Content Note

This series consists primarily of materials from Larson's early life, including a curriculum vitae, undergraduate course papers, law school papers and transcripts, and a photographic portrait.

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Curriculum vitae, undated
1	2	Judicial clerkship, 1987
1	3	Law school papers, 1985
1	4	Law school transcript, undated
1	5	Photographs, circa 1998
1	6	Recommendation, 1989
1	7	Undergraduate course papers, 1979
1	8	Undergraduate honors thesis, 1980

Series 2
Correspondence, 1989-2010
Boxes 2, 14

Scope and Content Note

This series contains primarily letters Larson received, with a few copies of outgoing letters, on various topics. Two letters are restricted. Correspondents include family, friends, and colleagues. Most of the letters mention Larson's scholarly pursuits. There is one file that consists only of recommendations that Larson wrote for students and colleagues.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Box	Folder	Content
2	1	1989-1991
2	2	1993-1996
2	3	1997
2	4	1998
2	5	1999-2000
2	6	2001-2010, undated
2	7	Letters of recommendation, 1997-1999
14	1	Restricted correspondence

Series 3
Writings, 1989-2004
Boxes 3-7

Scope and Content Note

Over the course of her career, Larson wrote many articles, gave many lectures and conference presentations, and produced one book. The files in this series contain material related to these writings. Drafts of published work and texts of lectures are present in many of the files. The bulk of the material in this series relates to Larson's book *Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex* (1999), which she co-wrote with Professor Linda Hirshman. The Hard Bargains files include correspondence with Hirshman, correspondence with readers, responses to reviews, and communications with the publisher on various aspects of the publication process.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by title of work.

Box	Folder	Content
3	1	"'A Good Story' and 'The Real Story,'" 1999-2001
3	2	"A House Divided: Using Dred Scott to Teach Conflicts of Law," 1996
3	3	"A Victim All the Way to the Bank," with Linda Hirshman, 1993
3	4	"Abortion Access is America's Tradition," 1995-2004
3	5	"Battling Bias in the Tenure Process," 1997-1998
3	6	"Choosing Our Own: The Membership Selection Process," 1996
3	7	"Class, Economics, and Social Rights," 2002
3	8	"'Even a Worm Will Turn at Last': Rape Reform in Late Nineteenth Century America," 1996-2002
3	9	"Female Virtue and Public Order," 1996
3	10	"Feminism in Relation," 2002
3	11	"Free Markets Deep in the Heart of Texas," 1994-1997
4	1	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : conferences, 1997-1999
4	2	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : contract, 1994
4	3	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : cover illustration, 1997-1998
4	4	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : freelance editor, 1998
4	5	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : paperback edition, 1999
4	6	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : proposal, 1993-1994
4	7	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : publicity, 1998-1999
4	8	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : reader correspondence, 1997-1999
4	9	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : reviews, 1999
4	10	<i>Hard Bargains: The Politics of Sex</i> : statute, 1998
5	1	"Historians and the Legal Process," 1996
5	2	"How Far Have We Come?" 2003

- 5 3 "Imagine Her Satisfaction: The Transformative Task of Feminist Tort Doctrine,"
1993
- 5 4 "Informality, Inequality, and Illegality," 2000-2001
- 5 5 "Is the Law Male?" 1992-1993
- 5 6 "Law, Politics, and the Supreme Court," 1991
- 5 7 Memorandum on federal asbestos compensation program, 1989
- 5 8 "Oklahoma City, the First Amendment, and the Bottom Line," 1995
- 5 9 "Other Sociological Approaches and Law and Economics," in *The Encyclopedia
of Law and Economics*, 1996-1997
- 5 10 "Perspectives on Professionalism," 1995
- 5 11 Presentation at Women's Legal Studies Institute, 1994
- 5 12 Presentation at the International Association for the Study of Common Property,
2002
- 5 13 "Prostitution, Labor, and Human Rights," Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Memorial
Lecture on the Family, 2003
- 5 14 "Prostitution, Work, and Human Rights," 2001
- 6 1 *Ragsdale* amicus brief, 1989
- 6 2 Remarks at Communitarian Summit, 1999
- 6 3 Remarks at conference honoring Martha Fineman, 2003
- 6 4 Remarks at Northwestern University student orientation, 1993-1995
- 6 5 Remarks on Clinton impeachment, 1998
- 6 6 Remarks on *Feminist Jurisprudence: Taking Women Seriously*, 1994
- 6 7 Remarks on Take Your Daughters to Work Day, 1995-1998
- 6 8 Response to George Will, 1989
- 6 9 "Sex in Public," 1998-2001
- 6 10 "Sexual Labor," in *Directions in Sexual Harrassment Law*, 2001-2002
- 6 11 "Sexual Labor," presented to Yale Sexual Harrassment Symposium, 1998
- 6 12 "Sexual Labor," presented to University of Minnesota Faculty Workshop, 1999
- 6 13 "Sexual Labor," presented to Working Group on Contemporary Forms of
Slavery, 1999
- 6 14 "Sexuality as a Language of Citizenship," 1995
- 6 15 Speech honoring Dean Robert Bennett, 1995
- 6 16 Speech to Federalist Society conference, 1991
- 6 17 Speech to Feminists for Social Change, 1990
- 6 18 "The Adversary Use of History: *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, Inc.*,"
1990
- 7 1 "The Jurisprudence of Rosalie E. Wahl," 1989-2000
- 7 2 "The Ultimate Glass Ceiling," 1994
- 7 3 "Things Don't Turn Out Exactly as You Would Have Thought," 1998
- 7 4 "Time to Think Again: Gender Bias in Legal Education," 1995-1998

- 7 5 Tribute to Judge Theodore McMillian, 1997
- 7 6 "Two Faces of Freedom," 1994
- 7 7 "What's Law Got to Do With It?" 1993
- 7 8 "When Formal and Informal Collide: Regulation of Informal Land Settlements
Along the U.S.-Mexico Border," 2000
- 7 9 "Women and Property: Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*," 1993-1995
- 7 10 "Women Lawyers: Progress is Not Parity," 2002

Series 4
Northwestern University, 1989-1997
Box 8

Scope and Content Note

The files in this series relate to Larson's position at Northwestern University School of Law. Her time at Northwestern was marked by controversy, as she and several other female faculty members were denied tenure. These events were reported in the national media, and led to Larson's decision to join the law faculty of the University of Wisconsin in 1996. Larson retained few records of the tenure process; most of the material that relates to her problems at Northwestern is in her tenure file in Series 5. However, there are two files in this series related to women faculty who were considered for tenure. Those women were Linda Hirshman, who collaborated with Larson on several scholarly projects, and Maria Hylton.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box	Folder	Content
8	1	Appointments: Hirshman, 1990-1991
8	2	Appointments: Hylton, 1992-1993
8	3	Exam taking, 1990-1993
8	4	Feminist Symposium, 1992-1994
8	5	Graduation, 1997
8	6	Interview, 1989-1990

Series 5
University of Wisconsin, 1996-2007
Boxes 9-10

Scope and Content Note

This series contains material from Larson's time at the University of Wisconsin. She joined the Wisconsin law faculty in 1996, and remained there until her death in 2011. Included here are records of committee work, activities promoting feminism and feminist approaches to law, fellowships, and her tenure file. The tenure file contains correspondence between Larson and members of the Wisconsin faculty, some of which refers to Larson's tenure review at Northwestern.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box	Folder	Content
9	1	Committee on Gender Fairness in Law School, 1997 [1 of 2]
9	2	Committee on Gender Fairness in Law School, 1997 [2 of 2]
9	3	Committee on Women in the University, 1999
9	4	Federation of Southern Cooperatives externship, 1997
9	5	Gender equity at UW-Madison, 2000-2001, undated
9	6	Incest study, 1997-2007
9	7	Interdisciplinary Feminism Project, 2001
9	8	Joan Williams presentation, 1999
9	9	LL.M. students, 1999
9	10	Post tenure review, 2001
9	11	Romnes Faculty Fellowship, 2000
10	1	Sabbatical, 2004-2005
10	2	Salary, 1999-2001
10	3	Tenure file, 1995-1996
10	4	Tinker Fellowship, 2000-2001
10	5	Tutorial groups, 2000
10	6	Voss-Bascom Professorship, 2003-2004

Series 6
Colonias Study, 1998-2004
Boxes 11-12

Scope and Content Note

Starting in the mid-1990s, Larson researched and wrote about unregulated land markets in Texas called “colonias.” Colonias are not governed by any zoning regulations, building codes, or planning laws; they lack basic services such as clean water, sewers, and housing with safe wiring and plumbing. Larson wrote several articles on the colonias and participated in a Ford Foundation study that helped colonia residents gain clear and legal title to their homes. She also supervised law students who worked on the colonias project through the University of Wisconsin’s Land Tenure Center.

The documents in this series constitute a record of Larson’s involvement with the colonias. The bulk of the material consists of correspondence between Larson and colleagues who worked on the Ford Foundation project. Copies of interviews with colonia residents are also present.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Box	Folder	Content
11	1	Brenda Haskins memos, 1998-1999, undated
11	2	Community land specialist training, 2002
11	3	Contract for services, undated
11	4	Correspondence: Austin trip, 1999-2000
11	5	Correspondence: Ford Foundation, 1999-2003
11	6	Externship, 1998-2003
11	7	Final report, 1993
12	1	Focus group transcript, 2002
12	2	Installment contracts memo, 1993
12	3	“Las Colonias” exhibit, 2001
12	4	Notes, 2002, undated
12	5	Photographs of Trevino subdivision, 1998
12	6	Starr County interviews, 2000
12	7	“Who Owns America?” conference, 2001-2004

Series 7
Subject Files, 1990-2000
Box 13

Scope and Content Note

This series consists mostly of research material on particular topics. Some correspondence and notes are filed here.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically.

Box	Folder	Content
13	1	Abortion funding at Cook County Hospital, 1991-1992
13	2	Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, 1993 [1 of 2]
13	3	Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women, 1993 [2 of 2]
13	4	Chicago Theological Seminary sexual harassment case, 1994
13	5	Garcia-Villegas, Mauricio, 2000, undated
13	6	Prostitution, 1998-1999, undated
13	7	Seduction research, 1990-1994
13	8	Single sex legal education, 1994
13	9	Summer Program in United States Law and Legal Institutions, 1999
13	10	Teacher-student sex, 1994
13	11	Women-in-Development advisory board, 1995
