

## ***Sheli Lulkin Papers 1972-2008, undated***

**Creator:** Sheli Lulkin (1935-2016)

**Extent:** 4 linear feet (9 boxes), additional unprocessed: 84 linear feet (84 boxes, oversize items)

**Language:** English

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### **Administration Information**

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**Processor:** Kat Latham, October 2008, updated by Maria Wagner, June 2011.

**Processing Information:** Finding aid last updated April 2024.

**Separations:** 1 linear foot of duplicates was removed in processing. In 2019, approximately 1 linear foot of material related to the Red Squad was sent to the Chicago History Museum.

**See Also:** The Sheli Lulkin Collection at the University of Illinois Chicago; Chicago Police Department Red Squad and related records at the Chicago History Museum.

### **Biographical History**

Born in Jerusalem to Emil (Yerachmiel) and Judith Lulkin, Sheli Lulkin sailed with her mother to the United States and arrived on September 15, 1938. Her father arrived in October 1939. Lulkin grew up on the north side of Chicago attending Roosevelt High School and the Chicago Teachers' College.

Lulkin became a special education teacher in Chicago Public Schools. She was an active member of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and the national union, the American Federation of Teachers. Lulkin was also a founder and leader of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) and served as editor of *Chicago Education News*. Lulkin advocated for the Equal Rights Amendment and was active in various other committees concerned with women's issues.

In December 1976, Lulkin was identified as an informant for the Chicago Police Department's "Red Squad." Founded in the 1930s, the intelligence unit was used to gather information on labor unions and community organizations and was later used against critics of Mayor Richard J. Daley's administration. When Lulkin's involvement was revealed, she was forced to resign as an officer from the Chicago Teachers Union and from the committees she was involved with in CTU and the American Federation of Teachers.

After attending Loyola University Chicago for a masters' degree in American Public Policy, Lulkin became a community convener for Congressman Sidney Yates' task force for the lakefront. She also served as President of the Association of Sheridan Condo-Coop Owners in Rogers Park for 32 years and president of the Lincoln Park Advisory Council. She began working at the Edgewater Chamber of Congress in 1989 and retired in 2009 after serving as Executive Director for 19 years. Lulkin was active in a number of other community organizations such as Organization of the NorthEast, Friends of the Park, Save Our Cemetery Committee, and many others.

Sheli Lulkin passed away in December 2016.

Sources: Ancestry Library, Chicago Tribune.

### **Scope and Content**

The Sheli Lulkin papers span from 1974 to 2008 with some undated material. The collection is a combination of biographical and professional information. The bulk of the collection documents Lulkin's work with organizations concerned about the welfare of Chicago's far north side. The materials within each folder are in chronological order. Within each series, the folders are arranged alphabetically.

#### **Series 1: Biographical, 1975-2008, undated, Box 1**

Contains correspondence, awards and other certificates Lulkin received, and a handwritten draft of her professional vitae.

#### **Series 2: Women and Labor Issues, 1970-1981, undated, Boxes 1-2**

Contains flyers, pamphlets, meeting minutes, reports, and resolutions passed by union organizations from Lulkin's years working with the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Chicago Teachers Union, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Educational Convention, and to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois.

#### **Series 3: Chicago Politics, 1977-2008, undated, Boxes 2-6**

Contains newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, flyers, photographs, emails, and newsletters from political campaigns, organizations and issues in northern Chicago and throughout the city.-nineteenth century.

**Series 4: Photographs, Oversized and Ephemeral Items, 1974-2007, undated, Boxes 7-9**

Contains community newspapers such as the 49 Line and Uptown Action, union newspapers such as Chicago Teacher and Impact, oversized photographs, an award plaque, a framed picture about the Equal Rights Amendment, and promotional objects from Sharon Bender's Aldermanic campaign including a shopping bag, rulers, rain caps, and a campaign sign.

**Series 5: Unprocessed, 1944-2009, undated**

Additional unprocessed materials include 84 linear feet of materials spanning 1944-2009 and relating to Lulkin's involvement in various organizations and her education. Materials include correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters and other publications, news clippings, notes, event flyers, photographs, negatives, CDs, DVDs, and memorabilia. Memorabilia includes Lulkin's button collection in frames, clothing items, and a framed poster of Golda Meir.

**Subjects:**

Chicago  
Chicago—48<sup>th</sup> Ward  
American Federation of Teachers  
Sharon Bender  
Bryn Mawr Neighbors Association  
Chicago Community Coordinated Child Care Committee  
Chicago Teachers Union  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Day Care Crisis Council  
Equal Rights Amendment  
Illinois Federation of Teachers  
Sheli Lulkin (1935-2016)  
Joe Moore  
David Orr  
Potter Palmer  
Rogers Park  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Stone, Bernard  
Uptown

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
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<b>Series 1: Biographical, 1975-2008, undated</b>			
1	1	Awards and Certificates	1990-1999
1	2	Awards and Certificates	2000-2005, undated
1	3	Incoming Correspondence	1975-2008, undated
1	4	Professional Vitae Information	2004, undated
<b>Series 2: Women and Labor Issues, 1970-1981, undated</b>			
1	5	American Federation of Teachers	1974-1975, undated
1	6	Chicago Teachers Union	1975-1981
1	7	Chicago Child Care Resources	1973-1975, undated
1	8	Child Care '76	1974-1976
1	9	Coalition of Labor Union Women	1971-1975, undated
1	10	Coordinating Council for Handicapped Children	1974, undated
1	11	Day Care Crisis Council	1974-1975, undated
1	12	EDUCON (Educational Convention)	1971
1	13	Equal Rights Amendment	1970-1976, undated
2	1	Flexible Careers	1972-1975, undated
2	2	Illinois Abortion Issues	1975
2	3	Illinois Commission of the Status of Women	1975
2	4	Illinois Federation of Teachers	1975
2	5	Illinois State Federation of Labor	1975
2	6	International Women's Year	1974-1975
2	7	Project on the Status and Education of Women	1975
<b>Series 3: Chicago Politics, 1977-2008, undated</b>			
2	8	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Election	1978
2	9	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Election Press Coverage	1981-1982
2	10	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Election Press Coverage	1983, undated
2	11	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Association of Sheridan Road Condo and Co- Op Owners	1981-2008

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2	12	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Bender Alderman Campaign Strategies	1981-1983, undated
2	13	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Bender's Position Papers and Speeches	1982-1983, undated
2	14	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Campaign Financing Disclosures	1982-1987, undated
2	15	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Community Development Block Grant Program	1980-1983, undated
2	16	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Del Rey Farm Meeting	1995
2	17	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Election Promotional Materials and Flyers	1982-1983
2	18	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Endorsements	1983
2	19	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Endorsement Questionnaires for Bender	1983
2	20	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Farmers Market	1992
2	21	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Martin Tuchow	1980, undated
2	22	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Pamela Spector v. The Chicago Board of Elections	1983
3	1	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman David Orr	1979-1997, undated
3	2	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Joe Moore	1990-2002
3	3	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: David Orr Alderman Campaign Materials	1979-1998, undated
3	4	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Robert Clark Alderman Campaign	1991
3	5	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Sheridan Road Project	1991
3	6	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Tenant's Rights	1979-1990, undated
3	7	Animal Welfare	1982, undated
3	8	Chicago Economic Development	1982-1997
3	9	Edgewater: C.A.R.E. Program Application	1990
3	10	Edgewater: East Edgewater Chamber of Commerce	1981-2005, undated
3	11	Edgewater: Edgewater Council Work	1999,2001
3	12	Edgewater: Edgewater Days	2000-2001, undated
3	13	Edgewater: South Broadway Planning Group	2001
3	14	Edgewater: Workforce Trends: Past, Present, Future Report	2005
3	15	Friends of the Park	1983-2004, undated
4	1	Jewish Issues: General	1981-2007, undated
4	2	Mayor Jane Byrne	1982-1983
4	3	Organization of the NorthEast	1979-1999, undated
4	4	Rogers Park: Alderman Bernard Stone	1979-1997, undated

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4	5	Rogers Park: Block Clubs	1981-1986
4	6	Rogers Park: CAPS Community Forum	2002
4	7	Rogers Park: Granada Theater	1985-1990, undated
4	8	Rogers Park: Howard Street Development	1980-1985
4	9	Rogers Park: Miscellaneous Articles	1980-1986
4	10	Rogers Park: Rogers Park Builders Group	1994-1996
4	11	Rogers Park: Rogers Park Development Corp	1996, 1999
4	12	Rogers Park: Rogers Park Tenants Committee	1979-1993
4	13	Rosehill Cemetery: Charter and Bylaws [1859 copy]	1985
4	14	Rosehill Cemetery: History	1897-1991, undated
4	15	Rosehill Cemetery: General Information	1964-1988
4	16	Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation	1983
4	17	Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation	1983
5	1	Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation	1985
5	2	Rosehill Cemetery: Litigation	1986-1988, undated
5	3	Rosehill Cemetery: Potter Palmer	1984-1991, undated
5	4	Rosehill Cemetery: Save our Cemetery Committee	1984-1987, undated
5	5	Rosehill Cemetery: Shopping Center Controversy	1980-1986
5	6	Rosehill Cemetery: Survey of Forest Community	1982
5	7	Single Room Occupancy	1983-1997
5	8	Taxicab Task Force	1998-2001
5	9	Uptown: Argyle Redevelopment	1981-1988, undated
5	10	Uptown: Bryn Mawr Neighbors Association	1981-1982, undated
5	11	Uptown: Health Care	1979-2002, undated
5	12	Uptown: Miscellaneous Articles	1982-2002, undated
5	13	Uptown: Rehab Issues	1977-1997
5	14	Uptown: Report of the Uptown Community Assistance Panel	1992
6	1	Uptown: Saint Augustine College	1980-1983, undated
6	2	Uptown: Slim Coleman	1982-1983
6	3	Uptown: Southern School	1983-1992
6	4	Uptown: Uptown Chicago Commission	1977-1997
6	5	Uptown: Uptown Chicago Commission	1998-1999, undated
6	6	Uptown: Uptown Historical Society	2000, undated

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6	7	Uptown: Uptown Theater	1982-2002
		<b>Series 4: Photographs, Oversized and Ephemeral Items, 1974-2007, undated</b>	
		<i>Photographs</i>	
6	8	Photographs of Sheli Lulkin with Elected Officials	undated
6	9	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Bender Campaign Photographs	undated
6	10	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Sheridan Road Improvements Photographs	undated
6	11	Edgewater: Photographs of Sweetheart of Edgewater Party	2007
6	12	Jewish Issues: Photographs	undated
6	13	Rosehill Cemetery: Photograph	undated
		<i>Oversized and Ephemeral Items</i>	
7	1	48 <sup>th</sup> Ward: Bender Campaign Memorabilia	undated
7	2	Awards: Developers Olympics (2)	1998
7	3	Photograph with Maria Pappas	undated
7	4	Photograph with Mayor Daley, Kathy Osterman	undated
7	5	Photograph with Mayor Sawyer	undated
7	6	Photograph with Mayor Washington	undated
7	7	Plaque from Democratic Party of 48 <sup>th</sup> Ward	2005
8	1	49 <sup>th</sup> Ward: 49 Line Newspaper	1992-1995
8	2	Chicago Teacher Newspaper	1975
8	3	Chicago Tribune Newspaper	1975
8	4	Covering Education Newspaper	1982
8	5	Illinois Education Newspaper	1974
8	6	Impact Newspaper	1974
8	7	Jewish Issues: Jewish Post Newspaper	1974
8	8	Public Employee Newspaper	1975
8	9	Uptown: Uptown Action	1980-1990
9	1	Alden Bennett Construction Co., Inc. Hard Hat	undated
9	2	Chicago Water System Hard Hat	undated
9	3	Framed Equal Rights Amendment Drawing	undated
9	4	Framed blueprint of apartment building at 5200 N Sheridan (located in flat storage-drawer 13 and includes research about building)	undated
		<b>Series 5: Unprocessed</b>	
		A brief description of unprocessed materials can be found above in "Scope and Content." See archivist for more information.	