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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Jennifer Bickham Mendez compiled this collection while writing her History dissertation at the University of California, Davis. She spent significant time in Central America, especially Nicaragua, in order to conduct her research on women's labor movements throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. Her dissertation research would be published in her first book, *From the Revolution to the Maquiladoras: Gender, Labor and Globalization in Nicaragua*, in 2005. Since then, her work has focused on questions of Latino identity, immigration, social and labor movements, and border studies. Dr. Bickham Mendez arrived at William and Mary in 1999 as an Assistant Professor and has held various leadership positions within the university since. Currently, Dr. Bickham Mendez serves as a Professor of Sociology and Director of the Global Studies Program at William & Mary.

Scope and Contents

This collection details the vast women's labor movement in Central America (mostly concentrating on Nicaragua) in the 1990s and early 2000s as a part of Dr. Jennifer Bickham Mendez's dissertation research. The collection includes newspaper clippings, secondary source articles, publications from various women's labor organizations in Central America, personal field notes and contacts, along with many other materials pertaining to her research. Dr. Bickham Mendez's research acquainted her with many women's labor organizations, giving her an opportunity to explore the work being done in Nicaragua related to women's working conditions and human rights. A majority of her research focused on zonas francas, specific areas within Nicaragua and other Central American countries that face inhumane working conditions in maquilas, or factories that export their manufactured goods to other countries. As the collection progresses, Dr. Bickham Mendez contributed material related to the feminist movement in Nicaragua, including various pamphlets and brochures that discuss various feminist topics such as domestic violence, reproductive health rights, and machismo/toxic masculinity. The collection concentrates on specific women's right organizations that organize around establishing better working conditions for women in these maquilas as well as the national and international responses that resulted from these organizations.

Keywords

Women in the labor movement
Women -- Central America
Research notes

Arrangement

Series 1: María Elena Cuadra's work in the women's labor movement, circa 1994-2006 This series extensively covers information pertaining to the María Elena Cuadra organization in supporting the women's labor movement in Nicaragua. Reports written by and about this labor organization provide an understanding regarding their work and their ability to cause change. These reports cover the working conditions, economic role of women in Nicaragua, and successes of María Elena Cuadra in raising the voices of women laborers in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Series 2: María Elena Cuadra's La Boletina publications, 1994-2004 This series contains various published pamphlets from María Elena Cuadra ranging from 1994-2004. These pamphlets discuss many women's

issues that directly relate to the labor movement and work conditions, including sex and sexual health, women's rights, and gender violence.

Series 3: Other Nicaragua voices related to women's labor movements, 1974-2001 This series shows how Nicaraguan voices outside of María Elena Cuadra were examining the labor conditions and efforts to combat exploitation in Nicaragua. Various annual reports and materials published by other organizations demonstrate just how pervasive this issue was all throughout Nicaragua.

Series 4: International voices related to Central American women's labor movements, 1992-2003 This series highlights perspectives outside of Nicaragua discussing labor conditions and movements throughout Central America. Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala are also covered as areas undergoing labor reform. Many of these sources write about the labor exploitation in Central America and how to combat it from afar.

Series 5: Newspaper clippings and public documents regarding the labor situation in Central America, 1993-2001 Various newspaper clippings, laws, and reports that examine the labor problem in Central American during this time. More of the newspaper clippings discuss the exploitation and worsening labor conditions of those working in maquilas in Nicaragua in the mid-1990s. Other information within this series consider zonas francas and proposed changes to laws that regulate working conditions.

Series 6: Secondary source material that contextualize the labor fight This series contains secondary source materials that Dr. Bickham Mendez used when writing her dissertation. A full list of secondary sources related to labor movements and the Nicaraguan case study can be found in this series. All of the material in the series could not be found on WorldCat, but all publications available to William and Mary community members do not appear in the collection and are available on WorldCat.

Series 7: Dr. Bickham Mendez's personal notes and material, 1993-1997 This series highlights all of Dr. Bickham Mendez's personal field notes and work while abroad in Central America. It includes personal correspondence with Nicaraguan labor contacts and her writing in different stages of her dissertation process.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: María Elena Cuadra's work in the women's labor movement, circa 1994-2006

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Unit Date circa 1994-2006

Language Primary source materials are in Spanish.

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Scope and Contents

This series extensively covers information pertaining to the María Elena Cuadra organization in supporting the women's labor movement in Nicaragua. Reports written by and about this labor organization provide an understanding regarding their work and their ability to cause change. These reports cover the working conditions, economic role of women in Nicaragua, and successes of María Elena Cuadra in raising the voices of women laborers in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Articles and Reports about María Elena Cuadras and their work, 1996, 1998

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Campaign - "Empleo sí... pero con Dignidad," 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448482

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Container 2 (Folder)

Information and Materials about María Elena Cuadra, 1994-1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448483

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María Elena Cuadra Newspaper Coverage, 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448484

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Container 4 (Folder)

María Elena Cuadra Report on Labor Conditions in Zona Franca, 1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448485

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Language English

Popular Culture Publications by María Elena Cuadra - Human Rights Focus, 1994-1998

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448486

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Container 6 (Folder)

Publications by María Elena Cuadra, 1995-1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448488

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Report Evaluating María Elena Cuadra in Zonas Francas, circa 2006

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Series 2: María Elena Cuadra's La Boletina publications, 1994-2004

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448492

Language Primary source materials are in Spanish.

Extent 0.417 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents

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Punto de Encuentro - La Boletina Pamphlets, 1994

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Punto de Encuentro - La Boletina Pamphlets, 1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448498

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Punto de Encuentro - La Boletina Pamphlets, 1996

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Punto de Encuentro - La Boletina Pamphlets, 1997-1999

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Punto de Encuentro - La Boletina Pamphlets, 2000-2004

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Series 3: Other Nicaragua voices related to women's labor movements, 1974-2001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448503

Language Primary source materials are in Spanish.

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Scope and Contents

This series shows how Nicaraguan voices outside of María Elena Cuadra were examining the labor conditions and efforts to combat exploitation in Nicaragua. Various annual reports and materials published by other organizations demonstrate just how pervasive this issue was all throughout Nicaragua.

Asociación de Mujeres Nicaragüenses "Luisa Amanda Espinoza" (AMNLAE)

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Breaking Boundaries, Building Alliances Conference, 2001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448505

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Container 2 (Folder)

Central America Women's Network Workshop Report, 1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448506

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Container 3 (Folder)

Centro de Estudios Internacionales (CEI) Programs, 1995-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448507

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Lobbying Workshop - Red Centroamericana de Mujeres en Solidaridad con las Trabajadoras de la Maquila, 1996

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448508

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Movimiento de Mujeres de la Colonia López Arellano y Aledañas (MOMUCLAA) Brochures

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Popular Culture - Women's Agency and Power, 1992-1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448510

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Popular Cultural Pamphlets - Miscellaneous Women's Empowerment and Equality Material, 1995-1999

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Container 8 (Folder)

Popular Culture Pamphlets - Women's Sexual Health and Reproduction, 1993-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448512

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Popular Culture Pamphlets - Women Learning the Law and their Rights, 1974-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448513

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Red Centroamericana de Mujeres en Solidaridad con las Trabajadoras de la Maquila, 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448515

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Container 11 (Folder)

Red Centroamericana de Mujeres en Solidaridad con las Trabajadoras de la Maquila, 1998

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448516

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Red Centroamericana de Mujeres en Solidaridad con las Trabajadoras de las Maquilas, 1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448519

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Container 1 (Folder)

Red de Mujeres contra la Violencia, 1995-1996

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448520

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Series 4: International voices related to Central American women's labor movements, 1992-2003

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448517

Language Primary source materials are in Spanish.

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Scope and Contents

This series highlights perspectives outside of Nicaragua discussing labor conditions and movements throughout Central America. Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala are also covered as areas undergoing labor reform. Many of these sources write about the labor exploitation in Central America and how to combat it from afar.

American News Source Coverage of Labor Conditions and Central America, 1994-2000

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Collective of Honduran Women (CODEMUH) Material, 1995-1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448521

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Envío Magazine and Honduras Maquilas, 1997-1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448522

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Container 5 (Folder)

Maquila Material from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, 1994-1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448523

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Maquila Network Update and International Labor Coverage, 1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448524

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Maquila Network Update Journal Issues, 1997-2003

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National Labor Committee Reports, 1997, 1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448526

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Container 9 (Folder)

Reports on Nicaraguan Economic and Labor Conditions, 1992-1993

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448527

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Container 10 (Folder)

Student Activism related to Sweatshop Conditions, 1999-2000

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448528

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Sweatshop Material and Living Wage Conference, 1997-1998

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448529

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Container 12 (Folder)

US Apparel Industry Partnership, 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448530

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Container 13 (Folder)

Series 5: Newspaper clippings and public documents regarding the labor situation in Central America, 1993-2001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448531

Language Primary source materials are in Spanish.

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Scope and Contents

Various newspaper clippings, laws, and reports that examine the labor problem in Central American during this time. More of the newspaper clippings discuss the exploitation and worsening labor conditions of those working in maquilas in Nicaragua in the mid-1990s. Other information within this series consider zonas francas and proposed changes to laws that regulate working conditions.

Barricada Newspaper, June 6, 1994

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Drafts of Law Reforms related to zonas francas, 1999, 2001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448535

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Industrial Fortex of Nicaragua

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448536

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Container 3 (Folder)

Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings, 1993-1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448537

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Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings and Labor Union Call, 1994, 1999

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Newspaper Clippings - Zonas Francas, 1995-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448539

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Newspaper Clippings - Zonas Francas, 1995-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448540

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Newspaper Clippings - Nicaraguan Election, 1996-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448541

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Nicaraguan National Assembly Worker's Code, 1996-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448542

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Container 9 (Folder)

Nuevo Amanecer Newspaper, June 4, 1994

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448543

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Container 10 (Folder)

El Nuevo Diario Newspaper, June 4, 1994

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Container 11 (Folder)

US Census Data - Populations born in Central America, 2000

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Container 12 (Folder)

US Government Committee on International Affairs on Current Issues in Nicaragua, 1996

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448546

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Container 13 (Folder)

Zonas Francas Information and Pay Stubs, 1996-1997

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Series 6: Secondary source material that contextualize the labor fight

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The Autumn of the Revolutionary, August 1998

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La dinamica del mercado de trabajo urbano y sus implicaciones por género en Nicaragua, 1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448549

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Container 2 (Folder)

Estudios de casos y educación obrera en zonas francas y empresas maquiladoras en países del istmo centroamericano y República Dominicana (El caso de Nicaragua)

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Container 3 (Folder)

El fin de fetiche

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448551

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Container 4 (Folder)

El infierno de los nuevos paraísos fiscales: La represión antisindical en las zonas francas, April 1996

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Labor Crisis in Free Trade Zone continues, August 2000

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448553

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El Observador Económico, Edition 52, April 1996

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448554

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El Observador Económico, Edition 71, December 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448555

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Container 8 (Folder)

El Observador Económico, Edition 72, January 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448556

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

El Observador Económico, Edition 119, December 2001/January 2002

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Nicaraguan feminists strategize for the future, Spring 1994

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Posición y propuesta de las organizaciones aglutinadas en ICIC y CACI con respeto a la evaluación del sistema de integración centroamericana, May-August 1997

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Ser empleada doméstica en Nicaragua - Estudio testimonial, November 1993

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448560

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Container 13 (Folder)

A social conscience in the global marketplace? Labor dimensions of codes of conduct, social labeling and investor initiatives, 1999

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448561

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Container 14 (Folder)

Un test ético para una sociedad en crisis, March 1998

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448562

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Toward a New Internationalism: Lessons from the Guatemalan Labor Movement, March/April 1995

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Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Twentieth-Century Nicaraguan Feminist and Antifeminist Discourse in Historical Perspective: Homosexuality and Abortion before the Revolution, March 2003

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Series 7: Dr. Bickham Mendez's personal notes and material, 1993-1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448533

Language Primary source materials are in Spanish.

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Scope and Contents

This series highlights all of Dr. Bickham Mendez's personal field notes and work while abroad in Central America. It includes personal correspondence with Nicaraguan labor contacts and her writing in different stages of her dissertation process. There are also negatives and developed photos in this series.

Dissertation Plan of Investigation, 1996

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Field Notes, 1993-1994

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448566

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Personal Correspondence with various Nicaraguan Women's Organizations and International Development Exchange, 1993-1994, 1998

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448567

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Personal Notes and Miscellaneous Nicaraguan Material, 1994-1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448568

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Personal Notes and Miscellaneous Nicaraguan Material, 1994-1995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448569

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Reports and Personal Notes from Instituto Nicaragüense de la Mujer (INIM), 1996

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448570

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Presentation Paper on María Elena Cuadra, 1997

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448571

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Container 7 (Folder)

Personal Photographs

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