

# Container List for the Laura J. Bock papers, 1945-2014 (#2013-21)

Series 1: Forebears and Childhood, 1945-1963.

Physical Description: Carton 1, Carton 2, Folders 1-2

**Scope and Content Note:** Includes files on forebears; Laura's parents, Al and Mini Bock; letters, cards and articles by and from her Aunt Peggy Dennis; information on Laura's early years; grammar, junior and high school documents; letters from family friends; and a video from the PBS documentary series *An American Experience* called *Love in the Cold War*, based on a book by Aunt Peggy Dennis.

Carton 1, Folder 1	Biography/Timeline/ Family tree & legal docs
Carton 1 Folder 2	San Francisco history

Carton 1, Folder 2 San Francisco history

Carton 1, Folder 3-4 Forebears and Extended family

Carton 1, Folder 5 Albert Bock (father)

Carton 1, Folder 6-7 Mini Karasick Bock (mother)
Carton 1, Folder 8-10 History of Mini and Al Bock

Carton 1, Folder 11 Spoofers by Al Bock

Carton 1, Folder 12 Letters and cards to and between Mini and Al Bock

Carton 1, Folder 13-14 Letters to and from Aunt Peggy Dennis

Carton 1, Folder 15 Articles by Peggy Dennis

Carton 1, Folder 16 Drawings/photos of Collingwood and Willard Street homes and

Bock office

Carton 1, Folder 17 Family Friends

Carton 1, Folder 18

Carton 1, Folder 19-21

Carton 1, Folder 22-24

Birth through grammar school

Junior high years, 1957 – 1960

High school years, 1960-1963

Carton 1, Folder 25 Letters/cards to Laura from family and friends

Carton 2, Folder 1 Photos of Laura

Carton 2, Folder 2 Video, Love in the Cold War, a PBS documentary based on the

book An Autobiography of an American Communist" by Peggy

Dennis

Series 2: University Years, 1963-1973.

Physical Description: Carton 2, Folders 3-19; Oversize Box 1

**Scope and Content Note:** Contains material related to Bock's years at the University of Oregon in Eugene, including a copy of a CD of an oral history interview Bock gave to a University of Oregon student about her activism on campus. Also in this series are files on jobs, her graduate work at the University of Massachusetts, letters from parents and close friends and information about Bock's loss of vision.

Please note that substantive information pertaining to Bock's political activism while at the college (from 1963 to 1967) can be found in the Special Collections Department of the Knight

Library at the University of Oregon. This includes Bock's activism in the campus Young Democrats, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Faculty Student Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam, her participation as a youth delegate to the Helsinki Peace Congress, and subsequent travels as part of a youth delegation to the Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. That collection includes the CD and a written transcript of the oral history noted above. See <a href="http://nwda.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv01614">http://nwda.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv01614</a> for the collection finding aid. UC, Berkeley's Bancroft Library has a small collection of political ephemera which includes material on the Free Speech and People's Park movements collected by Bock: <a href="http://oskicat.berkeley.edu/record=b10386010~S1">http://oskicat.berkeley.edu/record=b10386010~S1</a>

Carton 2, Folder 3-4	University of Oregon, 1963-1967
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Carton 2, Folder 5	Jobs, Spring 1968-Fall 1970
Carton 2, Folder 6	Political Activism, 1963-1970
Carton 2, Folder 7	Classes Taken, 1968-1970
Carton 2, Folder 8	University of Massachusetts graduate school, 1970-73
Carton 2, Folder 9-10	University of Massachusetts grad school, Paul Robeson research
Carton 2, Folder 11-13	Letters from/to/between mom and dad
Carton 2, Folder 14	Letters from Janice Rademaker Marshall
Carton 2, Folder 15	Letters/cards from various friends
Carton 2, Folder 16-17	Letters to/from Joanne Kerr
Carton 2, Folder 18	Vision Loss
Carton 2, Folder 19	Photos
Oversize Box 1	Songbook Compiled by Bock for her dad
	World Youth Festival for "Peace, Friendship and Solidarity,"
	Algiers, 1965 (poster)

#### Series 3: 1973-2000.

**Physical Description:** Carton 2, Folders 20-24, Cartons 3-5, Carton 6, Folders 1-2, Oversize Box 1

**Arrangement:** Arranged into three subseries, 3.1 Personal History, 3.2 Bock's Bed and Breakfast and 3.3 Second Wave Feminism.

# **Subseries 3.1: Personal History.**

**Physical Description:** Carton 2, Folders 20-24, Cartons 3, Folders 1-29, Oversize Box 1 **Scope and Content Note:** Includes materials related to Bock's identification as a red diaper baby, and her interests in radical history; materials related to jobs she held; date books and journals, letters; materials related to coming out, lovers/relationships, classes and workshops, her fortieth and fiftieth birthday parties, and photographs.

Carton 2, Folder 20	Red Diaper Baby
Carton 2, Folder 21	Radical and Oral History
Carton 2, Folder 22	Jobs, 1974-1985
Carton 2, Folder 23	Career Development Training, 1977
Carton 2, Folder 24	Datebooks, October 1975-August 1977

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http://www.glbthistory.org/research/index.html

Carton 3, Folder 1	Datebooks, August 1977-December 1979
Carton 3, Folder 2	Journal Writing and issues including co-dependency
Carton 3, Folder 3	Al Bock's memorial, 1979
Carton 3, Folder 4	Letters from Laura to Friends
Carton 3, Folder 5-8	Letters and cards from friends to Laura
Carton 3, Folder 9	Coming Out, 1982
Carton 3, Folder 10	Coming Out – Spiral Journal, August 1981-June 1982
Carton 3, Folder 11-12	Lover: MJ, 1982-1991 <b>RESTRICTED</b>
Carton 3, Folder 13-14	Lover: Betty, 1991-1992 <b>RESTRICTED</b>
Carton 3, Folder 15	Lover: Theresa, 1992-1995 <b>RESTRICTED</b>
Carton 3, Folder 16	Lover: Chris around 1998 (brief) <b>RESTRICTED</b>
Carton 3, Folder 17	Disabled and in the World
Carton 3, Folder 18	Classes and Conferences attended
Carton 3, Folder 19	Acting class with Carolyn Gage
Carton 3, Folder 20	40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, October 1985
Carton 3, Folder 21	Correspondence
Carton 3, Folder 22-25	50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday dinner/dance, October 1995
Carton 3, Folder 26	Maggie Northcott's memorial
Carton 3, Folder 27	Old Lesbian Loss/Grief Support Group
Carton 3, Folder 28	Buttons
Carton 3, Folder 29	Photos
Oversize Box 1	Photo Albums, 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday party, 11974 to 2000
	Transactional Analysis Women's Group Affirmations

# Subseries 3.2 Bock's Bed and Breakfast.

Physical Description: Carton, Folders 30-32, Carton 4, Folders 1-21

Scope and Content Note: Includes files pertaining to the running of Bock's business between

1981 and 2001.

Carton 3, Folder 30	General History
Carton 3, Folder 31	Forms/ Brochures and cards
Carton 3, Folder 32	Marketing – house photos
Carton 4, Folder 1	Marketing to Lesbian and Feminist Communities
Carton 4, Folder 2-4	Marketing to general and straight communities
Carton 4, Folder 5	Marketing Scam
Carton 4, Folder 6	Procedures Manual
Carton 4, Folder 7	Correspondence
Carton 4, Folder 8-14	Feedback forms
Carton 4, Folder 15-18	Guestbooks, 1980-2001
Carton 4, Folder 19	Cards/letters from guests with photos
Carton 4, Folder 20	PAII Conference, 1998
Carton 4, Folder 21	Bed and breakfast resources

## Subseries 3.3 Second Wave Feminism.

**Physical Description:** Carton 4, Folders 22-34, Carton 5, Carton 6, Folders 1-2, Oversize Box 1 **Arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

**Scope and Content Note:** Includes materials related to feminist issues and activism, workshops, conferences and consciousness-raising groups; feminist and lesbian articles and publications; materials related to feminist organizations, international feminism, Jewish feminism, and women's history. Of particular note are files on the first Bay Area fat feminist presentation, material from the Conference on Feminist Perspectives on Pornography in 1978, documentation from two Jewish Feminist Conferences, and the San Francisco Women's Building history project and archives (which Bock helped process at the GLBT Historical Society).

Carton 4, Folder 22	Buttons
Carton 4, Folder 23	Classism
Carton 4, Folder 24	Correspondence
Carton 4, Folder 25	Diversity Training Workshop, 1996
Carton 4, Folder 26-27	Dykes and Disability
Carton 4, Folder 28	Ephemera
Carton 4, Folder 29	Fat Women's Consciousness Raising Group, 1975-1983
Carton 4, Folder 30	Fat Feminist Presentation, Artemis Café, 1978
Carton 4, Folder 31	Feminist Articles
Carton 4, Folder 32-34	Feminist and Lesbian Publications
Carton 5, Folder 1-3	Feminist and Lesbian Publications
Carton 5, Folder 4	Feminist Perspectives on Pornography, a Conference, 1978
Carton 5, Folder 5	International Feminism
Carton 5, Folder 6	International Women's Day Marches, 1990, 1992
Carton 5, Folder 7	Jewish Alternative Seder materials
Carton 5, Folder 8-9	Jewish – <i>Bridges</i> , A Journal
Carton 5, Folder 10	Jewish Feminist Articles and Poetry
Carton 5, Folder 11	Jewish Feminist Conference
Carton 5, Folder 12	Jewish History – general
Carton 5, Folder 13	Jewish Lesbian and Feminist Rituals
Carton 5, Folder 14	Jewish—miscellaneous
Carton 5, Folder 15	Jewish Rituals – general
Carton 5, Folder 16	Jewish – Schmata, A Journal
Carton 5, Folder 17	Jewish Voice for Peace Seder
Carton 5, Folder 18	"Jewish Women," San Francisco State University Women's
	Studies Class
Carton 5, Folder 19	Lesbian Events/Producing Women's Events, a workshop
Carton 5, Folder 20	Lesbian and Feminist conferences/workshops
Carton 5, Folder 21	Lesbian and Feminist Organizations
Carton 5, Folder 22	Lesbian and Feminist Rituals
Carton 5, Folder 23-24	Lesbian/Feminist/Gay Literature/Music
Carton 5, Folder 25	Manuscript: The World Talks Back, poems by Adrienne Lauby
Carton 5, Folder 26	Menopause Conference at UC, San Francisco, 1993

Carton 5, Folder 27 Physicalism Carton 5, Folder 28 Racism

Carton 5, Folder 29-30 Women's Building History Project and Archives

Carton 5, Folder 31 Women's Health

Carton 5, Folder 32-33 Women's History - general

Carton 6, Folder 1 Video interview of Bernice Reagon by Bill Moyers
Carton 6, Folder 2 Cassettes – Women's Music (non-commercial)

Oversize Box 1 "The Birthday Party," by Judy Chicago – art exhibit, MOMA,

1979 (program)

Signed poster of Judy Small "Heroines," 1985 (calendar)

Publication (partial) by IRT Collective (Issues in Radical Therapy

& Collective Power)

Jewish Feminist conference, September/October 1983 (poster) "Jewish Women Warriors Arise," Jewish Feminist Conference,

1982 (poster)

Jewish Feminist Conference, May 1982 (poster) Caricature of two women (calendar page, poem)

"Stop War on Women" (calendar page)

### Series 4: Fat Lip Readers Theater, 1981-1999.

Physical Description: Carton 6, Folders 3-24, Carton 7, Carton 8, Folders 1-18

**Arrangement:** Organizational files arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content Note: Fat Lip Readers Theater was founded in 1981 by 10 fat women tired of the discrimination and oppression they and all women experienced around body size and body image. They were determined to spread the new perspective of fat liberation politics using theater as their medium. Over the course of 18 years they added new members, including a company manager and sign language interpreter; performed throughout northern California; traveled to Los Angeles, Seattle and other locales for performances; appeared on national as well as local television; were interviewed on radio and for international media; performed on theater stages, street corners, plazas, and in classrooms; and offered workshops and trainings for non-profits. Fat Lip Readers Theater was committed to a feminist analysis, and full accessibility at all their performances for women of all sizes as well as for people with disabilities. Laura Bock was one of the original founding "mothers" and remained active until the theater's demise in 1999.

This series includes organizational files, scripts and script material organized by number, author, and pieces with unknown authorship. Of particular note: seminal articles on fat politics, the history of Fat Lip, copy of the Fat Lip video "Nothing to Lose," buttons, programs and flyers, documents pertaining to being a sponsored project of the San Francisco Women's Centers/Women's Building, cassettes of rehearsals and performances, and ephemera. Oversize material includes the "Fat Lip Fan," and a t-shirt.

Carton 6, Folder 3-4 Administrative
Carton 6, Folder 5 Advertising

Carton 6, Folder 6	Applications/membership procedures
Carton 6, Folder 7	Art
Carton 6, Folder 8	Articles/reviews about Fat Lip
Carton 6, Folder 9-10	Books
Carton 6, Folder 11	Book Proposal
Carton 6, Folder 12	Buttons
Carton 6, Folder 13	Cassettes
Carton 6, Folder 14	Correspondence—Incoming
Carton 6, Folder 15	Correspondence—Outgoing
Carton 6, Folder 16	Correspondence—Internal
Carton 6, Folder 17	Fat Lip Birthdays
Carton 6, Folder 18	Fat and Disability
Carton 6, Folder 19-20	Fat Liberation Politics
Carton 6, Folder 21-23	Financials
Carton 6, Folder 24	Flyers/announcements
Carton 7, Folder 1	Grant opportunities/how to apply workshops
Carton 7, Folder 2	Herstory of Fat Lip
Carton 7, Folder 3	Mediation –race and other issues
Carton 7, Folder 4-5	Meeting Notes
Carton 7, Folder 6	Members/phone trees
Carton 7, Folder 7	Merchandise (videos and T-shirts)
Carton 7, Folder 8	Outside Producers
Carton 7, Folder 9	Press Releases
Carton 7, Folder 10	Programs
Carton 7, Folder 11-13	Publications/Articles
Carton 7, Folder 14-15	Resources – Fat Positive
Carton 7, Folder 16	Resources – Fat Negative
Carton 7, Folder 17	Snapshots
Carton 7, Folder 18-19	Sponsored Projects, SF Women's Building – general
Carton 7, Folder 20	Sponsored Project of SF Women's Building – Fat Lip
Carton 7, Folder 21	Video
Carton 7, Folder 22	Workshop materials – general
Carton 7, Folder 23-25	Workshops – specific
Carton 7, 1 older 23-23	workshops specific
Scripts	
Carton 7, Folder 26	International No Diet Days (street theater)
Carton 7, Folder 27	Anne Moore memorial performance 1989
Carton 7, Folder 28	10 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, SF Women's Building 1991
Carton 7, Folder 29	Hot Lips, Fat and Sexuality 1993
Carton 7, Folder 30	Seminar for Health Care Providers, Ft. Mason, September 23, 1993
Carton 7, Folder 30 Carton 7, Folder 31	Sacramento State University Women's History Month, March
Carton 1, 1 Older 31	1994
Carton 7, Folder	Women in Psychology Conference, March 5, 1994
Carton 7, Folder 33	Claire Light Bookstore. August 1994
Carton 1, 1 Older 33	Cimita Englis Doormotore, Fragues 1771

Carton 7, Folder 34	"Making It Big," t	their 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday 1	performance, September17,

1994

Carton 7, Folder 35 Fat Feminist Gathering for NAAFA (National Association For the

Advancement of Fat Acceptance), October 1994

Carton 7/36 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday performance, March and April 1996

Carton 8, Folder 1 Reunion performance 2004

Carton 8, Folder 2 "Queer, Fat, Political," SF GLBT Museum, July 24, 2011

Carton 8, Folder 3 Unidentified scripts

Carton 8, Folder 4-5
Carton 8, Folder 6
Carton 8, Folder 7
Carton 8, Folder 7
Carton 8, Folder 8

Script lists
Blocking notes
Introductions
Fat Facts

#### Numbered Pieces

Carton 8, Folder 9	0-20
Carton 8, Folder 10	21-49
Carton 8, Folder 11	50-99
Carton 8, Folder 12	100s
Carton 8, Folder 13	200s
Carton 8, Folder 14	300s
Carton 8, Folder 15	400s

Carton 8, Folder 16 Unnumbered, by author, A - P Carton 8, Folder 17 Unnumbered, by author, R - Z

Carton 8, Folder 18 Unknown authors

Oversize Box 1: Fat Lip Performance Signage

Poster- performance by Carolyn Gage "Teenage Anorexia

Runaway Lesbian" - signed

Publication (partial) by IRT Collective – article on fat politics

Art – Big Red Lips

Fat Lip Fan Fat Lip T-shirt

Vida Gallery, SF Women's Building, "Celebrating Ourselves," by Zoe Moskow, exhibit and series of performances by and about fat

women (poster)

"Emaciation Stinks, Stop Starvation Imagery" (poster)

Women Enlarge: Images of Fat Nudes by Lori Edison and Debbie

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#### Series 5: Personal and Political Activities, 2000-2014.

Physical Description: Carton 8, Folders 19-29, Carton 9, Folders 1-34

**Scope and Content Note:** Includes issues relating to disability, chronic pain, Al-Anon, codependency, grief support groups, and aging. There is also information about the 10-week Mediation Class Bock took and materials about Silvia Kohan, her dear friend, whose papers are also housed at the GLBT Historical Society. There are files on the Women's Writers Salons

Bock organized in her home; her journal writings and travels; workshops; and friends' memorials. There are also materials related to Bock's activism as co-chair of Fabled Asp (in 2010), her co-founding and facilitation of the Old Lesbian Memoir Writing Group, and life at The Redwoods with her partner Suzanne (in 2013).

Carton 8, Folder 19	Disability
Carton 8, Folder 20-21	Kaiser Pain Program 2001-2013
Carton 8, Folder 22	Mother Tongue Feminist Theater Collective
Carton 8, Folder 23	Suzanne Gary – partner from 2000
Carton 8, Folder 24	Al-Anon
Carton 8, Folder 25	Co-dependency
Carton 8, Folder 26	Grief – Pet Loss 2000
Carton 8, Folder 27-29	Silvia Kohan, life and death
Carton 9, Folder 1-2	Grief Group, Jewish Healing Center 2003
Carton 9, Folder 3	Department of Rehabilitation client, 2004
Carton 9, Folder 4	Ageism and Aging
Carton 9, Folder 5	Anxiety
Carton 9, Folder 6	Mediation Training, Class and Resources, 2003

## Women Writers Salon

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Carton 9, Folder 7	Tillie Olson
Carton 9, Folder 8	Emily Dickinson
Carton 9, Folder 9	Audre Lorde
Carton 9, Folder 10	Elisabeth Alexander
Carton 9, Folder 11	Toni Morrison
Carton 9, Folder 12	June Jordan
Carton 9, Folder 13	Carol Duffy
Carton 9, Folder 14	Mary Gordon
Carton 9, Folder 15	Grace Paley
Carton 9, Folder 16	Rentals
Carton 9, Folder 17	Travels with Friends
Carton 9, Folder 18	Travels with Sally—Canadian Rockies Journal
Carton 9, Folder 19	New Mexico, May 2006
Carton 9, Folder 20	Columbia River Cruise with Suzanne, 2009
Carton 9, Folder 21	Journal Writing
Carton 9, Folder 22	Non-Violent Communication Workshop
Carton 9, Folder 23	Memorials for friends
Carton 9, Folder 24	Correspondence
Carton 9, Folder 25	Cards/letters from friends
Carton 9, Folder 26	Old Lesbian Memoir Writing Group, 2009-2014
Carton 9, Folder 27-30	FABLED Asp, 2010
Carton 9, Folder 31	Oral histories/interviews of Laura Bock

Carton 9, Folder 32 OLOC National Gathering, 2014 (Old Lesbians Organizing for

Change)

Carton 9, Folder 33 At the Redwoods Carton 9, Folder 34 Photographs

#### Series 6: Laura Bock's Writing.

**Physical Description:** Carton 9, Folders 35-45

**Scope and Content Note:** Includes writings for Fat Lip and Mother Tongue theaters, limericks for friends, and for the Old Lesbian Memoir Writing Group, which Bock co-founded in 2009 and helped to facilitate for over 4 years.

Carton 9, Folder 35	Limericks to friends
Carton 9, Folder 36	Fat Lip Readers Theater
Carton 9, Folder 37	Mother Tongue Feminist Theater Collective
Carton 9, Folder 38-43	Old Lesbian Memoir Writing Group
Carton 9, Folder 44	On Scottish Terriers, A Family Passion
Carton 9, Folder 45	Miscellaneous