

From reviews of *Feminism in Philadelphia*:

Feminism in Philadelphia relates NOW's vital history as a diverse, grassroots organization, thoroughly integrated into localities—and “made locally.” Bojar's lively evocation explains NOW's success and long life, and more broadly challenges the divide between institutions and mass movements.

-Belinda Davis, Professor, Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Feminism in Philadelphia demonstrates that stereotypes sometimes held about NOW are not consistent with the historical record. Grassroots NOW members were generally far ahead of members of most progressive organizations in their support for lesbian rights. Also, the history of Philadelphia NOW challenges the stereotype of NOW's early days as focused solely on opening career opportunities for elite women. The feminist movement of the late 1960's and 70's would never have had such a transformative impact on our society without the efforts of so many women in local communities like Philadelphia NOW activists Ernesta Ballard, Lillian Ciarrochi, Jocelyn Morris and Jan Welch, among many others, devoting their lives to the struggle for gender equality.

-Kim Gandy, Past President, National Organization for Women

Karen Bojar's rich documentary and ethnographic history of the feminist movement in Philadelphia deepens our understanding of the complexities of women's organizing and social movement politics. The breadth of her coverage includes negotiations around reproductive rights, electoral politics, lesbian politics, and racial politics as well as with NOW's national agenda and politics.

Feminism in Philadelphia offers new insights into the dedication, challenges, and successes generated through sustained activism that will serve as a resource for social movement scholars, feminist activists, and anyone who is interested in understanding the local dimensions of movement politics.

-Nancy Naples, Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology, University of Connecticut

Also see:

Alyssa J. Wynne, ‘*Feminism in Philadelphia: the Glory Years*’ *Chestnut Hill Local*, [February 26, 2014](http://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2014/02/26/feminism-philadelphia-glory-years-karen-bojar/), <http://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2014/02/26/feminism-philadelphia-glory-years-karen-bojar/>

Caryn Hunt, “Local Woman’s Book Examines NOW nationally, locally,” *Chestnut Hill Local*, [August 22, 2013](http://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2013/08/22/local-womans-book-examines-now-nationally-locally/), <http://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2013/08/22/local-womans-book-examines-now-nationally-locally/>