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On the occasion of its 10th Anniversary in October 2008 the [National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) (NCDSV) donated the books in the NCDSV Library to [The University of Texas at Austin](#). This donation was made in cooperation with the [Schools of Social Work](#) and [Law](#). In addition, NCDSV determined that it was time to establish a Collection of archival materials to preserve its history which would honor the two late and great women whose vision and dedication resulted in the development of the NCDSV Library, Patricia R. Cole and Nancy J. Flanakin.



Dr. Patricia R. Cole



Nancy J. Flanakin

Nancy came to work at NCDSV as a part-time Library Coordinator in 1998 and we quickly came to appreciate her knowledge and skills. With urging from Pat, Associate Director of NCDSV, we found the resources to employ Nancy full-time and to provide a budget for her to create a collection that supported our mission, *training, consulting and advocacy*. But Nancy went beyond that initial mandate to ensure that the library was broad and deep, obtaining materials that supported every aspect of intervention and prevention. She wanted the library to assist professionals and volunteers involved in ending violence against women from any perspective and background. Because of Nancy's commitment, the library has helped social workers, attorneys, counselors, law enforcement personnel, activists, prosecutors, medical professionals, judges, probation officers, prevention specialists, therapists, administrators of grant programs at the local, state and national levels as well as legislators, members of Congress and other policy makers.

In 2006, NCDSV lost funding that had permitted us to have large offices and the sizable collection of books, videos, DVDs and resource files. We had to scramble to determine how best to make these materials accessible to others and to ourselves for continued work while closing our much larger offices.

Fortunately [Dr. Fran Danis](#), now with [The University of Texas Arlington, School of Social Work](#), and formerly also at UT, a long time friend of many of us in NCDSV approached [Dean Barbara White](#) and [Noël Busch-Armendariz](#), Associate Professor, [The University of Texas School of Social Work](#) and Director, [Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#) who agreed to house and keep the library intact as well as employ Nancy as Library Coordinator while NCDSV considered next steps. In this way, Nancy was able to continue developing the collection, which had been assembled with great professionalism and dedication, and make it accessible to students, professors and the public, and begin the process of determining how to meet the needs of students preparing to enter the professions.



Dr. Fran Danis



Dean Barbara White



Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz



Others supported Nancy and Pat in expanding the library, including the Communications Director for NCDSV [Christina Walsh](#). [Toby Myers](#) of Houston, Vice-Chair of NCDSV, donated books and papers assembled over her more than thirty years of leadership. Likewise [Sarah M. Buel](#), then Professor at [The University of Texas School of Law](#), NCDSV Board Member Emerita, and now Clinical Professor of Law, [Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law](#) and Director, [Diane Halle Center for Family Justice](#) at [Arizona State University](#) contributed much from her extensive personal collection.



Christina Walsh



Dr. Toby Myers



Sarah M. Buel, J.D.

In order to preserve items historical in nature Toby Myers and Debby Tucker had previously established the [*Tucker and Myers Texas Council on Family Violence Records, 1974-2001*](#) at the [*University of Houston Women’s Archives*](#). Myers, Tucker and NCDSV intend to supplement this collection at UH with those things in the NCDSV Library that relate to the development of laws, services and prevention activities in Texas.



In addition, NCDSV has established a new collection at the Women’s Archives of the University of Houston, the *Patricia R. Cole and Nancy J. Flanakin National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence Records* for preservation of historical documents and materials related to our work.

The donations to The University of Texas Library System were primarily books that remain immediately useful today for students and professionals. Approximately 200 books were placed at [*The University of Texas Perry-Casteñeada Library*](#) in June, 2011 each with this bookplate:



The balance of the resources were sorted, by Margaret Peveto as her Capstone Project a critical project in her Master's Degree from [The University of Texas School of Information](#) with support from [Professor David B. Gracy II](#), Governor Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise and [Richard "Dick" D. Dickerson](#), Archivist, [University of Houston Women's Archives](#).



Margaret Peveto



David B. Gracy, II



Richard "Dick" Dickerson

Those files processed by Margaret to be placed in the Women's Archives Collection named for Pat and Nancy are now being processed at The University of Houston. Remaining in Austin are approximately 50 more boxes of material to be reviewed to determine if the contents are of historical value and should go to the Women's Archives or if the NCDSV website already has the materials available.