Theses on Women, Politics and Public Policy in Australia
(Cumulative List as at September 2005, 186 Australian theses)

Australian Theses
Acker, Elizabeth van (1993) 'Feminist 'Theories Forgotten: The Case of Restructuring in the Australian Clothing Industry', PhD, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Allan, Pam (1974) 'A Preliminary Sketch of the Role of Women in the NSW Branch of the ALP', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
Anderson, Peter (1973) 'A Description and Analysis of Aspects of the Women's Electoral Lobby (Victorian Branch)', BA Hons, Politics Dept, La Trobe University
Atkinson, Julie (1979) 'Aspects of the Developing Political Relationship Between Working Class Women and Feminists', 1890-1917, BA Hons, History Dept, University of Sydney
Baldry, Eileen (1992) 'The Health Consumer Movement in Australia', PhD, University of NSW
Banyard, Lisa (1998)'You’re Sitting in My Seat: The Implementation of the 35% Quota Rule in the Queensland ALP’, BA Hons, Griffith University
Besemer, Helen (1958) 'Some Aspects of the Movement for Women's Suffrage in Victoria, 1889-1908', BA Hons, History Dept, University of Melbourne
Biskup, P.M. (1959) 'The Female Suffrage Movement in Australia', BA Hons, History Dept, University of Western Australia
Blaikie, Hugh (1979) 'Women and the Anti-Vietnam War Movement in Melbourne', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne
Brennan, Deborah (1990) ‘Women, the State and the Politics of Child Care’, PhD, Dept of Government and Public Administration, University of Sydney
Brook, Heather (1999) ‘The Political Regulation of Marriage’, PhD, Political Science Program, RSSSS, ANU
Broughton, Sharon (1995) 'The Impact of the ALP Quota on Women MPs', BA Hons, Dept of Government, University of Queensland
Bureaucratisation and "femocratisation" of a women's organisation’, BA Hons, Sociology, ANU
Brown, Kristie (2004) ‘I am Woman—Or am I?’, BA Hons, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Technology, Sydney
Brownfoot, Janice (1968) 'Women's Organisations and the Woman Movement in Victoria c.1890 to c.1908', BA Hons, History Dept, Monash University
Clarke, J. (1980) 'A Study of political socialization in three generation families, PhD, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Cookson, Rachel (1959) 'Women in Politics, 1900-1920', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
Cooper, Margaret (1999) ' The Australian Disability Rights Movement: Freeing the Power of Advocacy' MA, School of Social Work, University of Melbourne
Craig, Lyn (1999) ‘Counting the Care: An Analysis of the Time Cost of Children’, BSocSci Hons, School of Social Science and Policy, University of NSW
Crump, L. (1984) 'Women's Organisations in Australian Politics Between the Two World Wars', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne
Curtin, Jennifer (1997) 'Women and Trade Unions: Strategies for the Representation of Women's Interests in Four Countries', PhD, Public Policy Program, The Faculties, ANU
Danckert, M. (1989) 'Women in Positions of Visibility and Authority Who Identify As Feminists: Their Role in the Women's Movement', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne

Deacon, Desley (1985) ‘The naturalisation of dependence: The state the new middle class and women workers 1830 –1930’, PhD, Sociology, ANU

Delahunty, Mary (1972) 'Citizenship and Female University Graduates', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University

Edwards, Kathy (1999) 'Body Politics: The 'Body Problem' in Feminist Theory', PhD, School of Political Science, UNSW


Eveline, Joan (1995) 'The Politics of Advantage: Managing Work and Care in Sweden and Australia', PhD, Women's Studies, School of Social Sciences, Murdoch University


Finnegan, Denise (1997) 'Women and Constitutional Politics' BA Hons, Dept of Govt, University of Queensland

Fitt, Heather (1992) ‘Locked in or locked out? Politics, the Ordination of Women and the Anglican Church’, BA Hons, Politics, ANU


Foley, Meredith (1985) 'The Women's Movement in NSW and Victoria 1918-38', PhD, History Department, University of Sydney


Foskey, Deb (2003) ‘Changing the World or Reacting to a Changed World? The Global Politics of Population and Reproduction’, PhD, Political Science, Faculty of Arts, ANU

Galbally, Rhonda (1979) 'Women, Inequality and Australian Trade Unions: the Development of the Working Women's Charter Campaign and the ACTU Charter for Working Women, Two Case Studies', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University

Gelber, Katharine P.M. (1996) 'Federalism: Going, going?: Implications of the Toonen Case' BA Hons, Dept of Government, University of Sydney

Glezer, Helen (1980) 'Towards a Typology of Women in Local Government', MA, Sociology Dept, La Trobe University
Gorring, Pam (1978) 'The Political Development of the Women's Movement in Queensland', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Grace, Felicity (1989) 'Feminist Challenges to the Operation of Patriarchal Presumptions in Organisation Studies', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Grace, Felicity (2001) '(Dis)continuous Disadvantage: Accounting for Money, Gender and Sexuality in Australia', PhD, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Grattan, Michelle (1965) 'Women in Party Politics', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne
Griffiths, Jennifer (1999) ‘”No Time for Rest”: The Australian Women’s National League 1904–1945’, BA Hons, University of Western Sydney
Hannah, Kristen (1993) 'Existential dilemmas in the life and works of Simone de Beauvoir, BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Hewitson, Gillian (1998) 'The Subject of Neoclassical Economics: A Feminist Investigation'. PhD, Women's Studies. La Trobe University
Higgs, Allison (1994) 'Gender and security: feminist contributions to rethinking security', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Hill, Elizabeth (1987) 'Working Within the System: The Women's Electoral Lobby Fifteen Years On', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
Hollinsworth, David (1971) 'Sydney Women's Liberation and the Problem of Revolutionary Praxis', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
Hooper, Anne (1973) 'The Emergence of Contemporary Feminist Groups in Australia: With special reference to the Women's Liberation Movement and the Women's Electoral Lobby in the Australian Capital Territory', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, The Faculties, ANU
Huntley, Rebecca (2003) ‘Sex on the hustings: Labor and the construction of 'the woman voter’ in two federal elections (1983, 1993)’, PhD, Dept of Gender Studies, University of Sydney
Hyslop, Anthea (1971) 'The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Victoria: The Early Years', BA Hons, History Dept, La Trobe University
Jacobsen, Karen (1988) 'Women and Social Policy in Postwar Reconstruction 1943 to 1949', BA Hons, School of Humanities, Griffith University
Jenkins, Cathy (2000) ‘The Other Revealed: Press Treatment of Australia’s Pioneering Female Politicians’, PhD, Dept of Journalism, University of Queensland
Jerga, Stefan (1995) 'Women and Work in Australia', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, The Faculties, ANU
Jones, Pam (1993) 'Women in Local Government', MEdSt, Faculty of Education, Monash University
Joyce, Robin (1977) 'Feminism: The Ideology, Application, Successes and Failures in the Labor Women's Organizations 1905-1917', BA Hons, History Dept. University of Western Australia
Kearns, Debbie (1981) 'Liberalism and a Differential Morality of the Sexes', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
Keen, Elissa (1994) ‘John Stuart Mill's Liberal Feminism: Androgyny or Agnosticism?’, BA Hons, Political Science, ANU
Kelly, Farley (1983) 'The "Woman Question" in Melbourne 1880-1914', PhD, History Dept, Monash University
Kelly, Therese (1993) 'The role of gender in Joan Kirner's political career', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Kingsmill, D.J. (1958) 'The 1943 Federal Election', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
Leeson, Kate (1995) 'Women, Development Theory & Community Development Projects', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Adelaide
Lilburn, Catherine, 1995) ‘Embodying International Relations’, BA Hons, Political Science, ANU
Lilburn, Sandra (1996) ‘Dividing the Political: Feminist Critique of the New Right’, PhD, Politics Dept, University of Adelaide
McCarty, Elizabeth (1985) “"Conservative Female Endeavour:: The Australian Women’s National League, 1904–1914, BA Hons, History Dept, University of Melbourne
MacMillan, Jenny (1974) 'A Women's Liberation Consciousness-Raising Group', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, University of Melbourne
McNamara, Vicki (1986) 'Women and Australian Government Aid: A Critical Assessment of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau's (ADAB's) 'Women in Development Policy', BEc Hons, Government Dept, University of Sydney
McNevin, Anne (1997) 'Sexuality, Identity and the (Re)Production of International Relations', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, The Faculties, ANU
Maddison, Sarah (2003) ‘Collective identity and Australian feminist activism: Conceptualising the third wave’, PhD, Government and International Relations, University of Sydney
Marotta, Vince (1988) 'Freedom and Community: Germaine Greer's Dilemma, BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Milne, P. (1973) 'Women's Liberation', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Adelaide
Moreton-Robinson, Aileen (1998), ‘Talkin’ up to the White Woman: Indigenous Women and Feminism in Australia’, PhD, Arts Faculty, Griffith University
Munro, Kathryn (1998) 'Technogyny: The Transformation of Reproduction', PhD, Politics/Policy Studies, Deakin University
Nicholls, M. (1971) 'Women's Political Association (1903-1919): A Study in Militant Feminism', BA Hons, History Dept, La Trobe University
O'Donnell, Penny (1980) 'Anti-Feminism in Australia', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, University of Melbourne
O'Keefe, Alison (1992) 'The Participation of Women in Five Victorian Unions', MA, Women's Studies, La Trobe University
Ozich, Clare (1997) ‘“Motherhood Awakened to its True Mission”: Maternal Feminism and the Feminist Movement in Western Australia 1915-1929’ BA Hons, History Dept, University of Western Australia
Penson, Margaret (1993) 'The Australian Women's Liberation Movement and the Communist Party of Australia 1965-75.' PhD, History, Macquarie University
Petersen-Gray, Julieanne (1993) 'Gender Politics: Do Australian Women Vote from a Care Perspective?' BA Hons, Politics Discipline, Flinders University
Phillips, Michelle (1995) The metaphoric language of political cartoons. A study of female gender stereotypes in Australian cartoons (1900), BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Pittaway, Eileen (1999) 'Only Rape - An Analysis of the Role of Discourse in the Policy Process, with Particular Reference to Refugee Women', PhD, School of Management, University of Technology Sydney
Pocock, Barbara (1996) 'Challenging Male Advantage in Australian Unions', PhD, Women's Studies, University of Adelaide
Ranald, Pat (1979) 'Feminism and Class: A Study of Two Sydney Women's Organisations During the Depression and War Years 1929-1949', MA, Dept of Politics, University of Adelaide
Raselli, Patricia (1975) 'The Australian Women's National League — Always a Bridesmaid', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne
Reynolds, Vivene (1977) 'A Study of Women Leaders in Inner Suburban Residents' Associations', BA Hons, Dept of Politics, La Trobe University
Robinson, Penny (1996) ‘ “All that Rigmarole”: Subjectivity and Negotiation of the Widows' Pension in Australia: 1942-1959”, BA Hons (History/Women's Studies), La Trobe University
Rosenthal, Alexandria (2010) 'Young Women and Feminism in the popular media' BA Hons (first class) Politics Program, La Trobe University
Ryder, Jula (1994) "The "Fellow-Travellers": Myra Roper and Australian perceptions of China, 1958 - 72, BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Sadler, Dianne (1975) 'Ideology and Strategy of the Women's Movement: A Study of Intellectual Sources', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne
Savery, Lynn (1995) ‘Past is Present: Gender and International Relations Theory’, BA Hons, Politics Department, Deakin University
Schafer, Ann (1995) 'The Bronwyn Bishop phenomenon', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Shack, Peter (1975) 'The Feminist Thought of J.S. Mill', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Western Australia
Shannon, Elizabeth (1993) 'Advocacy Coalition Frameworks, Policy Oriented Learning and the Provision of Crisis Accommodation for Women in Southern Tasmania', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, University of Tasmania
Shannon, Elizabeth (1997) 'The Influence of Feminism on Public Policy: Abortion and Equal Pay in Australia and the Republic of Ireland', PhD, Political Science Dept, University of Tasmania, 1997
Smith, Alison (1984) 'Women's Refuges: The Only Resort?: Feminism, Domestic Violence and the State', BA Hons, School of Humanities, Griffith University
Smith, Elizabeth Faye (1977) 'Millicent Preston Stanley, a Feminist in Politics', BA Hons, History Dept, University of Sydney
Smith, J. (1984) 'Approaching Pre-Selection. A Profile of Seven Women Candidates', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Melbourne
Sonder, L. (1983) 'Changing patterns of whitecollar unionism in Australia', MA, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Spanos, Theologos (1978) 'A Study of Ten Greek Migrant Women: Their Attitudes and Perceptions in Relation to Trade Unions', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Stell, Marion K. (1978) 'A Study of Women in the Commonwealth Public Service', BA Hons, History Dept, The Faculties, ANU
Stephen, Kylie (1998) 'Feminist Theories of Citizenship', PhD, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Stringer, Rebecca (2003) 'Knowing Victims: Feminism, Ressentiment and the Category “Victim”', PhD, Political Science Program, RSSS, ANU
Sullivan, Kate (1995) 'Add My Name to Emily's List: Change and Adaptation in Electoral Feminism in the US since 1982', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, The Faculties, ANU
Summers, Anne (1970) 'Women's Consciousness of their Role Structure', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Adelaide
Szramka, Annabel (1986) 'The Interrelationship Between Interest Groups and Social Movement Organisations: The Experience of Women's Electoral Lobby 1972-83', BA Hons, Politics Dept, University of Tasmania
Tayson, S (1995) 'Women in Trade Unions and Gender Issues' BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Thompson, Jennifer (1992) 'The Administration of Equal Employment Opportunity in the Australian Public Service: The EEO Co-ordinator's Perspective', MPA, School of Administrative Studies, University of Canberra
Trasancos, Claudia (1988) 'Reluctant Militants: A Study of Four Hospitals During the Victorian Nurses' Strike of 1986, BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Twigg, Karen (1977) 'Mill's Views on Women', BA Hons, Political Science Dept, The Faculties, ANU
Vaughan, Lucy (1993) 'Western feminism and race: a story of encountering difference', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University
Vromen, Ariadne (2000), 'Politicising Community: Gender and Participatory Citizenship in Sydney and Toronto', PhD, School of Social Science and Policy, University of NSW
Wadham, E.J. (1952) 'Women's Suffrage in South Australia 1883-1894', BA Hons, History Dept, University of Adelaide
Warne, Ellen (2000) 'The Mother’s Anxious Future: Australian Christian Women’s Organisations Meet the Modern World, 1890s to 1930s, PhD, History Department, University of Melbourne
Welton, Tinka (1993) 'Australian Feminism and Theories of the State', BA Hons, Government Dept, University of Queensland
Wolk, Seija (1995) 'Sexual Harassment', BA Hons, School of Political Science, University of NSW
Woodward, Leisel (1992) 'The Ordination of Women in the Anglican Church: The Views of Four Women', BA Hons, School of Politics, La Trobe University

NZ Theses – 1992-2005
Devere, Heather (1993) ‘Political Labels and Women’s Attitudes’, PhD, Political Studies Dept, University of Auckland
Grace, Katie (2003) ‘It is Time These Questions were Looked into: An Examination of the Struggle for Pay Equity in New Zealand’, BA Hons, Politics, University of Otago
Knight, Stephanie (2003) ‘Speaking Male: Senior Women in the NZ Public Service’, PhD, Women’s Studies Dept, Victoria University of Wellington
McLaren, Fiona (1995) ‘Ms Representation or Misrepresentation? The Ministry of Women’s Affairs and Women’s Interests’, MA, Politics Dept, University of Auckland
Nicholl, Rae (2001) ‘The Woman Factor: Candidate Selection in the 1990s: New Zealand, Guam and South Africa’, PhD, Political Science Dept, Victoria University of Wellington