Library exhibits explore and reveal the history of women at Yale

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Yale University Library has hosted or will host thirteen exhibits for the 50 Women at Yale 150 [1] celebration. Eleven of the library exhibits explore aspects of women’s history at Yale, while the Senior Essay Exhibits for 2019 and 2020 showcase two contemporary students’ research into the lives and work of women writers.

Library collections together with research by librarians and archivists are central in the commemoration of two historic milestones: the matriculation of the first women students in Yale College in 1969 and the opening of the Yale School of Art in 1869, with the university’s first women students.

The 50 Women at Yale initiative aims “to showcase the depth of women’s contributions to Yale and to the world, to celebrate women at the university, and to inspire thoughtful conversation about the future of women at Yale and in the larger society.”

University Archivist Michael Lotstein has developed an extensive research guide to the history of co-education at Yale [2].

All library exhibits are free and open to the public. See library hours [3].

These 50 Women at Yale 150 exhibits are on view now:

- Student Research on the History of Women at Yale [4], Exhibit Corridor, Sterling Memorial Library, Oct. 2019 – April 2020. Curated by Mariana Melin-Corcoran ’20 (on women graduates of the Yale School of
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These 50 Women at Yale 150 Exhibits will open in 2020:

- **Firsts and Founders: Early Women in Drama at Yale** [5], Haas Family Arts Library, curated by Lindsay King (Associate Director for Access and Research Services, Haas Library), Jan. 23 – May 19, 2020
- **A Herstory of Yale Divinity School: Women at YDS, 1907 – Today** [6], Yale Divinity Library, curated by Elizabeth M. Peters (Project Archivist) and Christopher J. Anderson (Divinity Special Collections Librarian), Sept. 19, 2019 – Aug. 14, 2020
- **Twelve Portraits, Photographs by Tanya Marcuse '90 MFA** [7], Memorabilia Room, Sterling Memorial Library, curated by Marcuse and George Miles (Curator, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library), March 2 – June 26, 2020.

Four 50 Women at Yale 150 exhibits were presented in 2019:

- **When the Walls are Tumbling Down: Coeducation in Yale College** [15], Memorabilia Room, Sterling Memorial Library, curated by Michael Lotstein (University Archivist, Manuscripts and Archives) and Carly Sheehan (Art School ’20), July 22 – Oct. 18, 2019.
- **The First University Art School: 150 Years of the Yale School of Art** [16], curated by Miko McGinty ('93 BA, '98 MFA) and Mar González Palacios (Associate Director, Arts Library Special Collections), Sept. 20, 2019 - Jan, 18, 2020.

Image: Edith Wharton at her writing desk

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