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Margaret Bearlin interviewed by Biff Ward [sound recording]

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2 digital audio tapes (ca. 94 min.)??Bearlin, teacher educator, feminist and social activist, speaks of her childhood preparation for feminism especially her strong sense of social justice, Christian influences, how she became involved in teacher education, the problems of science education for girls, the assault in the 1970s on the masculinist philosophy predominating in education, the influences of Jean Blackburn, WEL, Lindsay Connors and others, her development of a socially critical view of knowledge which involved a huge conceptual shift affecting both her personal and political life, the influence of Paolo Freire and Martin Buber, the 1975 Women & Politics Conference, the Commission on the Position of Women in the Church, feminist theology such as the involvement of Dorothy McMahon and others, the relationship between feminism and war, the International Year of Peace, the National Action Plan in Education for Girls, the AIDEX Arms' Trade Fair, the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, the role of St. Marks, her spiritual journey from Presbyterianism to the Quakers, the International Fellowship of Reconciliation Conferences, her success story involving science education for women and girls, the Australian Science Education Research Association (ASERA).

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