

# Radicalism on Paper: A Timeline of *Rain and Thunder's* Herstory

**Spring 1998**

*Idea to create a radical feminist publication is born by Claudine O'Leary and Nayiree Roubinian.*



**Winter 1998**

*First issue of **Rain and Thunder** is published — 36 pages chock full of radical feminist analysis and activism! Positive responses flood in.*

**Fall 1999**

*Issue on "Movement Building" (Issue 4) published.*



**Winter 1999**

*Issue on "Feminist Anti-Racism" (Issue 5) published.*

**Summer/Fall 1998**

*—Lierre Keith joins the project. The three radical feminists form the founding collective.*

*—Various names are considered including "Furious" and "Unbecoming Women." "Rain and Thunder" is finally agreed upon for its success in conveying the synthesis of activism and theory.*

*—Definition of radical feminism developed for journal.*

*—Logistics of publication figured out as collective members span three separate states: CA, MA, and IL.*

*—Rain and Thunder becomes a project of the Artemis Fund, Inc., a non-profit formed by Lierre to promote the human rights of women and girls.*

*—Outreach to writers and subscribers undertaken as are numerous fundraisers.*



**Spring 1999**

*—Issue on "Nonviolence, Militance, and Resistance" published (Issue #2).*

*—R&T increases its circulation by being sold at 7 feminist and progressive bookstores throughout the U.S. and having a presence at various music festivals and conferences.*



**Spring 2000**

*Issue on "Strategy" (Issue 6) published.*



**Summer 2000**

*—Collective changes its configuration with Gariné Roubinian and Jennifer Reed joining its ranks.*

*—Issue on "Sex" (Issue 7) published.*

**Fall 2000**

*Issue on "Young Feminists" (Issue 8) published.*

**Spring 2001**

Issue on "Art & Politics" (Issue 10) published.

**Fall 2001**

Issue on "Women & Mental Health" (Issue 12) published.



**Winter 2001**

Issue on "Women & Globalization" (Issue 13) published.



**Spring 2003**

The R&T Collective publishes the much beloved Issue #18 "Honoring the Life and Work of Andrea Dworkin." The issue features writings by Carolyn Gage, Catharine MacKinnon, Patricia Barrera, Chris Stark, Janice Raymond, and many others as well as an interview with Andrea.

**Summer 2005**

The "Andrea Dworkin Memorial Issue" (# 27) is published after Andrea's passing. The Collective organizes a local memorial event to honor and remember Andrea's remarkable legacy and life.

**Spring 2006**

Issue on "Women's History" (Issue 30) published.



**January 2006**

Rain and Thunder's official website is launched by web goddess Amy Winter at [www.rainandthunder.org](http://www.rainandthunder.org). Through the website's creation and circulation, R&T increases its subscriber base, visibility and outreach potential!

**Spring 2002**

R&T takes on a new format with full image cover.



**Summer 2002**

Issue on "Lesbian Feminism" (Issue 15) published.



**Winter 2002**

To encourage and inspire more radical feminist activism, the Rain and Thunder Collective designates the annual winter issue of R&T the "Activism" issue.



**Fall 2003**

Issue on "Women's Health" (Issue 20) published.

**Summer 2004**

Issue on "Building Community" (Issue 23) published.

**Spring 2005**

—Issue on "Global Feminism" (Issue 26) published.  
—Networking and communication with various international radical feminist groups and publications activated.

**Spring 2007**

Issue on "Women's Writing and Literature" (Issue 34) published.

**Summer 2007**

Issue on "Spinsterhood" (Issue 35) published.

**Summer 2008**

Issue on "Body and Size Oppression" (Issue 39) published.



**Fall 2008**

Rain and Thunder celebrates 10 years of radical feminist publishing with Issue #40! Here's to 10 more years of radical feminist news, analysis, action and community building!