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Unghosting Apparitional (Lesbian) Histories

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Unghosting Apparitional (Lesbian) Histories is an experiment in building a multi-modal digital project in **Scalar** (http://scalar-1.usc.edu/scalar/), an "open source, media-rich scholarly publishing platform." The project (available **here** (http://scalar.usc.edu/works/unghosting-apparitional-lesbians/index)) revolves around a key question for historians of feminist activism – where are the stories of the thousands of grassroots activists who participated in women's liberation? Using a range of digital approaches and materials from diverse archives, "Unghosting Apparitional (Lesbian) Histories" explores what information can be found about one woman who participated in several key moments of feminist history. The project also raises several questions about the ethics of doing feminist history digitally and about digital archival practices.

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