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The Feminist Capital of the Silicon Valley, 1970-1995

In 1977, the National Women's Political Caucus named San José, California, the "Feminist Capital of the Nation." That the Silicon Valley came to be known as the capital of American feminism in the 1970s and the 1980s warrants serious scholarly examination of the distinct relationships between the local high-technology industry, women workers, and female officials in municipal governments. In weaving this unconventional tale, Jeannette Estruth argues that this capital produced a dominant and durable feminist discourse, a particular and formative corporate altruism, and an unexpected, emerging political character for the Silicon Valley itself.
