Guide to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Families Project, Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities, Records

RU 1124

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TITLE: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Families Project, Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities, records

DATES: 1990–2013

BULK DATES: 2012–2013

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9675 Megabytes

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records consist of oral history interviews, reports, a timeline, and a small collection of printed materials documenting the history of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) family equality movement in the United States. Most of the individuals interviewed were associated with the following organizations: All Our Families Coalition; Center Families (New York City); Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE); Family Equality Council (Boston) and its predecessors (Gay Fathers Coalition and Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International); Fenway Health (Boston); Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS); Our Family Coalition (San Francisco Bay Area); and Rainbow Families (Minneapolis). Additional interviewees include attorneys and mental health and fertility services providers.

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Biographical / Historical
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Families Project was sponsored by the Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities. The project was conducted by Emily Johnson and Joey Plaster, Yale University doctoral candidates, under the supervision of George Chauncey, Samuel Knight Professor of History and American Studies.

The goal of the project was to document the history of the LGBT family equality movement in the United States and focused on a few of the major support, advocacy and service organizations for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families. The project ran from summer 2012 to spring 2013.

Scope and Contents
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Arrangement

The records are arranged in two series: I. Oral history interviews, 2012-2013. II. Reports and historical documents, circa 1990-1912.
Collection Contents

Series I. Oral history interviews

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Arranged alphabetically by last name of interviewee.

Appel, Judy

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Audiorecording
1 computer file (wav) (; 1.5 hours)

Transcript
1 computer file (doc)

2012 June 18

Bergman, Kim

Bergman was, at the time of the interview, co-owner of Fertility Counseling Services and Growing Connections.

The material is closed to research pending receipt of oral history agreement.

Audiorecording
1 computer file (wav) (; 1 hour)

Transcript
1 computer file (doc)

2012 June 13

Bradish, Chip

Bradish was, at the time of the interview, a mental health counselor at Center Ground Counseling in Boston, Massachusetts.

The material is closed to research pending transcript review by interviewee.

Audiorecording
1 computer file (mp3) (; 59 minutes and 40 seconds)

Transcript
1 computer file (doc)

2012 July 16

Carroll, Nina

Carroll was a physician at Fenway Health, Boston Massachusetts.

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Audiorecording
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**Deaner, Cheryl**  
Deaner is the founder of All Our Families Coalition in San Francisco, California.  

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**DeCrescenzo, Terry**  
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**Drew, C. Ray**  
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Ferrera, Michael

Ferrera is a former employee of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles, California, and was, at the time of the interview, director of the GLBT Centers’ LifeWorks program. He co-authored the Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act of 2004.

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Fisher, Timothy Mark

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Gelnaw, Aimee

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Gogin, Kevin, and Dan McPherson
Gogin was, at the time of the interview, program manager for San Francisco Unified Schools. Dan McPherson counseled couples in private practice.

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Greenfield, Dorothy
Greenfield was, at the time of the interview, Clinical Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, Yale Fertility Center, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Hanafin, Hilary
Hanafin was, at the time of the interview, a clinical psychologist with the Center for Surrogate Parenting in Los Angeles, California.

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Hecht-McGowen, Emily
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Hecht-McGowen, Emily (continued)

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Jacobson, Linda

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Kauffman, Joyce

Kauffman was, at the time of the interview, a family attorney at Kauffman and Crozier and board member of GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders).

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Logan, Jon

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Audiorecording
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Lorenz, Bill 2012 July 16
Lorenz was, at the time of the interview, director of finance and administration of Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Audiorecording
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Lynch, Stefan 2013 March 12
Lynch served as co-director of COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

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Majors, Steve 2012 July 12
Majors was, at the time of the interview, communications director, Family Equality Council.

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Meyers, Jen
Meyers was, at the time of the interview, director of development for Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Miller-Shiell, Heather
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Audiorecording
1 computer file (mp3) (; 46 minutes and 37 seconds)

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Nelson, Stephen, and Peter Vitale
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Prochovnick, Ora 2013 March 15
Prochovnick was, at the time of the interview, an attorney who specialized in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender family law.

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Audiorecording
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Robinson, Doug 2012 August 26
Robinson chaired the board of Center Families.

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Audiorecording
2 computer files (wav) (; 1.75 hours)

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Rosen, Arielle 2012 June 17
Rosen is the former director of the LA Center’s GLBT Family Services Program.

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Ruby, Alice 2013 March 18
Ruby was, at the time of the interview, executive director of the Sperm Bank of California, Berkeley.

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Teper, Beth
Teper is a former executive director of COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

Permission to access requires written permission from Beth Teper.

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Tisel, Betty
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Transcripts
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Tyrrell, Gerry
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Vassar, Janice
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### Wald, Deborah

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### Weltman, John J.

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### White, Jacqueline

White was a member of the board of Rainbow Families (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and Host Home.

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Wright, Brent

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