

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

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9675 Megabytes

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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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Administrative Information

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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

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.

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, 2012-2013

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Arranged alphabetically by last name of interviewee.

Appel, Judy 2012 June 18

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[\[Aviary\] Appel, Judy, 2012 June 18](#)

Appel was, at the time of the interview, the executive director of Our Family Coalition in San Francisco, California.

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Bergman, Kim 2012 June 13

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[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 bergman kim audiorecording](#)

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

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Bradish, Chip 2012 July 16

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

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Carroll, Nina

2012 July 11

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Carroll was a physician at Fenway Health, Boston Massachusetts.

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Chrisler, Jennifer

2013 January 31

1 Computer File (.mp3) (44 minutes and 17 seconds)

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Chrisler is the former executive director of Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Coolidge, Liz

2012 July 12

1 Computer File (.wav) (1 hour, 6 minutes, and 5 seconds)

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Coolidge was, at the time of the interview, the family and parenting coordinator for Fenway Health, in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Davenport, Scott

2012 March 29

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Davenport was a member of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council) and originator of Family Week, an LGBT family event in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

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Deaner, Cheryl

2012 June 19

1 Computer File (.wav) 0:55:46 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1 hour)[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 deaner cheryl audiorecording](#)

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

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DeCrescenzo, Terry

2012 June 12

1 Computer File (.wav) 1:10:32 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.5 hours)

[\[Aviary\] ru 1124_s01_decrescenzo_terry_audiorecording](#)

DeCrescenzo is the founder of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles, California.

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Drew, C. Ray

2013 May 15

1 Computer File (.mp3) (51 minutes and 50 seconds)

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Drew was the first paid executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition (later the Family Equality Council).

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Ferrera, Michael

2012 June 12

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[\[Aviary\] ru 1124_s01_ferrera_michael_audiorecording](#)

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

2013 May 8

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Fisher was the first executive director, Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council).

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Gelnaw, Aimee

2013 May 7

1 Computer File (.mp3) (54 minutes and 2 seconds)

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Gelnaw was the second paid executive director of Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council).

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Gogin, Kevin, and Dan McPherson

2013 March 20

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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

2012 June 13

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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

2012 June 11

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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

2012 July 13

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Hecht-McGowen was, at the time of the interview, the Director of Public Policy, Family Equality Council.

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Jacobson, Linda
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2013 March 19

Jacobson served on the board of Our Family Coalition.

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Kauffman, Joyce
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2013 May 15

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

2012 June 25

1 Computer File (.wav) 1:46:47 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.75 hours)

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Logan is the founder of Our Family in Berkeley, California.

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Lorenz, Bill

2012 July 16

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[\[Aviary\] ru_1124_s01_lorenz_bill_audiorecording](#)

Lorenz was, at the time of the interview, director of finance and administration of Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Lynch, Stefan

2013 March 12

1 Computer File (.wav) 1:14:54 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.25 hours)

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Lynch served as co-director of COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

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Majors, Steve

2012 July 12

1 Computer File (.wav) (7 minutes and 4 seconds)

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Majors was, at the time of the interview, communications director, Family Equality Council.

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Meyers, Jen

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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

2013 April 1

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Miller-Shiell is a former board member of Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Nelson, Stephen, and Peter Vitale

2012 August 26

2 Computer Files (.wav) (51 minutes and 11 seconds)

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Nelson and Vitale are former board members of Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Nolan, Nick (pseudonym)

2012 June 11

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[\[Aviary\] ru 1124_s01_nolan_nick \(pseudonym\) audiorecording](#)

Nolan is a former employee of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles, California.

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Planck, Corri

2013 May 17

1 Computer File (.mp3) (44 minutes, 3 seconds)

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Planck was the first director of policy and public affairs and former deputy executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council).

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Potter, Jennifer

2012 July 13

1 Computer File (.mp3) (30 minutes and 21 seconds)

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Potter was, at the time of the interview, director of Women's Health Center at Boston Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Prochovnick, Ora

2013 March 15

1 Computer File (.wav) 0:44:21 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (45 minutes)

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Prochovnick was, at the time of the interview, an attorney who specialized in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender family law.

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Robinson, Doug

2012 August 26

2 Computer Files (.wav) 1:07:27 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.75 hours)

[\[Aviary\] ru 1124_s01_Robinson_Doug](#)

Robinson chaired the board of Center Families.

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Rosen, Arielle

2012 June 17

1 Computer File (.wav) 1:31:54 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.5 hours)

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Rosen is the former director of the LA Center's GLBT Family Services Program.

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Ruby, Alice

2013 March 18

1 Computer File (.wav) 0:58:00 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1 hour)[\[Aviary\] ru 1124_s01_ruby_alice_audiorecording](#)

Ruby was, at the time of the interview, executive director of the Sperm Bank of California, Berkeley.

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Simões, Rocki

2012 August 29

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Simões was, at the time of the interview, involved with Host Home and Avenues for Youth in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Smidzik, Laura

2012 August 31

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Smidzik was the second executive director of Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Spiegel, Charlie

2012 June 26

2 Computer Files (.wav) 0:55:08 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.5 hours)

[\[Aviary\] ru_1124_s01_spiegel_charlie_audiorecording](#)

Spiegel was a founder of Our Family Coalition.

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Talen, Deborah

2012 August 27

1 Computer File (.mp3) (1 hour, 17 minutes, and 31 seconds)

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Talen was the first executive director of Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Teper, Beth 2013 March 19
2 Computer Files (.wav) 0:47:10 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (45 minutes)
[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 teper beth audiorecording](#)

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

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Tisel, Betty 2012 August 25
2 Computer Files (.mp3) (47 minutes and 52 seconds)
[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 tisel betty audiorecording](#)

Tisel is a former board member and newsletter editor for Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Tyrrell, Gerry 2012 August 22
2 Computer Files (.mp3) (53 minutes and 32 seconds)
[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 tyrrell gerry audiorecording](#)

Tyrrell is a former Board Member, Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Vassar, Janice

2012 August 28

1 Computer File (.mp3) (48 minutes and 52 seconds)[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 vassar janice audiorecording](#)

Vassar was a member of the board of Rainbow Families in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Wald, Deborah

2013 March 13

1 Computer File (.wav) 0:38:47 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (45 minutes)[\[Aviary\] ru 1124 s01 wald deborah audiorecording](#)

Wald was, at the time of the interview, an attorney who specialized in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender family law.

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Weltman, John J.

2012 July 9

2 Computer Files (.mp3) (44 minutes and 17 seconds)

[\[Aviary\] Weltman, John J., 2012 July 9](#)

Weltman was, at the time of the interview, an attorney at Circle Surrogacy in Boston, Massachusetts.

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White, Jacqueline

2012 August 20

2 Computer Files (.mp3) (1 hour, 49 minutes, and 9 seconds)

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

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Wright, Brent

2012 July 18

1 Computer File (.mp3) (26 minutes and 11 seconds)

[\[Aviary\] ru_1124_s01_wright_brent_audiorecording](#)

Wright was, at the time of the interview, director of programming of Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Series II: Reports and historical documents, Circa 1990-2012

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b. 1, f. 1	Project records Consists of brief research reports on organizations and individuals relevant to the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender family movement in the United States, which were compiled by Emily Johnson and Joey Plaster in preparation for conducting the oral history interviews. Also included are a spreadsheet with interview information (duplicated in the collection inventory) and a timeline: "Brief History of GLBT Parenting, with focus on the U.S."	2012
	Historical documents Consists of reports, articles, forms and survey responses given to the Emily Johnson for the archive, by a Gerry Tyrrell and a member of the Fenway Community Health.	
b. 1, f. 2	Fenway Community Health	Circa 1990-2011
b. 1, f. 3	Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition	Circa 1993-1996
b. 1, f. 4	Rainbow Families and Family Equality Council	Circa 1993-2012
b. 1, f. 5	Gerry Tyrrell research material on gay and lesbian families	1990s

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