Jehan Agrama Collection on the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA) Coll2008-049

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Date (bulk): 1991-1993

Abstract: Correspondence, agendas, notes, minutes, programs, reports, and materials collected by Jehan Agrama in her role as Co-President and as member of the Board of Directors of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA), 1989-1994. The collection includes documents related to the formation of GLAAD/USA, GLAAD Media Awards programs, 1994-2000; and documents outreach to the Los Angeles Unified School District and Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force.

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Biography

Jehan Agrama was born in Cairo, Egypt, and attended school in Rome, Italy. In 1976, she came to the United States to attend college. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Pomona College, Claremont, and an Honors M.B.A. from the Presidential Key Executive Program of Pepperdine University. Agrama went on to work in the entertainment industry, where she rose to the position of Chief Operating Officer of Harmony Gold, an international television production and distribution company with ancillary merchandising and music divisions.

Agrama was a founder of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA), serving as the first female co-president in 1989; she was re-elected in 1990 and 1991. Agrama also contributed to the creation and production of the Annual GLAAD Media Awards and served as the Co-Chair of the 10th Annual event in 1999. She represented GLAAD/LA on the Executive Committee of the Mayor's Los Angeles Coalition (formerly Coalition of 100), the Media Image Coalition of Minorities and Women, and the Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force of Rebuild LA (RLA). Until 1994, she served on the GLAAD/LA board as Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee. She was elected to the first Emerita position on the board.

In 1992, the Gay & Lesbian Arab Society of Los Angeles honored Agrama with the Knights of the Middle East Award. In 1993, the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center honored her with their Community Service Award, and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund honored her with their Liberty Award. In the same year she also served as a Community Grand Marshall of the Christopher Street West (CSW) Pride. She currently (2008) lives with her spouse of over 25 years, Dwora Fried.

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Processing Information

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Scope and Content of Collection
The Jehan Agrama Collection on Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA) consists of six series. The series are related to her role as Co-President, member of the Board of Directors, and Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee. The collection includes documents related to the formation of GLAAD/USA, outreach to the Los Angeles Unified School District, and her representation of GLAAD on the Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force. Also included are GLAAD Media Awards Show programs, 1994-2000, and a sample of GLAAD publications, 1989-2001.

Arrangement
The basic arrangement reflects the order in which the files were found, with the board of director files consolidated into one chronological series.

Separated Material
Guides:

Magazines and Newsletters:
GLAAD Dispatch - Volume 3, issue number 8 (August 1996).
GLAAD Images - May/June 1996.
GLAAD Notes - Volume 2, number 4 (Winter 2000).

Programs:
Lesbian And Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA), Second Annual Community Service Award program, 2001.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Toleration -- Study and teaching
Prejudices -- United States
Minorities in mass media
Mass media -- Social aspects -- United States
Discrimination -- United States
Hate crimes -- United States -- Prevention
Hate speech -- United States
Homophobia -- United States -- Prevention
Homosexuality -- Law and legislation -- United States
Mass media and gays -- United States
Mass media -- Political aspects -- United States
Agrama, Jehan
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Chapter correspondence and press releases Series 1.84157 1989-1994
Physical Description: 11 folders.

Series Scope and Content
The series consists of correspondence from local chapters and the national chapter, including correspondence on the creation of the national federation, GLAAD/USA. The series also includes press releases from the GLAAD/LA office.

Box 1, Folder 1-2 GLAAD/USA 84170 1990-1993
Box 1, Folder 3 GLAAD/Los Angeles. Letters to the editor 84169 1992
Box 1, Folder 4 GLAAD/Los Angeles. Spanish speaking media 84168 1991-1992
Box 1, Folder 5  GLAAD/New York City 1989-1990
Box 1, Folder 6  GLAAD/Orange County, California 1991
Box 1, Folder 7  GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area 1990-1992
Box 1, Folder 8  GLAAD/other chapters 1991-1992
Box 1, Folder 9-10  GLAAD/National 1989-1993
Miscellaneous 1990-1994
Box 1, Folder 11  Los Angeles City Task Force on Family Diversity, submitted by Diane Himes, David Link, Linda Poverny May 20, 1987
Box 1, Folder 11  Rockefeller, Kirwin, Film and Dream Imagery in Personal Mythology: A Pilot Study Using the Mythic Method June 1992
Box 1, Folder 11  Rockefeller, Kirwin, Psychoneuroimmunology and Biopsychological Cofactors of HIV-Spectrum Disease and Long-Term Survivors: A Review of the Literature September 1992
Box 1, Folder 12  Press releases 1990-1994

GLAAD/LA Board of Directors Series 2.1989-1995

Box 1, Folder 13  By-laws 1989-1990
Box 1, Folder 14  Board nominations 1990-1991
Box 1, Folder 15  Co-President 1990-1991
Box 1, Folder 16  Board general information 1990-1992
Box 1, Folder 17  Executive director search 1992-1992
Box 1, Folder 18  Board job-descriptions 1990-1992
Box 1, Folder 19  Board development 1990-1992
Box 1, Folder 20-21  Board retreats 1990-1993
Box 2, Folder 13  Contact information 1990-1995
Box 1, Folder 22  Board profiles 1991
Box 1, Folder 23  Board letters of understanding 1991-1992
Box 1, Folder 24  Board self-appraisals 1991-1992
Box 1, Folder 25-  Board meeting minutes 1991-1992
Box 2, Folder 2  Board application 1991-1993
Box 2, Folder 3  Executive committee 1992
Box 2, Folder 4  Steering committee 1992-1994
Box 2, Folder 5  Organizational structure circa 1992
Box 2, Folder 6-9  Board meeting minutes 1993
Box 2, Folder 10-12  Board meeting minutes 1994
Box 4, Folder 5-6  Clippings 1988-1994

GLAAD/LA Outreach Series 3.84126 1989-1994

Box 2, Folder 13  Los Angeles Office of Education 1989-1991
Box 2, Folder 14  Education sub-committee minutes 1991-1993
Box 2, Folder 15  Education sub-committee miscellaneous 1991-1993
Box 2, Folder 16-17  Outreach committee 1990-1993

Physical Description: 28 folders.
Series Scope and Content
The GLAAD/LA Board of Directors series contains meeting agendas and minutes, job descriptions, letters of understanding, self-appraisals, and retreat materials. The retreat folders included materials for the development of a cohesive and enduring organization.

Series Scope and Content
Agrama served as Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee, which provides sensitivity training and meets with media executives. The series contains sensitivity training information, agendas, notes, and minutes, along with related outreach information to the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force.
GLAAD/LA Outreach Series 3.841261989-1994

Box 2, Folder 18  Media Outreach miscellaneous 84131 1991-1993
Box 2, Folder 19  Media Outreach sensitivity training 84130 1992-1993
Box 2, Folder 20  Sensitivity training: request for qualifications 84129 1993
Box 2, Folder 21  Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) background information 84128 1992-1993
Box 2, Folder 22  Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) committee materials 84127 1992-1993

Lift the Ban on Gays and Lesbians in the Military Series 4.84118 1993

Physical Description: 7 folders.

Series Scope and Content
In 1993, President Bill Clinton attempted to honor his promise to allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the United States military. The series documents GLAAD’s efforts in support of lifting the ban; the series consists of statements, press releases, and event planning documents.

Box 2, Folder 23  Celebrity resolutions 84125 1993
Box 2, Folder 24  Video press conference, To Support and Defend 84124 1993
Box 2, Folder 25  Military press 84123 1993
Box 2, Folder 26  Lift the ban poster 84122 1993
Box 2, Folder 27  Lesbians in the military 84121 1993
Box 2, Folder 28  Military resolution 84120 1993
Box 2, Folder 29  Military meetings 84119 1993

Awards and Recognition Programs Series 5.84105 1994-2000

Physical Description: 10 folders.

Series Scope and Content
Agrama participated in the creation and production of the GLAAD Media Awards. This series primarily contains programs from the 1994-2000 Media Awards. The series also contains a draft script of the 1997 Los Angeles Media Awards show, written by Agrama and Michael B. Keegan, and a copy of Daily Variety Gotham celebrating the 10th anniversary of the GLAAD Media Awards. Other programs include the 2nd Annual GLAAD Fairness Awards, and the program from Congregation Kol Ami celebration honoring Peter W. Kraus, MD, Jehan Agrama, and Judge Stephen M. Lachs.

Box 3, Folder 2  Draft of script to Los Angeles awards show by Jehan Agrama and Michael B. Keegan 84117 1997
Box 3, Folder 3  5th Annual Los Angeles Awards program 84116 1994
Box 3, Folder 4  6th Annual Los Angeles Awards programs 84115 1995
Box 3, Folder 5  7th Annual Los Angeles, New York Awards program 84114 1996
Box 3, Folder 6  8th Annual USA and Los Angeles Awards programs 84113 1997
Box 3, Folder 7  9th Annual USA and Los Angeles Awards programs 84112 1998
Box 3, Folder 8  10th Annual Los Angeles Awards program 84110 1999
Box 4, Folder 7  Daily Variety Gotham 84111 April 16, 1999
Box 3, Folder 9  11th Annual Los Angeles Awards program 84109 2000
Box 3, Folder 10  2nd Annual Fairness Awards in Los Angeles program 84107 1999
Box 3, Folder 11  Congregation Kol Ami Celebrates: Flying Toward a Brighter Future, Honoring Peter W. Kraus, MD, Jehan Agrama, and Judge Stephen M. Lachs program 84106 1999


Physical Description: 5 folders.

Series Scope and Content
The series consists of a sample of GLAAD publications including guides, reports, brochures, and flyers created to promote its goal of accurate and inclusive representations of people and events in the media.

Box 3, Folder 12  Homophobia Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation 84104 1989-1991
Box 3, Folder 13  Lesbian and Gay Images: An Entertainment Media Resource 84103 1995
Box 4, Folder 1  National Media Center Project executive summary 84102 1996
Box 4, Folder 2  Annual report 84101 2000
Box 4, Folder 3  

**Brochures, flyers, and newsletters** 84100 **1990-2001**