Finding aid to the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union records, 1973-1987
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Abstract: Correspondence, meeting minutes, manuscripts, publicity material, notes, financial records, photographs, membership records, conference administrative records, grant applications, bylaws, articles of incorporation, and other records documenting activities of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU), 1973 to 1987. Founded in 1973 in New York, New York, the Gay Academic Union consisted of a national network of college and university chapters. In 1978, the national headquarters moved to Los Angeles, California.
Administrative History
The Gay Academic Union (GAU) was founded in New York, New York, in 1973, "to promote and disseminate research on homosexuality and gay people." The GAU consisted of a national network of college and university chapters, totaling a dozen chapters by 1979. In 1978 the GAU's Board of Directors, as well as its annual conference, moved from New York to Los Angeles, California. In the early 1980s, GAU changed its name to the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU). The Los Angeles chapter and National office of the LGAU ceased operations, circa 1987. However, some chapters of LGAU continued into the 1990s.
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Processing Information
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Scope and Content
This collection comprises correspondence, meeting minutes, manuscripts, publicity material, notes, financial records, photographs, membership records, conference administrative records, grant applications, bylaws, articles of incorporation, and other records documenting activities of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU), 1973 to 1987. Materials in the collection document activities, including Board of Directors meetings, annual LGAU conferences, public events, and distribution of scholarships. The bulk of the collection comprises scrapbooks and administrative records of the Los Angeles chapter of LGAU, particularly from the period after LGAU's national board of directors moved from New York to Los Angeles in 1978. This collection also includes administrative records and publicity material from other chapters of LGAU.
Arrangement
This collection is divided into two series:
Series 1. National LGAU and Los Angeles chapter records
Series 2. Other chapter administrative records.
Related Materials
Betty Berzon Papers, Coll2011-004, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California.
Separated Materials
The following have been separated to the ONE Archives periodical collection:

About Our Children (1978)
Books Bohemian, Catalogue No. 5 (April 1979)
Books Bohemian, Catalogue No. 6 (June 1979)
California Human Rights Advocates “From the Lobby” (undated)
Gay Academic Union, Inc., Los Angeles Chapter, Newsletter (undated)
Grove Press (Fall 1979)
Newsletter of the Interdisciplinary Clearinghouse of Gay Research, No. 1 (May 1974)
Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, Los Angeles Chapter, Newsletter (Winter 1982)
The L.O.V.E.R. Home Companion Vol. 2 No. 7 (September 1978)
The L.O.V.E.R. Home Companion Vol. 2 No. 8 (October 1978)
Making a Difference, National Association of Gay Gerontologists, Vol. 1 No. 1 (July 1978)
Open Quest Calendar (May-June 1979)
Open Quest Calendar (November-December 1979)
Professional Advisory Council calendar (July 1978)
Professional Advisory Council calendar (September 1978)

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gay and lesbian studies
Gays -- Education
Gays in higher education
Homosexuality and education -- United States
Lesbians -- Education
Box 1, Folder 1-2  
**1979 Scrapbook 1979**  
Scope and Contents  
Scrapbook includes images of GAU/LA steering committee, including Gary Steele, Bob Hodges, Betty Berzon, John A. Cohan, Sal Licata, Mark Hickey, Larry Lyon, Don Carufo, Teresa DeCrescenzo, and Ben Teller; Women's Committee, including Diane Abbitt, Roberta Bennett, Janet Johnson, Deborah Ellis Stevenson, Sheridan Thomas, Gail Browne, and Ginger Roth; and GAU speakers, members, and attendees, including Jay Hayes, Dr. Wayne Wooden, Mike Riley, Dr. Dan Calder, Vitto Russo, Paul Siegel, Jean O'Leary, Pat Rocco, John Odom, Don Clark, Midge Costanza, Steve Lachs, Don Knutson, Anne Peplau, Christine Padeskey, Susan Cochran, Pat Berly, Myra Riddell, Joyce Gonzales, Marty Rochlin, Paul La Riviere, Sheldon Adelson, Jeanne Cordova, Jeanne Berson, Charlotte Bunch, Meg Christian, Dottie Wine, Ivy Bottini, Pam Parker, Brian Miller, Laud Humphreys, Christopher Isherwood, Fred DeCanio, Fred Green, Jeff Beane, Sharon McDonald, Jim Long, Bonnie Moore, Eric Lichtman, Bronwyn Anthony, Janet Witkin, Linda Poverny, Loretta Lotman, Malcolm Boyd, Harry Hay, Rex Reece, and Joe Loundry.

Box 1, Folder 3-4  
**1980 Scrapbook 1980**  
Scope and Contents  
Scrapbook includes images of GAU speakers, members, and attendees, including Anne Peplau, Bronwyn Anthony, Bonnie Moore, Sharon Raphael, Brian Miller, James Lipsett, Linda Barone, Lois Bencangen, Mike Riley, Southern California Physicians for Human Rights, Rose Maly, Jane Patterson, Susan Cochran, Sheila Bob, Jeff Beane, Mina Robinson, Alan Maylon, Michal Gregg, Harry Hay, Travis Foote, Alcoholism Center for Women, Jane Hoose, Wally Funk, Helene Rosenbluth, Kay Loveland, Amy Erisman, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Sheila Williams, Lynn Turner, Pam Parker, Johnnie Phelps, and Marny Hall.

Box 1, Folder 5-7  
**1981 Scrapbook 1981**  
Scope and Contents  
Scrapbook includes images of GAU speakers, members, and attendees, including Morris Kight, Lillian Faderman, the Women's Committee, the Hollywoodwinds, No Strings Attached (band), Judith Goodman, Rex Reece, Dr. Marilyn Mehr, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Susan McGreivy, Peter Nardi, Dick Follett, Bob Hodges, Linda Poverny, Gunther Freehill, Bill Rossitar, and Dr. Jane Patterson.

Box 1, Folder 8-10  
**1982 Scrapbook 1982**  
Scope and Contents  
Scrapbook includes images of GAU speakers, members, and attendees, including Dr. John de Cecco, Professor Betty Brooks, Kay Loveland, Marty Rochlin, Dr. Jane Haven, Rev. Nancy Wilson, Gunther Freehill, Jim Kelley, Jean Weishaar, Griff Humphreys, Gay Abarrbanal, Shirley Blue, Susan Gross, Susan McGreivy, Marlene Bram, Carter Wilson, and Dennis Altman.

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**1983 Scrapbook 1983**  
Scope and Contents  
Scrapbook includes images of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU) contingent in an unidentified gay pride parade.

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**1984 Scrapbook 1984**  
Scope and Contents  
Scrapbook includes images of unidentified attendees at an LGAU monthly meeting.
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Scope and Contents
Includes 1 black and white photograph of unidentified woman.

Other chapter administrative records Series 2 1973-1987

Scope and Contents
This series comprises correspondence, publicity material, newsletter editorial copy, and other administrative records from various chapters of LGAU, including foreign affiliates in Canada, Mexico, and Europe.

Arrangement
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