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Date (bulk): Bulk, 1987-1994

Date (inclusive): 1979-1995

Abstract: The collection consists primarily of administrative records of the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA), 1981-1995, bulk 1987-1995. SOLGA (originally the Anthropological Research Group on Homosexuality (ARGOH), 1978-1987) is a group within the American Anthropological Association (AAA) created to advocate for the "the 'scholarly legitimacy' of anthropological studies on homosexuality," as well as "recognition within the association."

creator: Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged in approximate chronological order.

Administrative History
At the American Association of Anthropologists (AAA) annual meeting held in Los Angeles in 1978, a group of gay and lesbian anthropologists founded the Anthropological Research Group on Homosexuality (ARGOH) to advocate for the "the 'scholarly legitimacy' of anthropological studies on homosexuality," as well as "recognition within the association" [1]. ARGOH became the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA) in 1987. In 1998 SOLGA was granted "official status" in a vote by the AAA's membership. The organization changed its name to the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) in 2010, following "a year long discussion about the organization's mission and demographics" [2].

References:

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Scope and Contents
Correspondence, financial documents, bylaws, membership records, executive records, newsletters, meeting notes, handwritten notes, and other material documenting the activities of the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists (SOLGA), 1979-1995, bulk 1987-1995. The majority of the collection materials derive from Wayne State University Professor Arnold Pilling's tenure as SOLGA's Treasurer from 1987 until his death in 1994.

Related archival materials
Joseph M. Carrier papers, Coll2007.001, ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Conditions Governing Access
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Acquisition
Date and method of acquisition are unknown.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Anthropological Research Group on Homosexuality.
Anthropology
Gays in higher education
Homosexuality and education
Box 1, Folder 1  
**Anthropological Research Group on Homosexuality (ARGOH) records 1981-1983**

Box 1, Folder 2  
**ARGOH and SOLGA financial records 1985-1987**

Scope and Contents note
Includes one 5-inch floppy disk.

Box 1, Folder 3  
**ARGOH membership lists 1987**

Box 1, Folder 4  
**ARGOH transition to SOLGA 1987**

Box 1, Folder 5  
**Membership lists 1987**

Box 1, Folder 6-7  
**Potential membership lists 1987**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 8  
**Executive correspondence 1987-1988**

Box 1, Folder 9  
**Financial correspondence 1987-1988**

Box 1, Folder 10  
**Check registers for ARGOH and SOLGA 1987-1988**

Box 1, Folder 11-12  
**Membership requests 1987-1988**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 13  
**ARGOH newsletter records 1987-1988**

Box 1, Folder 14  
**Bylaws committee 1988**

Box 1, Folder 15-16  
**Executive correspondence 1988**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 17  
**Meeting and conference records 1988**

Box 1, Folder 18  
**Membership lists and meeting notes 1988**

Box 1, Folder 19  
**Newsletter records, issues sent by Pilling 1988**

Box 1, Folder 20  
**Newsletter records, back issues accounts 1988-1993**

Box 1, Folder 21  
**General administrative records 1988-1989**

Scope and Contents note
Includes correspondence, meeting notes, financial records, and membership records.

Box 1, Folder 22  
**Executive committee 1988-1989**

Box 1, Folder 23  
**Membership requests 1988-1989**

Box 1, Folder 24  
**Payne Award correspondence 1988-1989**

Box 1, Folder 25  
**Correspondence and membership lists 1989**

Box 1, Folder 26-28  
**Membership records 1989**

Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 1, Folder 29-30  
**Executive committee 1989-1990**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 31-32  
**Membership requests 1989-1990**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 33  
**Financial correspondence 1990**

Box 1, Folder 34-36  
**Membership records 1990**

Physical Description: [3 folders]
Box 2, Folder 1  
Newsletter records, Rutgers 1990
Memberhip records 1990

Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 2, Folder 2-4 
Executive committee 1990-1991

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 2, Folder 7
Financial correspondence 1990-1991
Memberhip records 1990-1991

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Box 2, Folder 5-6 
Executive committee 1990-1991

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 2, Folder 8-13 
Memberhip records 1990-1991

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Box 2, Folder 14-15 
Executive committee 1991-1992

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Box 2, Folder 16-17 
Memberhip requests 1991-1992

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 2, Folder 18-22 
Executive committee 1992

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Box 2, Folder 23-27 
Memberhip records 1992

Physical Description: [6 folders]

Box 3, Folder 1 
Proposal for a task force on discrimination against lesbians and gay men in anthropology 1992

Box 3, Folder 2-3 
Financial records 1987-1992

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 3, Folder 4 
Memberhip address changes 1987-1992

Box 3, Folder 5-6 
Executive committee 1992-1993

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 3, Folder 7-9 
Financial correspondence 1992-1993

Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 3, Folder 10 
Bank statements 1987-1993

Box 3, Folder 11 
Memberhip requests 1992-1993

Box 3, Folder 12 
Executive committee 1993

Box 3, Folder 13 
Bank statements 1993

Box 3, Folder 14-20 
Memberhip records 1993-1994

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Box 3, Folder 21 
Executive committee 1994

Box 3, Folder 22 
T-shirt fund 1994

Box 3, Folder 23-26 
Memberhip records 1994

Physical Description: [4 folders]

Box 3, Folder 27-28 
Co-chair Norris Lang records 1992-1995

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 4, Folder 1-3 
Co-chair Norris Lang records 1995

Physical Description: [3 folders]
Box 4, Folder 4-18  ARGOH and SOLGA newsletters 1979-1994

Physical Description: [15 folders]