Finding aid to the Valerie Johnson papers, 1992-2006 Coll2013.019

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**creator:** Johnson, Valerie

**Biography**

Valerie Johnson is a high school teacher in fine arts photography from South Laguna, California. Since the 1970s, when she campaigned against the California Proposition 6 Briggs Initiative, she has remained politically active, particularly in regards to anti-discrimination based on gender and sexuality. She was an active member of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and both attended and led numerous workshops at various conferences. She was especially active in raising awareness of the Californian Assembly Bill AB 537, the California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000, that changed California's education code by adding sexual orientation and gender to the nondiscrimination policy.

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**Scope and Content**

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**Arrangement**

This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

**Separated Materials**

The following newsletters have been separated from the collection and cataloged in the ONE Archives periodicals collection:
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PFLAG, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, South Orange County/Laguna Woods, September 2001.
The following items have been separated from the collection and cataloged into ONE Archives' collection of ephemera:
Gay & Lesbian Knowledge Cards, Rohnert Park, CA: Today's Out Look (Catalog Number K122).

Subjects and Indexing Terms
California Teachers Association.
Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Gay and lesbian studies
Gay youth
Gays--Education
Homosexuality and education--United States
Lesbian youth
Lesbians--Education
Teaching--Handbooks, manuals, etc.
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Aliso Niguel High School (ANHS), Capistrano Unified Education Association (CUEA) workshop 1997-2000
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Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) conference 2000
Box 1, Folder 6
Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) conference; 1st GLSEN-Orange County conference May 1999
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Clippings and related notes and material
"Can't Take Color Out of Colorado" March 14, 2000
Cheney, Mary editorials August 10, 2000
"Dear Abby" October 11, 1999
Dyke March 2002
El Modena High School 2000
Gay athletes; Lorey Johnson September 17, 2000
Gay Christians, advice column 1999-2003
Gay Mormon suicide May 8, 2000
"Gay Today," Newsweek March 20, 2000
Gender and homophobia 2001-2002
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Genetics and LGBT article, Los Angeles Times May 21, 2001
Goldwater, Barry 1998
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