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Abstract: The collection consists of Dr. Charles W. Gossett's research on domestic partnership benefits, LGBT employment discrimination, and other LGBT-related topics, 1966-2008. The collection includes administrative records of the Commission on Domestic Partnership Benefits for the District of Columbia, Georgia Equality Project, and American Political Science Association's Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession, 1986-2007. A university professor and administrator, Gossett has researched, published, and advocated on issues related to lesbian and gay rights since the late 1980s.

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Separated Materials
Separated to the ONE periodical collection
ASPA Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual News, a publication of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual members of ASPA (February 1994, March 1995).
BLK, v.4, no.3; v.5, no.1 (1993-1994).
Equality Notes, George Equality Project, second and fourth quarter (1999); first and fourth quarter (2000).
GAPOO, Gay People's Union at Stanford (May 15, 1974).
Georgia Equality Project NEWS (January 1997).
GLAAD Images (May/June 1996).
HRC Quarterly (Spring 2001).
Network News, v.13, no.8; v.21, no.12 (June 1999 September 2007).
Newsletter of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Political Science Caucus, v.1, no.1, 2; v.2, no.1, 2; v.3, no.1 (1995-1997).
Timeless Voices (April, May, June 1999).
Venus Magazine (February-March 1996).
Separated to the ONE program and booklet collection
"Registering as Domestic Partners." Lambda Legal and LA Gay & Lesbian Center
Separated to the ONE T-shirt collection
"1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON / LESBIAN, GAY, AND BI / EQUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERATION" Black shirt with the United States Capitol Building inside a purple triangle on the front. Text reads around the triangle.
"MARRIAGE IS A HUMAN RIGHT / NOT A HETEROSEXUAL PRIVILEDGE / Don't Amend.com / STOP the Constitutional Amendment to Ban Same-Sex Marriage" Blue shirt with white text on the front.
Separated to the ONE magnet and pin collections
"Call - Write - Vote / HRC - GLAAD - GEP" (magnet)
“march 21-27, 1999 / equality / begins / at home / National Gay and Lesbian Task Force / Federation of LGBT Statewide / Political Organizations”

“Equality / Through Visibility / in the Media / GLAAD 1.800.GAY MEDIA / www.glaad.org” (magnet)

“The Lady Chablis” (magnet)

“Moving? / Anywhere in the U.S.A. / Referral to Gay/Lesbian Real Estate Agents / In Your "New" (or Current) Area / Toll Free 1-877-GAY-HOMES / www.gay-homes.com / Across America Real Estate Network / No Fee to You!! Sorry, No Rentals” (magnet)

“Southern / Voice / All the news for your Life. / And your Style. / voice 404-876-1819 / fax 404-876-2709 / www.sovo.com” (magnet)

Separated to the Non-LGBT Magazine Cover Story Collection, Coll2013.027

The Nation (July 4, 1994 and July 12, 1999).

Separated to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Collection, Coll2011-056


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Scope and Contents

The collection comprises Dr. Charles W. Gossett’s research on domestic partnerships benefits and LGBT employment discrimination in city, county, and state government agencies in the United States, and to a lesser extent, in academic, federal, and corporate institutions, 1966-2008. The collection includes administrative records documenting his work with the District of Columbia Domestic Partnership Commission, Georgia Equality Project, American Political Science Associations Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession, and other organizations. The collection includes research on LGBT issues regarding adoption, civil rights, elections, families, hate crimes, marriage, military service, sodomy, and the United States Supreme Court.

The collection consists of city, county, state, and federal bills, resolutions, and ordinances; court records; clippings, articles, and reports; meeting minutes; correspondence; survey records; insurance, healthcare, and pension plans; budget records; bylaws; handbooks; and human resources policies. The collection includes the following papers authored by Gossett: “Dillon’s Rule and Gay Rights: State Control over Local Efforts to Protect the Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 1996, San Francisco; “Domestic Partnership Benefits: Public Sector Patterns,” presented at the American Society for Public Administration Conference, July 1993, San Francisco; and “Legal Challenges to Local Ordinances Providing Domestic Partnership Benefits,” 2005.

Biography

Dr. Charles W. Gossett has held various research and administrative positions in the federal government and District of Columbia city government, including Secretary of the Commission on Domestic Partnership Benefits for the District of Columbia. He joined Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia in 1992, and served on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Equality Project from 1995-2001. He served as Chair of the Department of Political Science at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona from 2002-2009. Dr. Gossett served as Chair of the American Political Science Association’s...
Gossett’s areas of research include public sector human resources management, state and local intergovernmental relations, and African politics. He has published articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia entries on civil service reform and public service motivation; on how state and local governments deal with one another on issues related to lesbian and gay rights; on public opinion on same-sex marriage; and on the impact of AIDS on governance in southern Africa.

Source:
http://www.csus.edu/acaf/provost/meet_the_provost_Gossett.html (accessed on September 20, 2013)

Arrangement
This collection is arranged in the following series:
Series 2. Domestic partnership benefits research, 1984-2008
Series 3. LGBT employment discrimination research, 1966-2001
Series 4. General research on LGBT topics, 1974-2006

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Discrimination in employment
Domestic partner benefits
Gays -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- United States -- Cases
Gossett, Charles W.

Administrative records 1986-2007
Scope and Contents
Correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, clippings, flyers, budget records, court records, press releases, bylaws, fundraising records, and other administrative records regarding Charles Gossett’s activist work for LGBT organizations, 1986-2007.

Arrangement
The files are arranged alphabetically.

Box 4, Folder 24-26
American Political Science Association: Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gays in the Profession 1994-2007
Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 4, Folder 23
American Political Science Association: Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Political Science Caucus 1991-1997

Box 1, Folder 59-62
Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 5, Folder 23-29
Georgia Equality Project 1994-2001
Physical Description: [7 folders]
Physical Description: Includes two 3.5-inch floppy disks.

Box 5, Folder 30
Georgia Political Action Committee 1992-1995
Box 6, Folder 4

**Miscellaneous 1991-1998**

Scope and Contents
Includes Educational Resources Committee and Buchanan Memorial Fund Trustees meeting records as well as Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C., building underpinning agreement and permits.

Box 6, Folder 6

**Olympics Out of Wayne County, Georgia 1994-1997**

**Domestic partnership benefits research 1984-2008**

Arrangement
The files are arranged alphabetically by topic. Subsets of city, county, and state governments; court cases; and universities are listed at the end.

Scope and Contents
Survey records, court records, clippings, articles, correspondence, resolutions, handbooks, ordinances, pension plans, insurance plans, healthcare plans, and other records documenting the status of domestic partnership benefits in city, county, and state governments, and to a lesser extent, in federal, educational, and corporate institutions, 1984-2008.

Box 1, Folder 54-56

**Articles, general 1989-2004**

Physical Description: [3 folders]

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Box 1, Folder 63

**GIS files undated**

Physical Description: 1 CD-ROM

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**Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 1993**

Box 2, Folder 2

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 1995**

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**Private sector 1991-1997**

Box 2, Folder 4-5

**Publications 1993-2005**

Physical Description: [2 folders]
Scope and Contents
Includes Gossett papers "Domestic Partnership Benefits: Public Sector Patterns" (1993) and "Legal Challenges to Local Ordinances Providing Domestic Partnership Benefits" (2005).

**City, county, and state governments 1984-2006**

Arrangement
The files are arranged alphabetically.

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Box 1, Folder 30: Oakland, California 1997
Box 1, Folder 31: St. Louis, Missouri 2001
Box 1, Folder 32: Salt Lake City, Utah 2005-2006
Box 1, Folder 33: San Diego, California 1994
Box 1, Folder 34: San Francisco, California 1990
Box 1, Folder 35: San Mateo County, California 1992-1993
Box 1, Folder 36: Oak Park, Illinois 1994
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Box 1, Folder 40: Rochester, New York 1989-1994
Box 1, Folder 41: Sacramento, California 1992
Box 1, Folder 42: Santa Cruz, California 1986-1993
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Box 1, Folder 47: Takoma Park, Maryland 1992-1993
Box 1, Folder 48: Tucson, Arizona 1997
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Box 1, Folder 50: Washington, D.C. 1992-2002

Box 1, Folder 51-52: West Hollywood, California 1988-1993
Court cases 1986-2008

Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 3, Folder 50: Anchorage, Alaska 2005
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Box 3, Folder 56: Atlanta, Georgia 1986-2004
Box 3, Folder 57-58: Boston, Massachusetts 1993-1999

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Box 3, Folder 59-60: Broward County, Florida 1999-2004

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Box 3, Folder 61 Cambridge, Massachusetts 1992-2000
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Box 4, Folder 4 Kalamazoo, Michigan 2005-2008
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Box 4, Folder 10 New Orleans, Louisiana 2003-2008
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Box 4, Folder 17-18 Pima County, Arizona 1997-1999
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Universities 1992-2002
    Arrangement
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Box 2, Folder 11-12 Universities, general 1994-2001
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    Scope and Contents
    Includes Georgia Equality Project records.

Box 2, Folder 8 University of Iowa 1992
Box 2, Folder 9 University of Maryland 1996
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Box 2, Folder 13 University Systems Domestic Partnership Benefits Committee 2001-2002
    Scope and Contents
    Includes Georgia Equality Project records.

LGBT employment discrimination research 1966-2001
    Arrangement
    The files are arranged alphabetically by topic, then by state.
    Scope and Contents
    Survey records, reports, clippings, articles, correspondence, ordinances, resolutions, human
    resources policies, and other records documenting LGBT employment anti-discrimination

Box 2, Folder 14 Email and notes 1994-1996
LGBT employment discrimination research 1966-2001

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Box 3, Folder 47  Employment discrimination litigation 1991
Box 3, Folder 48  Employment discrimination, state 1983
Box 2, Folder 15  Home rule - primary sources and interviews 1996-1997
Scope and Contents
Includes Gossett paper "Dillon's Rule and Gay Rights: State Control over Local Efforts to Protect the Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men" (1996).

Box 2, Folder 16  Lists of cities 1998
Arizona
Box 2, Folder 17  Phoenix 1994
Box 2, Folder 18  Tucson 1994-1997
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Box 2, Folder 20  Berkeley 1994
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Box 2, Folder 107  Rochester 1994
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**General research on LGBT topics 1974-2006**

**Scope and Contents**

Clippings, articles, court records, gay rights bills, handbooks, resource guides, reports, and flyers regarding assorted LGBT topics, 1974-2006.

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|                      | Includes "A Massive Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Resource Guide" and "Beyond Tolerance: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals on Campus."
| Box 6, Folder 11     | Gay-topic dissertation list 2001, undated        |
| Box 6, Folder 12     | Lesbian and gay studies programs, general 1990-1993 |
| Box 6, Folder 13     | Textbooks and LGBT issues 1989-2006              |
| Box 6, Folder 14     | Transgender 1994-1997                            |