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Abstract: Bibliographic records, clippings, correspondence, court records, fliers, government ordinances, guidelines, mass mailings, medical records, notes, pamphlets, press releases, programs, and training records of Richard Davis, 1961-2012. The papers document Rick Davis' gay political activism in Minnesota in the 1970s, including with the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights. The papers also document his work in Washington, D.C., in the early 1980s with the Right to Privacy Foundation.

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Scope and Contents
Bibliographic records, clippings, correspondence, court records, fliers, government ordinances, guidelines, mass mailings, medical records, notes, pamphlets, press releases, programs, and training records of Richard Davis, 1961-2012. The papers document Rick Davis' gay political activism in Minnesota in the 1970s and Washington, D.C., in the early 1980s, including with the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights and the Right to Privacy Foundation. In addition, the papers document his involvement in the Study to Help the AIDS Research Effort (SHARE) and include photographs of his participation in the Gay Games.

Separated Materials
Gay Games periodicals and ephemera have been integrated into ONE Archives' collections. See the folder "Gay Games, photocopies of separated objects" to review the separated materials.

Separated to the ONE Archives ephemera collection
Gay Games VI 2002, Sport & Cultural Festival Sydney. (shot glass)

Separated to the ONE Archives periodical collection
The Campaign Fund Report, v.2, no.1, 2.
Capitol Hill, the newsletter of the Gay Rights National Lobby, v.2, no.2, 3, 5; v.3, no.1, 2; v.4, no.1, 4; v.5, no.1.
Christopher Street News (Minneapolis), no.1.
Etz Hayyim Newsletter, May 1978.
The Epistle, v.1, no.5, 10; v.2, no.1-5; 1975-1976.
Essays on Homosexuality, no.1, 4.
Gay Community News (Kansas City), v.2, no.1, January 1977.
Gay House newsletter, April, August 1976.
Gay Literature, no.1, 2, 1975.
Gay Madison, no.6, July 1979.
Gay Vue, v.1, no.5, October 2, 1971.
GPU News, v.6, no.1, 2, 3, October-December 1976.
Into the Courts, the quarterly newsletter of Gay Rights Advocates, June and Fall 1981, Summer 1982.
It's Time, National Gay Task Force newsletter, v.1, no.2-5, special bonus issue; v.2, no.1-4, 6-10, special bonus issue; v.3, 2-5; v.6, no.1-3, 5-7; v.7, 1-8; v.8, 1-3; 1974-1981.
Minneapolis Church Chatter, v.2, no.4, April 1980.
Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights, newsletter, December 1975, January-February 1976
MCGR Lesbian/Gay Newsbriefs, September 16, 30, October 14, November 11, 25, December 9, 1977; undated; January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 10, 24, April 7, 21, May 12, June 2, 23, July 28, August 25, September, November 3, 1978;
January 12, March 9, April 6, May 4 (2 different copies), July 6, August 10, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 14, 1979; February 8, March 9, April 18, June 6, August 15, October 3, 28, 1980.
News from the Whitman-Walker Clinic, November 10, 1983.
Sentinel, v.4, no.25, December 1, 1977.
Share, 1984-2010 (35 issues).
ULGC Newsletter, University Lesbian/Gay Community at the University of Minnesota, v.1, no.1, Spring 1978; v.2, no.3, Spring 1980.
The Voice, no.21, 23, 24, election extra.

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**Biography**

Richard Davis was born on June 8, 1948, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He received a bachelor's degree in speech communications from Hamline University in 1970 and a J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975. Davis came out of the closet in the early 1970s and became involved in the local gay movement on a volunteer basis. He convened and chaired the group that mounted the first pride march in Minnesota; helped lobby the Minnesota legislature for anti-discrimination legislation; was an early founder and co-chair of the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights (later called the Minnesota Committee for Gay and Lesbian Rights); and was a special advisor for the St. Paul gay rights referendum in 1978. In the fall of 1982, Davis moved to Washington, D.C., as the Director of Education and Research for the Right to Privacy Foundation, the 501(c)(3) counterpart to the Gay Rights National Lobby and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The job ended in 1983, and after a series of temporary jobs, Davis was hired in 1987 by the Bill Digest section of the Congressional Research Service American Law Division, where he worked there until his retirement in 2010. Davis competed in swimming in the first five Gay Games, 1982-1998, and was an early research subject with the Study to Help the AIDS Research Effort (SHARE) at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, one of the four clinical sites of the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study (MACS).

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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Davis, Richard (Rick)
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