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## **Finding Aid to the Richard Davis Papers, 1961-2012 Coll2014-016**

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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.



#### **Acquisition**

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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.

Chicago Gay Life, v.1, no.18, February 18, 1976.

Christopher Street News (Minneapolis), no.1.

Compete: The Gay Sports Magazine, v.3, no.1-8 (2009); v.4, no.1-10 (2010); v.5, no.1-5 (2011).

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.

G.A.Y., v.1, no.1, August 25, 1973.

Gay Activist (New York), October 1973.

Gay Caucus. The United Church of Christ newsletter, v.3, 1-4; v.4, 1-2; 1975-1977.

Gay Community News (Kansas City), v.2, no.1, January 1977.

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Gay House newsletter, April, August 1976.  
Gay International News, no.2, March 1972.  
Gay Literature, no.1, 2, 1975.  
Gay Madison, no.6, July 1979.  
Gay Rights Newsletter, a journal of news and opinion by Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights. Special Edition: GOP Convention.  
Gay Sunshine, no.19, October 1973.  
Gay Vue, v.1, no.5, October 2, 1971.  
GPU News, v.6, no.1, 2, 3, October-December 1976.  
Hero, no. 11 (Oct 2000), no.14-15 (2001).  
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.  
The Loring Park Report, v.1, no.1, February 1979.  
Marketplace, v.1, no.1-4, 1980.  
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.  
Minnesota Gay Christian, v.1, no.2, December 1976.  
News from the Whitman-Walker Clinic, November 10, 1983.  
The Northland Companion, v.1, no.1, November 1978.  
The Nose Gay, newsletter of the Carleton Gay Friends, v.1, no.1, September 12, 1975.  
Pomegranate, Minnesota Committee for Gay and Lesbian Rights, v.5, no.2, June 19, 1981.  
Sentinel, v.4, no.25, December 1, 1977.  
Share, 1984-2010 (35 issues).  
So's Your Old Lady, no.1-4, 1973.  
Sports Out Loud: the Best Gay Sports Magazine in the World, v.1, no.3 (Nov/Dec 2007); v.2, no.2-5 (2008).  
Together, newsletter of the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights, v.1, no.1-3, August-September, 1974; August-December 1976, undated.  
Tomorrow (Mankato Gay Group), no.6-16, 18-19, 1975-1976.  
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.  
The Washington Blade, v.14, no.10 (March 11, 1983).

**Separated to the ONE Archives library**

Does Support for Gay Rights Spell Political Suicide? A close look at some long-held myths. Sponsored by the Gay Rights National Lobby and the National Gay Task Force, 1980. (booklet)

Fairchild, Betty. Parents of Gays. Washington, D.C.: Lambda Rising, 1975. (booklet)

A Gay Bibliography, third revision. Task Force on Gay Liberation, Social Responsibilities Round Table, American Library Association, January 1974.

The Gay Blade. Grand Junction, Tennessee: Mailbox Christians.

Human Rights Issues: Fair Employment for Gay People. Consenting Adults Legislation. Sponsored by the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions and the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights: 1975. (booklet)

**Separated to the ONE Archives program and directory collections**

Bergeron, Michael A. The Chicago Gay Directory, 1974-1975, fourth edition. Chicago: Advocates of Gay Action Publishign Co-op, 1974.

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Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration. Minneapolis: The Gay Pride Committee, June 16-25, 1978.

Gay Pride 77. Minneapolis: The Gay Pride Committee, 1977.

Gay Pride Week '79: Ten Years After. Minneapolis: The Gay Pride Committee, 1979.

**Separated to the ONE Archives calendar collection**

The Gay Engagement Calendar 1979, Universe Books, New York.

The Gay Engagement Calendar 1980, The Main Street Press, Inc, Clinton, New Jersey.

The Gay Engagement Calendar 1981, The Main Street Press, Inc, Pittstown, New Jersey.

The Gay Engagement Calendar 1982, The Main Street Press, Inc, Pittstown, New Jersey.

The Gay Engagement Calendar 1983, The Main Street Press, Inc, Pittstown, New Jersey.

The Gay Engagement Calendar 1985, The Main Street Press, Inc, Pittstown, New Jersey.

**Separated to the ONE Archives audiovisual collection**

Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study, 1984-2005, 25 years. Carnegie Institution of Science, May 12, 2009. (DVD)

**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**

Gay Games

Davis, Richard (Rick)

Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights

Gay Rights National Lobby

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**Gay Games, photocopies of separated objects 1982-1998**  
**Gay rights legislative committee records 1973**  
**Gay Rights National Lobby records 1969-1983**

**Scope and Contents**

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