Descriptive Summary

Title: Will Roscoe and Bradley Rose Papers
Collection Number: GLC 179
Creator/Collector: Roscoe, Will. Rose, Bradley.
Extent: 6 cartons, 4 boxes of various sizes, 1 oversized folder, and 1 tube (9 cubic feet)
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San Francisco, California 94102
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Access
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Acquisition Information
Donated by Will Roscoe on November 23, 2013.
Biography/Administrative History
Will Roscoe is an activist, scholar, and author based in San Francisco, California. He was born on February 8, 1955 and grew up in Missoula, Montana. He is the author of "The Zuni Man-Woman" (1991) and "Changing Ones: third and fourth gender in Native North America" (1998). Both books deal with two-spirit people in Native American culture. Roscoe has also been involved in the Radical Fairies and Nomenus organizations. Roscoe edited several books including "Radically Gay" with writings by Harry Hay. Bradley Rose was Roscoe's partner of 16 years. Rose was also a member of the Radical Fairies, and a founding director of Nomenus. He published "Radical Fairy's Seedbed," among other works, and the journal "Vortex" (1980-1981) with Roscoe. Rose passed away from AIDS on June 11, 1996; he was 38.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Papers contain the research material and drafts for Will Roscoe's books "The Zuni Man-Woman" and "Changing Ones: third and fourth gender in Native North America," research on Crow and Navajo two-spirit people, Indian Rights Association materials (1894-1924), Radical Fairy materials, a draft of Roscoe's book "Radically Gay" about Harry Hay, and audiovisual materials with interviews, slide shows, photographs, and digital files. The majority of the collection is research related to Native American two-spirit people. The research materials are primarily made up of photocopies and originals of published documents from as early as 1880. In addition there are copies of "Radical Fairy Seedbeds" by Bradley Rose, a memorial publication for Rose, and Breitenbush Canons and "Faeries: Who Are We?" prepared by Rose. There are also other writings by Roscoe including chapbooks, unpublished manuscripts, articles, and books Roscoe edited.
Indexing Terms
Zuni Indians--Social life and customs.
Zuni Indians--Sexual behavior.
Sex role and Native Americans.
Two-spirit people.
Hay, Harry.

Collection inventory (box list)