Mark Duran collection of Queer Nation and Queer Planet materials

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Mark Duran collection of Queer Nation and Queer Planet materials  
**Dates:** 1990s  
**Collection Number:** 2015-14  
**Creator/Collector:**  
**Extent:** 2 linear feet (one carton, one manuscript box)  
**Repository:** GLBT Historical Society  
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**Abstract:** Mark Duran co-founded the San Francisco chapter of Queer Nation, a direct action advocacy organization known for its forceful and anti-assimilationist politics. Inspired by ACT UP but with a broader sense of mission, Queer Nation uses camp, wit, and reclamation of slurs to oppose homophobic violence and increase queer visibility. The collection consists largely of sticker graphics and fliers, with slogans reflecting Queer Nation’s confrontational tactics.  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Access**  
English, with a few materials in German and Spanish  
**Publication Rights**  
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**Preferred Citation**  
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**Acquisition Information**  
The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Mark Duran in 2015.  
**Biography/Administrative History**  
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**Scope and Content of Collection**  
The collection consists largely of sticker graphics and fliers, with slogans reflecting Queer Nation’s confrontational tactics. There is also a significant amount of material related to Queer Nation’s campaign to convince Amnesty International to recognize queer people as a protected class. The collection also contains limited amounts of correspondence, clippings, newsletters, press releases, and similar material.  
**Indexing Terms**  
Gay men  
Lesbians  
Bisexual people  
Protest art  

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