Maggi Rubenstein papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Maggi Rubenstein papers
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Creator/Collector: Rubenstein, Maggi
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Abstract: The Maggi Rubenstein papers document the early professional work of this longtime bisexual activist and sexologist. Sometimes referred to as the “Godmother of SexEd,” Rubenstein came out as bisexual in 1969 and co-founded numerous sex education institutions and bisexual organizations in San Francisco.

Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Maggi Rubenstein on October 18, 2000.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Maggi Rubenstein papers document the early professional work of this longtime bisexual activist and sexologist. Sometimes referred to as the “Godmother of SexEd,” Rubenstein came out as bisexual in 1969 and co-founded numerous sex education institutions and bisexual organizations in San Francisco. These include Glide Memorial Church’s National Sex Forum, the San Francisco Sex Information Hotline, the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, the San Francisco Bisexual Center, BiPOL, and the Bay Area Bi Network. In recognition of her work, the Department of Sexuality Studies at San Francisco State University gives a Dr. Maggi Rubenstein Leadership Award. The collection contains writings and research notes, including Rubenstein’s MA and Ph.D. theses, and statistical data and questionnaires about bisexuality. There are also materials related to the Bay Area Bisexual Network, the Bi Center, BiPOL and other bisexual organizations and conferences; writings by other sexologists; course materials for classes on bisexuality and sexual anthropology; subject files on a wide range of topics relating to sexuality, particularly bisexuality; one folder of photographs; and buttons. The subject files contain a wide range of materials, including academic articles and studies, news clippings, flyers, brochures and eulogies. Rubenstein’s original folder titles have been retained. There are some newsletters in the collection but researchers should also consult the Historical Society’s Periodical Collection for newsletters from the bisexual and sexology organizations in Rubenstein’s papers.

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