Guide to the Robert R. Hodges Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Robert R. Hodges papers
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Abstract: This collection comprises the papers of Robert R. Hodges, professor emeritus of English and Comparative Literature at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) and activist in the gay liberation movement in Southern California and nationally in the 1970s and 1980s. His papers include minutes and other administrative material from national and Los Angeles chapter meetings of the Gay Academic Union (GAU), a variety of GAU newsletters, and other materials relating to scholarly conferences held by the GAU. His papers also contain a small quantity of research files, as well as files relating to the Orange County chapter of the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club (a gay political group), the Modern Language Association (MLA) Gay Caucus, gays in the military and the ROTC on CSU campuses (ca. 1990-1992), activism against the Briggs Initiative (Proposition 6), and other gay issues on the CSUF campus.
Access
The collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Custodial History
Robert Hodges gave his papers to Barbara Muirhead and Dick Hitt for use in the Historical Orange County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Time Line Project, with the intent that they be donated to the UC Irvine Libraries Department of Special Collections and Archives.

Processing History

Historical Background
Robert R. Hodges is a professor emeritus of English and Comparative Literature at California State University, Fullerton, who was active in the gay liberation movement in Southern California and nationally in the 1970s and 1980s. He was a charter member of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Western Gay Academic Union (GAU) in 1976 and served on the national Board of Directors for the GAU as a representative of the Los Angeles chapter.
Hodges received his B.A. from Valparaiso University, his M.A. from University of Missouri, and his Ph.D. from Stanford University. He was interested in gay themes in 20th-century English and American literature and focused on the work of Joseph Conrad. Hodges published The Dual Heritage of Joseph Conrad (The Hague: Mouton) in 1967.
GAU was founded in New York City in 1973 to promote the collection and dissemination of scholarly information about gays, and to help end discrimination against gays in colleges, universities, and elsewhere. Membership was composed of academic administrators, faculty, staff, and students. GAU grew over time to include local chapters. The national organization held annual conferences on topics related to gays in the academy and published a quarterly newsletter. The organization was disbanded in 1984.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
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Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged in alphabetical order by subject or document type.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Hodges, Robert R. -- Archives.
Gay Academic Union -- Archives.
California State University, Fullerton -- Faculty -- Archives.
Gay liberation movement -- California -- Archives.

Genres and Formats of Materials
Newsletters -- 20th century.
Clippings -- 20th century.
Ephemera -- 20th century.
Letters -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.

Scope and Content Note
Includes topics such as the Briggs Initiative, gays in the arts and academia, Anita Bryant, homosexuality and Christianity, and the politics of gay rights.

Briggs Initiative (No on Proposition 6): information mailings, clippings, and bumper sticker 1977-1978
California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)

Academic Senate ban on ROTC presence in campus correspondence, resolutions, and other material 1990-1991

Anti-gay Daily Titan (student newspaper) clippings and correspondence 1978-1979

Gays at CSUF fliers and other material 1978-1982

Clippings 1977-1981
Scope and Content Note
Includes topics such as the Briggs Initiative, gays in the arts and academia, Anita Bryant, homosexuality and Christianity, and the politics of gay rights.

Correspondence to and from Hodges 1977-1983
Scope and Content Note
Primarily relates to organizing GAU conference programs.

Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club planning material for a "two-party" barbeque and roast 1989-1990
Gay Academic Union (GAU)

Correspondence relating to the national organization 1979
Events

Awards banquet programs 1978-1979

GAU 5 national conference program and correspondence 1978

GAU 6 national conference correspondence, programs, and other planning material 1979

GAU 7 national conference material and notes 1980

Gaythink Two, Gaythink Three, and Gaythink Four conference programs, fliers, and article from Patchwork, the newsletter of the California Association of Gay Student Organizations 1976-1978
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Includes " 'We who are variants': a brief tradition in gay male poetry?" -- "Sexual and group relations in 'May day': fear and longing" -- "Sexist slang and the gay community: are you one, too?" -- "Homosexuality and the sociological perspective: from perversion to deviance to sex roles?" -- "What has never been: an overview of lesbian feminist literary criticism."