Finding Aid for the ACT UP/Los Angeles records, 1990-1992LSC.2224

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Abstract: ACT UP is an international direct action advocacy group focused primarily on improving the access to and quality of AIDS healthcare services, as well as coalition building with a broad range of other activist communities. This collection contains ephemera and promotional materials from ACT UP Los Angeles.
Language of Materials: Materials are in English.
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Processing Information
The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA is an outreach and collection-building partnership between the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives, the UCLA Center for the Study of Women (CSW) and the UCLA Library. These collections expand the pool of primary source materials available to researchers and to the community at large. This partnership was initiated by CSW and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to inventory, organize, preserve, and digitize more than eighty Mazer collections pertaining to lesbian and feminist activism and writings.
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Biography/History
Meeting for the first time in West Hollywood in 1987, the Los Angeles chapter of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) was inspired by the activities of ACT UP New York which had been active throughout that year.
The Los Angeles chapter focused primarily on improving the access to and quality of AIDS healthcare services, as well as coalition building with a broad range of other activist communities. They advocated for non-violent direct action as a means to draw media attention. The group provided training in civil disobedience and conflict resolution, and support teams were formed to track and respond to confrontations and arrests.
The Los Angeles chapter defined their organization as a "grass-roots, democratic, militant, direct action organization dedicated to creating positive changes around AIDS in federal and local government, the media and medical industries through non-violent public protests."
Scope and Content
This collection contains ephemera, such as t-shirts, buttons and stickers from ACT UP Los Angeles, as well as publications by the national organization and some organizational documents.
Organization and Arrangement
Materials in this collection have been arranged chronologically.

ACT UP Archives at the New York Public Library
ACT UP Golden Gate records, 1988-1993 at UC San Francisco, Special Collections
ACT UP/Los Angeles records, 1987-1997 at ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives
Iverson (John) ACT UP/East Bay Collection, 1992-2004 at the San Francisco Public Library

Subjects and Indexing Terms
ACT UP Los Angeles (Organization)--Archives.
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AIDS activists--California--Los Angeles.

Box 2, Folders 1-4, Box 1

Buttons circa 1980s-1990s

Box 1

Stickers circa 1980s-1990s

Box 1

T-shirts and hat circa 1980s-1990s

Box 2, Folder 5

Mock-ups and fliers 1990

Scope and Content
Fliers, handouts and mock-ups providing information about AIDS exposure and symptoms that is geared towards women and lesbians.

Box 2, Folders 6-7

Women, AIDS and Activism 1990

Scope and Content
Two copies of the publication Women, AIDS and Activism (1990) by the ACT UP/New York Women and AIDS Book Group

Box 2, Folder 8

Women and HIV: Women's Treatment Research Agenda 1991

Scope and Content
Research paper compiled by ACT UP consisting of an introduction and overview of women and HIV/AIDS, description of clinical manifestations of HIV in women, standard care recommendations, critique of research and policy and transmission issues.

Box 2, Folder 9

The Immune System, HIV and AIDS by Vic Hernandez 1992

Scope and Content
Contains information on the background biology on HIV and AIDS as well as information on the immune system, vaccines, treatments and testing.

Box 2, Folder 10

Treatment Issues 1992

Scope and Content
Summer/Fall 1992 issue of the the Gay Men's Health Crisis Newsletter of Experimental AIDS Therapies. Volume 6, Number 7 is a special edition on women's treatment issues.