
Jinx Beers papers 1975-2013

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jinx Beers papers

Collection number: 2222

Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 5 linear ft.(10 boxes)

Date (inclusive): 1975-2013

Abstract: Jinx Beers was founder of *Lesbian News* and lifelong lesbian activist throughout Southern California. This collection represents administrative activities of *Lesbian News* as well as the writing and publication of Beers's memoir and various stories and articles.

Language of Materials: Materials are in English.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

Creator: Beers, Jinx

Restrictions on Access

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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.

Biography

Jinx Beers was born in Pasadena, CA in 1933. She joined the Air Force and after receiving an honorable discharge, she remained active in Reserves for another twelve years. She resigned in 1974 due to the United States Military's policies concerning homosexuals. She then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California Los Angeles in experimental psychology. She worked at the UCLA Institute for Transportation and Traffic Engineering for eighteen years. In 1973, Beers co-taught the first lesbian studies class at the Experimental College at the University of California Los Angeles, which served as a connecting point for many Los Angeles activists and yielded a group called Lesbian Activists. In 1975, Beers founded The LN (The Lesbian News), a publication of lesbian news that is still active and published monthly. After fourteen years as the editor and owner of The LN, Jinx Beers sold the periodical and began publishing LSF: Lesbian Short Fiction. She also managed the business of artist and partner Alicia Austin.

2008 saw the publication of her memoir, *Memoirs of an Old Dyke* and in 2009, she was honored with a proclamation by the City of West Hollywood as well as with an Etheridge Award for her service to the community.

Scope and Content

This collection includes Beers's personal materials including research and preparatory work for her memoir *Memoirs of an Old Dyke* as well as administrative materials for the magazine, *Lesbian News*.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Beers, Jinx -- Archives

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1975-1976.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1977.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1978.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1979.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1979-2005.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1980.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1982.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1983.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | <p>Lesbian News Correspondence. 1984.
Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.</p> |
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- Box 2, Folder 4 **Lesbian News Correspondence. 1985.**
 Physical Description: handwritten notes, envelopes
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence related to the operations and subscriptions of the Lesbian News.
- Box 3, Folder 1 **Lesbian News - Correspondence. 1986.**
 Physical Description: handwritten notes, printed paper, envelopes
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence having to do with Lesbian News. Includes correspondence from advertisers, subscribers and readers.
- Box 3, Folder 2 **Lesbian News - Correspondence. 1987.**
 Physical Description: handwritten notes, printed paper, envelopes
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence having to do with the Lesbian News, includes correspondence from advertisers, subscribers and additional readers.
- Box 3, Folder 3 **Sale of the Lesbian News. July-August, 1989.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes agreements, correspondence, promissory notes, security agreement and bill of sale pertaining to the sale of the Lesbian News from Jinx Beers to Deborah Bergman.
- Box 3, Folder 4 **The Lesbian News. 1989-2005.**
 Physical Description: magazines, printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes four issues of The Lesbian News: September 1989, August 1997, February and April 2005.
- Box 4, Folder 1 **Non-fiction essays by Jinx Beers. 1960-1971.**
 Physical Description: printed paper with handwritten notes
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes: The Lesbian: Coworker, Wife and Mother That Western Sidewinder! Stop, Mother: Don't Deny Your Youngster a Pet Snake! Beauty Away from the Crowds: Lava Bed National Monument
- Box 4, Folder 2 **Short stories by Jinx Beers. 1990-2006.**
 Physical Description: printed paper with handwritten notes
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes: To Fly with Eagles No Turning Back Leonard The Election Everything is a Matter of Timing The Patchwork Dragon The Mouse The Best Laid Schemes The Amazing Miss Manody
- Box 4, Folder 3 **Jan (working title). 1993.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Manuscript for Jan, a novella by Jinx Beers. Also includes correspondence with NAIAD Press.
- Box 4, Folder 4 **Poems. No Date.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Poems by Jinx Beers.
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- Box 4, Folder 5 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Advertisements. 2009-2001.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Documents relating to advertising for Jinx Beers's memoirs.
- Box 4, Folder 6 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Review Information. 2010.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Copies of or notices of reviews of Memoirs of an Old Dyke.
- Box 4, Folder 7 **Radio Interview Information. 2010.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Emails, correspondence and other information concerning radio interviews with Jinx Beers.
- Box 4, Folder 8 **Book Orders. 2010.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Copies of orders for Memoirs of an Old Dyke.
- Box 4, Folder 9 **Miscellaneous. No Date.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Handwritten notes, copyright information and other research materials for self publishing.
- Box 4, Folder 10 **Promotional materials and correspondence. 2010-2011.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence with advertisers and promoters concerning Memoirs of an Old Dyke.
- Box 5, Folder 1 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Correction Process. 2008.**
 Physical Description: printed paper, handwritten notes
 Scope and Content Note
 Contains documentation of the correction process for Jinx Beers's memoir.
- Box 5, Folder 2 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Final Draft (submitted to publisher). 2008.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Final draft of Jinx Beers's memoir, later submitted to publisher.
- Box 5, Folder 3 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Proof. 2009.**
 Physical Description: printed paper, photocopy
 Scope and Content Note
 A photocopied copy of the proof of Jinx Beers's memoir, includes visuals.
- Box 5, Folder 4 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Correspondence and Email. 2007-2009.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence, print outs of email concerning the publication, editing process and marketing of Jinx Beers's memoir.
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- Box 5, Folder 5 **Memoirs of an Old Dyke - Photographs. No date.**
 Physical Description: photographs, photocopies
 Scope and Content Note
 Photographs used for Jinx Beers's memoir.
- Box 6, Folder 1 **Correspondence - Alicia Austin. 2004-2011.**
 Physical Description: printed paper, post it notes, handwritten notes
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence about the breakup of Alicia Austin and Jinx Beers. Includes correspondence between Alicia and Jinx as well as between friends in reference to the details and fallout of their breakup.
- Box 6, Folder 2 **Correspondence - Kathy, Gail and Alan. 2004-2013.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence between Jinx Beers and three friends, Kathy, Gail and Alan.
- Box 6, Folder 3 **Correspondence - Miscellaneous. 2005-2013.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Miscellaneous correspondence, both professional and personal of Jinx Beers.
- Box 6, Folder 4 **Correspondence - Awards/Interviews. 2008-2012.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence concerning the awards and interviews of Jinx Beers.
- Box 6, Folder 5 **Correspondence - Virginia. 2009-2011.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence between Jinx Beers and her friend Virginia.
- Box 6, Folder 6 **Rainbow Key Award Nomination Paperwork. 2010.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Paperwork for the nomination of the Rainbow Key Award, an award given by the city of West Hollywood, California for outstanding contributions to the gay and lesbian community.
- Box 6, Folder 7 **Correspondence - June L. Mazer Archives. 2010-2013.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence concerning the deposit of the Jinx Beers Papers to the June L. Mazer Archives.
- Box 6, Folder 8 **Correspondence - Professional. 2012.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Correspondence having to do with Jinx Beers's professional life.

- Box 6, Folder 9 **Volume Notes. 2013.**
 Physical Description: handwritten note
 Scope and Content Note
 Notes on volume assembled by Jinx Beers in preparation to donate her collection to the June L. Mazer Archives. Each folder has retained its original label.
- Box 7, Folder 1 **Photographs "Jinx as an Adult". 1974-1999.**
 Physical Description: photographs
 Scope and Content Note
 Photographs from Jinx Beers's adult life.
- Box 7, Folder 2 **Photographs - "Jinx and/or Lovers". 1975-2005.**
 Physical Description: photographs
 Scope and Content Note
 Photographs of Jinx with lovers over the years.
- Box 7, Folder 3 **FRONTIERS Magazine. 1985.**
 Physical Description: newsprint
 Scope and Content Note
 Jinx Beers was the cover story for this issue of FRONTIERS magazine.
- Box 7, Folder 4 **Ephemera/Awards. 1987-1995.**
 Physical Description: printed paper, ribbon
 Scope and Content Note
 Includes the Lesbian of the Year Award (homemade), Dick Michaels Media Awards and a Novel Writing Workshop Certificate.
- Box 7, Folder 5 **Handmade Cards. 2003-2005.**
 Physical Description: crosstitched paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Crosstitched homemade cards by Sister Virginia.
- Box 7, Folder 6 **Ransom Notes. 2005-2006.**
 Physical Description: printed paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Several issues of the "Ransom Notes"
- Box 7, Folder 7 **Handmade cards. 2006-2009.**
 Physical Description: crosstitched paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Crosstitched homemade cards by Sister Virginia.
- Box 7, Folder 8 **Nobody Loves you Like a Sister. 2007.**
 Physical Description: bound book
 Scope and Content Note
 Published book through New Leaf Press.
- Box 7, Folder 9 **Handmade Cards. 2010-2011.**
 Physical Description: crosstitched paper
 Scope and Content Note
 Crosstitched homemade cards by Sister Virginia.
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- Box 7, Folder 10 **Photographs - "Airforce/Germany". No date.**
 Physical Description: photographs
- Box 7, Folder 11 **Photographs - "Jinx as child". No date.**
 Physical Description: Photographs
- Box 7, Folder 12 **Photographs - Miscellaneous. No date.**
 Physical Description: photographs
- Box 7, Folder 13 **Photos and photo discs. No date.**
 Physical Description: photographs and CD-Rs
- Box 8 **Ephemera. 1980-2002.**
 Physical Description: frames, paper, plaques
 Scope and Content Note
 Contains framed personal notes as well as three diplomas: CCC Management Team
 Recognizes Jinx Beers for United States Military Service on Veteran's Day 2002 Certificate of
 Achievement from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for completing a course
 in Basic Customer Service Procedures 1999 Bachelor of Arts Diploma with a Major in
 Psychology from the University of California 1963 CCC Star Hitter for Perfect Attendance
 2004
- Box 9 **Ephemera. No date.**
 Physical Description: softball mitt, quilt, plaques
- Box 10 **Ephemera. No date.**
 Physical Description: photographs, patches