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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

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Separated Material
None

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
AIDS (Disease)--Study and teaching--United States--Directories
AIDS (Disease)--Nursing --United States
University of California, San Francisco
Lewis, Angie

Acquisition Information
Collection was donated to the Library & Center for Knowledge Management by Angie Lewis (Carole Angela Lewis) in conjunction with an oral history project, The AIDS Epidemic in San Francisco, by Sally Smith Hughes for the Regional Oral History Office (ROHO), at the University of California, Berkeley. The papers arrived in 1996 and the deed of gift was formally signed on April 26, 2000.

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information
Julia Bazar, December 2004

Biographical Information
Angie Lewis was one of the major nurse educators working with AIDS education for health professionals and the greater community from the first rumors of a new gay disease through its growing presence in the heterosexual community. Lewis worked specifically in AIDS education; she did not treat AIDS patients. She did this work for approximately 13 years from 1981-1994. Unlike many others active in the early AIDS advocacy community, Lewis came into the work as a health professional, and not as a rights activist. Lewis served on the Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation (later the San Francisco AIDS Foundation) Board from 1983-1985. She also spoke at, and worked on organizing committees of, a number of AIDS conferences and symposia, as well as lecturing for UCSF classes and community groups. Lewis retired from nursing in 1994 to move to Sonoma County and open a restaurant with her life partner.

Carole Angela "Angie" Lewis was born July 19, 1944, in Adrian, Michigan, and she grew up in Clearwater, Florida. She received her nursing diploma from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1965. It was in New Orleans that she met her life partner Shirley Palmisano. After working in New Orleans and Florida, she and Palmisano moved to Seattle, Washington, where Lewis worked as Staff Nurse and Assistant Head Nurse in the Perinatal Unit at the University of Washington Hospital, while working on her B.S.N (1971). After moving to San Francisco bay area upon graduation, she continued to work in the perinatal field (at Alta Bates in Oakland and Moffitt Hospital at UCSF). During this time she also enrolled at UCSF and received her master's degree in perinatal nursing with a minor in human sexuality (1979). In 1980 she left perinatal nursing to be Nurse Educator in Nursing Education and Research at Moffitt-Long Hospital at UCSF (1980-1986).

In the context of her Nursing Education job she was approached to coordinate a workshop at UCSF on gay male sexuality (1981). The workshop led to her attending a Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR) Conference in June 1981, where she heard a talk by Alvin Friedman-Kien that described a new outbreak of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) that was killing gay men. She attended Marcus Conant's first rounds on KS at UCSF and became involved in his Thursday morning KS Study Group.

Lewis immediately became more involved with education and outreach about this new disease. She attended the conference in Houston in 1982 where a new name for what was then called GRID (Gay Related Immune Deficiency) was discussed. She organized the first nursing conference on KS and Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) in June 1982. Lewis championed patient participation including presentations from people with the disease, which put a face on the disease. Lewis met Bobbi Campbell, another nurse and early AIDS patient around 1982. They presented together at the American Nurses Association Meeting (ANA) in New Orleans in 1984. Later Lewis was instrumental in Bobbi Campbell's journal being donated to UCSF. She was the editor and author of two sections of Nursing Care of the Person with AIDS/ARC, Aspen Publications, 1988.

Scope and Content of Collection

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This collection consists primarily of schedules and announcements, correspondence, etc. from conferences and events that Angie Lewis organized and/or spoke at, or a few that she just attended (1980-1991). Some of these have a few annotations written on them. Also included are letters of thanks and appreciation of Lewis's speaking at a number of UCSF classes and other groups. One letter is from a woman thanking Lewis for her mentorship. Of special interest is the draft report from the 1990 international meeting on "Education of Health Professionals in HIV Infection and AIDS" in Istanbul, Turkey, where Lewis was the American nursing representative.

The collection also includes copies of a few of her speeches and other writings. Most of these are filed chronologically with the other conference materials. There is also one folder of published articles by or about Lewis. One important folder contains correspondence, proposal and publicity material about her book: Nursing Care of the Person with AIDS/ARC published in 1988. This file includes a letter updating Lewis on the life and health of the individual who wrote the 'person living with AIDS' section of the book. It also includes two snapshots of Lewis and the patient holding the book.

The other files consist of: two large books of materials from two Continuing Education courses for nurses on AIDS from 1983; a folder of undated handwritten notes for a presentation on "taking care of ourselves;" and a folder with the proposal to make HIV study "a center of excellence" at UCSF. The folder containing materials related directly to Lewis' employment history at UCSF is RESTRICTED; please see the Head of Archives and Special Collections for details/access.

The final two folders contain several miscellaneous handouts about AIDS, probably used in one or more of her talks, and duplicates of some of the program flyers and brochures found elsewhere in the collection. The miscellaneous folder also contains a pamphlet How to Have Sex in an Epidemic: One Approach by Richard Berkowitz and Michael Callen, News From The Front Publications, 1983, Printed by Tower Press in New York, NY.


Box 1, Folder 1 Nursing Care of the Person with AIDS/ARC undated
Box 1, Folder 2 Conferences/Lectures/Correspondence
Box 1, Folder 2 Conference 1980-1984
Box 1, Folder 3 AIDS: An Update June 1983
Box 1, Folder 4 AIDS: Achieving Optimal Care ... September 1983
Box 1, Folder 5 Conferences 1985-1987
Box 1, Folder 6 Conferences 1988
Box 1, Folder 7 Conferences 1989-1991
Box 1, Folder 8 "How Do We Take Care of Ourselves" undated
Box 1, Folder 9 HIV Center of Excellence Proposal undated
Box 1, Folder 10 Articles by/ and about Lewis 1988-1990
Box 1, Folder 11 Miscellaneous: AIDS Info/Handouts 1983-89, undated
Box 1, Folder 12 Duplicates Programs/Flyers undated
Box 1, Folder 13 RESTRICTED: UCSF Employment File 1988-1991