Guide to the Papers of Selma Dritz MSS.2009.04


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Abstract: Selma K. Dritz, MD, MPH, served as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Chief of the Division of Occupational Health of the San Francisco Department of Public Health from 1967-1984. She played a seminal role in the early years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the San Francisco Bay Area. Collection includes material predominantly related to HIV/AIDS, including correspondence, research and educational materials, publications and clippings, and conference and lecture materials.
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Separated Materials
Selected publications from the collection have been transferred to the AIDS History Book Collection of the UCSF Archives and Special Collections. They have been individually cataloged and are available to researchers in the reading room.
Acquisition Information
The papers were given by Selma Dritz to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. San Francisco AIDS Foundation gave the material to UCSF Archives and Special Collections. Collection was donated to UCSF by Deborah Dritz in 2009.
Additions
No future additions are expected.
Related Collections
The collection is part of the AIDS History Project. Learn more about the project and related collections by contacting the UCSF Archivist or visiting www.library.ucsf.edu/archives/aids.
Processing Information
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Biographical Information
Selma K. Dritz (1917-2008), MD, MPH, played a seminal role in the early years of the AIDS epidemic in San Francisco. As Assistant Director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Chief of the Division of Occupational Health of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, she tracked cases of HIV/AIDS and collaborated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) to help establish the etiology and epidemiology of the disease. She worked to educate gay and straight people about AIDS recognition and prevention. Dritz was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1917. She attended the University of Illinois (BS in Medicine, 1939; MD, 1941) and the University of California, Berkeley (MPH, 1967). Dritz began her career in pediatrics but later shifted to public health, joining the San Francisco Department of Public Health in 1967. From 1967-1984 she served as Assistant Director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Chief of the Division of Occupational Health of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.
Health. She became an expert in sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS and helped lead the department's efforts in related prevention, policy, and research. She authored numerous publications and was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the California Medical Association, and the San Francisco Medical Society. She served on the California State Task Force on AIDS and worked as a consultant to the University of California, San Francisco Medical School. She died in 2008.

Scope and Contents
The collection predominantly relates to Dritz's work with HIV/AIDS, Kaposi sarcoma (KS), Pneumocystis pneumonia, and sexually transmitted diseases in the San Francisco Bay Area. It includes material regarding research, education, prevention, and public health policy, including correspondence, statistical data, clinical care and case study guidelines, publications and clippings, and conference and lecture materials. Some photographs and slides are included. The bulk of the material is dated 1980-2000.

Arrangement
Collection is arranged by subject-headed folders. Original folder arrangement and titles have been maintained with minimal intervention by the archivist.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
AIDS (Disease) -- California -- San Francisco
Public health
Dritz, Deborah

| carton 1, folder 1 | Selma Dritz personal and biographical material 1965-2008 |
| carton 1, folder 2 | San Francisco AIDS Foundation Leadership Award 1988-1989 |
| carton 1, folder 3 | Oral history and AIDS History Project material 1983-2004 |
| carton 1, folder 4 | Randy Shilts correspondence and Glide Memorial Church funeral service 1977-2004 |
| carton 1, folder 5 | HIV/AIDS teaching file 1982-1997 |
| carton 1, folders 6-7 | Publications file circa 1975-1985 |

Scope and Contents
Includes Selma Dritz article drafts, journal submission forms, reprints, and related correspondence.

| carton 1, folders 8-11 | Conferences, meetings, and lectures circa 1975-2000 |

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The majority of the material relates to events focused on HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases that Selma Dritz spoke at or attended. Includes programs and other printed material, Dritz handwritten lecture notes, related correspondence, and Dritz departmental leave forms.

| carton 1, folder 12 | Correspondence circa 1980-2000 |
| carton 1, folder 13 | Patient correspondence 1980-1983 |

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Folder contains patient correspondence regarding AIDS and other health conditions. It is restricted in compliance with HIPAA rules. Contact the UCSF Archivist for information on access to restricted files.

| carton 1, folders 14-15 | AIDS research and educational material circa 1980-1995 |

Scope and Contents
Includes clinical care guidelines, case studies and reporting forms, education plans, and statistical information. Includes material created by (among others) San Francisco City Clinic, San Francisco and US Departments of Health, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

| carton 1, folder 16 | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Screening Protocol and Resource and Referral Lists 1982 |
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Folder 19 contains photographs of patients with Kaposi’s sarcoma (KS) and other health conditions. It is restricted in compliance with HIPAA rules. Contact the UCSF Archivist for information on access to restricted files.

Sexually transmitted Hepatitis and gastrointestinal infections in gay population subject file circa 1975-1985

"SFDPH Years / AIDS Years” scrapbook circa 1980-2001

Community Consortium HIV Clinical Trials guides 1992, 1997

American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory 1993-07-29

International AIDS Society - USA course booklets and publications 1997-2000

AIDS-related clippings circa 1980-2000

AIDS-related brochures and newsletters 1986-1991

AIDSFILE, San Francisco General Hospital newsletter 1986, 1994

San Francisco AIDS Foundation publications circa 1985-1995

San Francisco Department of Public Health publications 1979-2001

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services publications 1985, 1994

San Francisco Medicine, San Francisco Medical Society journal 1984-1987