

Guide to the Robert R. Hodges Papers MS.R.117

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Language of Material: English .

Access

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Robert R. Hodges, 2004.

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

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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.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Clippings -- 20th century.

Letters -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.

Ephemera -- 20th century

Gay liberation movement -- California -- History -- Sources

Newsletters -- 20th century.

California State University, Fullerton -- Faculty

California State University, Fullerton -- Archives

Hodges, Robert R. -- Archives

Gay Academic Union -- Archives

box 1, folder 1	Briggs Initiative (No on Proposition 6): information mailings, clippings, and bumper sticker 1977-1978
	California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)
box 1, folder 2	Academic Senate ban on ROTC presence in campus correspondence, resolutions, and other material 1990-1991
box 1, folder 3	Anti-gay Daily Titan (student newspaper) clippings and correspondence 1978-1979
box 1, folder 4	Gays at CSUF fliers and other material 1978-1982
folder XOS 1	Clippings 1977-1981
	Scope and Contents 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.
box 1, folder 5	Correspondence to and from Hodges 1977-1983
	Scope and Contents note
	Primarily relates to organizing GAU conference programs.
box 1, folder 6	Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club planning material for a "two-party" barbeque and roast 1989-1990
	Gay Academic Union (GAU)
box 1, folder 7	Correspondence relating to the national organization 1979
	Events
box 1, folder 8	Awards banquet programs 1978-1979
box 1, folder 9	GAU 5 national conference program and correspondence 1978
box 1, folder 10	GAU 6 national conference correspondence, programs, and other planning material 1979
box 1, folder 11	GAU 7 national conference material and notes 1980
box 1, folder 12	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
box 1, folder 13	Symposium 76 program 1976
box 1, folder 14	Los Angeles chapter events fliers and notes 1976-1980
box 1, folder 15	Word is out: stories of some of our lives (documentary film) press kit and review 1978

box 1, folder 16	<p>Minutes, operational documents, and other organizational material for the national organization and California chapters 1977-1979</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Includes a photocopy of a letter from Adrienne Rich detailing her reasons for declining the 1978 GAU Award for Literature.</p>
	<p>Publications</p>
box 1, folder 17	<p>Los Angeles chapter newsletter 1977-1983</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Also includes a newsletter published following the organization's change of name to the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU).</p>
box 1, folder 18	<p>Los Angeles and San Francisco chapters joint Western Gay Academic Union Newsletter 1976-1977</p>
box 1, folder 19	<p>National organization newsletter 1978-1983</p>
box 1, folder 20	<p>New York chapter Gay Books Bulletin 1979-1980</p>
box 1, folder 21	<p>Newsletter article drafts by unidentified authors circa 1978-1979</p>
box 1, folder 22	<p>Gay organizations and businesses in California: newsletters and other material 1976-1994</p>
box 1, folder 23	<p>Gay organizations and businesses outside of California: brochures and other material 1978-1979</p>
box 1, folder 24	<p>Gays in the military: correspondence 1990-1991</p>
box 1, folder 25	<p>Integrity, Inc. organizational documents and national convention material 1988-1993</p> <p>Biographical/Historical note</p> <p>Integrity Inc. is a gay and lesbian ministry in the Episcopal Church.</p>
box 1, folder 26	<p>Los Angeles Men's Collective newsletter 1979</p> <p>Modern Language Association (MLA)</p>
box 1, folder 27	<p>Gay Caucus for the Modern Languages: Gay Studies Newsletter 1976-1980</p>
box 1, folder 28	<p>Memoranda, calls for papers, and other material 1976-1979</p>
box 1, folder 29	<p>Newsletters 1977-1982</p> <p>Writings by Hodges</p>
box 1, folder 30	<p>"The Bloomsbury group: prelude to gay liberation" drafts and research material 1976</p>
box 1, folder 31	<p>Drafts and notes on a variety of issues relating to gay rights activism and gay in literature circa 1976-1985</p>
box 1, folder 32	<p>"The gay book report" column for the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union Newsletter (Los Angeles chapter) 1981-1984</p>
box 1, folder 33	<p>"Gay themes in Joseph Conrad" drafts circa 1975-1980</p>
box 1, folder 34	<p>"Lesbian images in mystery fiction" drafts 1979</p>
box 1, folder 35	<p>Research materials, clippings, and data circa 1976-1985</p> <p>Writings by other academics on gay-related themes</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Writings are primarily drafts submitted for GAU or MLA conferences.</p>
box 1, folder 36	<p>Cady-Hayes 1976-1978</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Includes "Housemen and the struggle for a homosexual voice" -- "Gay genocide: from Leviticus to Hitler" -- "Eros, myth, and stigma: the historical semantics of sexual intolerance" -- "Who hid lesbian history?" -- "The forty years' influence of Stephen Gordon" -- "The universal passion: a gay revisionist reading of The Bostonians" -- "Paul Verlaine: joyous wanderings and the crimes of love" -- "Front runner: the gay 'breakthrough' novel or new stereotype?: an enquiry with notes on the screen adaptation" -- "Gayspeak" -- "Notes on the role of language in the assessment and evaluation of sexual identity and sexual behavior."</p>

box 1, folder 37

Hayes, Joseph J.: "Language and language behavior of lesbian women and gay men" drafts circa 1978-1980

box 1, folder 38

Lombardi, Michael A.: "Research on homosexuality in nineteenth-century Germany" 1978

box 1, folder 39

Lynch-Zimmerman 1976-1980

Scope and Contents note

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."