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Abstract

Papers of Kathleen Russell, former faculty advisor of Tri-Pride, Assistant Dean of Students, and director of Project YES at Eastern Michigan University; The collection documents her involvement in the campaign to pass a Non-Discrimination Ordinance in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and in establishing outreach and support organizations for GLBT youth.

Biography

Kathleen Russell was Assistant Dean of Students and director of Project YES at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). In the mid-1990s she was a member of the campus group Tri-Pride, which is an organization of social work students and professionals committed to empowering gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people (GLBT). In the Spring of 1997, Hansen's Standard Printing refused to complete Tri-Pride's printing order for raffle tickets for its Winter fundraiser "Halt the Hate" Vigil because it was a GLBT organization. This launched Russell's involvement in the Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality, which was organized to support the passage of a city non-discrimination ordinance. Since 1997, Russell has gone on to become a leader in the EMU community, helping to organize campus-wide GLBT activities and groups, the educational outreach organization Project YES, and the Ruth Ellis Center, a center for homeless GLBT youth.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of three series: **Ypsilanti Non-Discrimination Ordinance**, **Eastern Michigan University GLBT Activities**, and **Audio-visual Materials**. The strength of the collection lies in the materials Russell collected relating to the efforts to pass a non-discrimination ordinance for GLBT people in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Ypsilanti Non-Discrimination Ordinance contains materials related to the local Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality organized to promote and pass a local non-discrimination ordinance. Included in this series are several of the original raffle tickets that became the impetus for the campaign, as well as correspondence, agendas and meeting minutes, planning materials, records relating to local supporters of the ordinance, and statewide campaign training materials developed based on the success of the local Ypsilanti campaign. There is also a small amount of material related to opposition to the ordinance.

The second series, **Eastern Michigan University GLBT Activities**, documents the period after the Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality, when Russell became an increasingly prominent leader in EMU's GLBT community. This series includes educational materials, administrative materials for the Ruth Ellis Center, Project YES, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Resource Center (LGBTRC) Advisory Board, and general materials related to GLBT positive activities on campus and in the community.

Audio-visual Materials, the final series, contains two VHS cassettes and two CD-ROMs. The CD-ROMs document the LGBTRC Website and a Project YES outreach presentation. The VHS cassettes relate to Russell's involvement in the push for an Ypsilanti non-discrimination ordinance.

Box No. Description

Ypsilanti Non-Discrimination Ordinance**Box 1**

Agendas and Meeting Minutes, 1998
 Citizens for Community, 1997
 Challenging the Ex-Gay Movement, 1998
 Correspondence, 1997-1998
 Local Church Support, 1997-1998
 NAACP Support, 1997-1998
 National Human Rights Campaign Materials, 1997
 Newspaper Clippings, 1997-1998
 Ordinance Opposition Materials, 1998
 Photographs, 1997
 Planning Materials, 1997
 Raffle Tickets, 1997-1998 (original items)
 Speeches, 1997
 Training Materials, 2001-2002
 Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project
 Wimby (Welcome in my backyard)

Eastern Michigan University GLBT Activities

Educational Materials Binder
 Faith Communities, 2001-2005
 LGBTRC Advisory Board, 1999-2003
 Marriage Rights Materials, 2000-2004
 National and International Conference Materials, 2004-2006
 Payment Requisitions for GLBT Events, 2004
 "Pedagogies of Aids" Book Manuscript, 2000 (2 folders)
 Project YES, 2002-2004
 Ruth Ellis Center, 1999-2002

Audio-Visual Materials

LGBTRC Web Site, April 27, 2004 (CD-ROM; 46.6MB)
 Non-Discrimination Ordinance (VHS cassette)
 Traverse City Project YES Class, August 2003 (CD-ROM; 16.1MB)
 Ypsilanti, K. Russell, May 1998 (VHS cassette)