# Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender

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Introduction

The Bentley Historical Library has a large number of materials on the topic of sexuality, particularly at the local and state levels.

Some collections document the lives of early gay activists and personalities. Of particular interest are the papers of Ruth Ellis, an African American woman born before the turn of the 20th century who moved to Detroit in 1937 and became an advocate for gay and lesbian rights. The story of the Yale Puppeteers, operated by three openly gay friends in the early 1920s, is documented by the Dan Bessie collection and Forman Brown's scrapbook, which Brown, one of the Puppeteers, assembled as a student at the University of Michigan in 1918-1922. Brown and his two associates later created the Turnabout Theater in Hollywood in 1941.

Policies and issues relating to sexual orientation at the University of Michigan are well represented in several collections.

In 1971 the University of Michigan, created a Human Sexuality Office under the auspices of its Office of Special Services and Programs. The office changed names several times, and is today known as the Spectrum Center, part of the Division of Student Affairs. Several collections document the history of this organization.

Of great significance is the collection received from University of Michigan staff member James W. Toy. Consisting of materials created and/or collected over a three decade period, mainly from 1971 to 1994, the James Toy Papers are a combination of personal papers and records of the university's Human Sexuality Office in which Toy was employed for twenty-five years. Also available for research are the records of the Office of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Affairs which encompass the period 1976 to 2001, but mainly cover the years from 1989 to 1997.

The papers of Billie Louise Edwards, who was co-director of the University of Michigan Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office (LGMPO) from 1987 to 1993, contain correspondence of this office as well. The papers of Daniel Tsang document the student perspective on gay issues at the University of Michigan.

Beyond the University of Michigan, the library has many collections relating to the history of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender organizations and individuals dedicated to gay rights issues. The James Toy papers include materials about the Gay Liberation Fronts in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

These organizations were established in the 1970s to dramatize and seek remedy for the discrimination and harassment that gays and lesbians confronted. Also of interest are the papers of local activists Beth Bashert, Paul Heaton and Charles Duty, who were all involved in gay-related causes, among which the Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality, an organization founded in 2001 to fight against a ballot proposal that would have removed sexual orientation from the anti-discrimination provisions of the city charter. The papers of Craig Covey as well as those of Rudy Serra document the politics of gay rights in Ferndale (Mich.).
In addition the library has the records of Michigan organizations such as the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR), and two of its offshoots, Triangle and Affirmations. Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center was founded in 1989 to serve as a social and cultural resource center for the gay and lesbian community of the greater Detroit area. Triangle Foundation, formed in Detroit in 1990, is a gay and lesbian civil rights and advocacy organization dedicated to the promotion of equality for gays through media and legislative activism.

Finally the library holds substantial runs of the publications of Michigan-based lesbian and gay male organizations, documenting gay and lesbian culture and activism in the state since the 1970s.
Individuals

Ames, Dewey.
- 1 linear foot and 1 oversize folder.
  Organizer and member of the Detroit Team (and later Team Great Lakes) which participated in the Gay Games.
  Subject files, visual materials, posters, and ephemera relating to the organization and playing of the Gay Games; also photographs and a videotape.
  Finding aid

Anonymous Association of Suburban People officer.
- 1 linear foot and 1 outsize folder.
  The collection was created and collected by an officer of the Association of Suburban People who wishes to remain anonymous. The Association of Suburban People (ASP) was founded in 1976 as a social and political organization for Metropolitan Detroit gays and lesbians (for most of its history it was primarily a gay male organization).
  The collection contains legal papers, correspondence, and other official records of the Association of Suburban People, but concentrates on the organization's social activities. Photographs, flyers, and posters from Hottest Hairy or Hairless Chest Contests, Halloween Contests, and Club Nites are included, events held at the Interchange, the Outlaw, the R & R Saloon, and other Detroit area gay bars. The collection also includes a collection of matchbooks, matchboxes, and buttons.
  Finding aid

Bashert, Lisa Marshall
- 5 linear ft.
  Lesbian feminist witch from Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was involved in various causes and local organizations, especially relating to gay-lesbian activism in Michigan. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a life-partner of Beth Bashert.
  The Bashert collection consists almost entirely of her journals which are a combination of diaries, musings and other personal reflections about such topics as her sexuality, her personal relationship, and her involvement in feminist, lesbian, and pagan organizations.
  Finding aid
  Restricted access

Bashert, Beth
- Beth Bashert Papers, 1988-2003
- 1 linear ft.
  Local activist, identified with gay-lesbian issues in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Outspoken advocate for civil rights. As a campaign organizer, she has impacted local elections in Ypsilanti and other Michigan cities.
Organizational materials and topical files pertaining to her political and advocacy activities in Ypsilanti and at the state level.

Finding aid

Bessie, Dan
- Dan Bessie collection, 1910s-1990s
- 0.8 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder; Photographs: 0.1 linear ft.; Posters: 1 oversize folder.
  Collected materials relating to his uncle Leo Burnett, an advertising executive, and to his uncle Harry Burnett, who with Forman Brown and Roddy Brandon were the three openly gay partners forming the Yale Puppeteers and who operated the Turnabout Theater in Hollywood.
  Published material relating to Leo Burnett and his agency; diary with scattered entries of Forman Brown, 1985-1989; miscellanea regarding the Yale Puppeteers and the Turnabout Theater.
  Photographs relating to the Yale Puppeteers and the Turnabout Theater; include photo of Albert Einstein holding a puppet with his likeness; also portrait of Forman G. Brown and snapshots of childhood activities, ca. 1907, of Harry and Leo Burnett family of Ann Arbor and Saint Johns, Mich.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Brown, Forman G.
- Forman G. Brown scrapbook, 1918-1920
- 1 scrapbook.
  Student at the University of Michigan, later song-writer and one of the three Yale Puppeteers.
  Scrapbook containing clippings, photographs, and other memorabilia relating to student life. Some clippings of the University of Michigan Puppeteers.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Cole, Sandra S., 1937-
- 1.5 linear feet.
  Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D., is a professor (retired) and sexologist. She founded the Comprehensive Gender Services Program at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1993, and was active in the effort to include gender identity in the University's non-discrimination policies.
  Professional papers documenting her work providing transgender services and advocating for transgender rights at the University of Michigan and in Ann Arbor. Includes information relating to Cole's participation in efforts to change the University's non-discrimination policies and her work on the Ann Arbor City Ordinance Amendment of 1999. Also includes a 1997 annual report and policy and procedure information on the University's Comprehensive Gender Services Program.

Finding aid

Contemporary History Project (The New Left in Ann Arbor, Mich.)
• Contemporary History Project (The New Left in Ann Arbor, Mich.) transcripts of oral interviews, 1978-1979
• 1 linear ft.
• Restricted access.
Interviews with individuals involved with the political and social protests of the 1950s and 1960s, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; include discussion of civil rights demonstrations, draft resistance and other opposition to the Vietnam War, feminism and the equal rights movement, alternative lifestyles, gay rights, the drug culture, student rights, and the influence of rock and roll music.
Interviews discussing gay rights include the following:
Degrieck, Jerry (interview 44)
Oglesby, Beth (interview 19)
Raulet, Nail (interview 27)
Rubin, Gayle (interview 22)
Wechster, Nancy (interview 13)
Finding aid

Covey, Craig
• Craig Covey Papers, 1987-2001
• 0.3 linear ft.
Gay rights activist of Ferndale, Michigan.
Files relating to his involvement with AIDS prevention and gay rights; include minutes of the board and other materials of the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, 1988-2001; files accumulated from his work with the Michigan Organization for Human Rights; and miscellaneous relating to his campaign for Ferndale City Council in 1995.
Mirlyn Catalog Record

Dressel, James K.
• James K. Dressel Papers, ca 1952-1992
• 0.2 linear ft., 1 outsize v. and 1 outsize folder.
Biographical and campaign material, scattered correspondence, and photographs relating to Dressel's career; also scrapbook compiled by Mary Lodge and R. Cole Bouck relating to his career.
Mirlyn Catalog Record

Duty, Charles L.
• Charles L. Duty Papers, 1997-2000
• .75 linear ft.
Gay activist from Ypsilanti, Michigan, who helped lead the fight for Ypsilanti's anti-discrimination ordinance.
Correspondence and agenda and meeting minutes of Ypsilanti city council and other city agencies at which anti-discrimination ordinance was debated; newspaper clippings; and papers of Citizens for Community, a lesbian-gay-bisexual activist group.

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Edwards, Billie Louise

- 1.5 linear ft.

Feminist, activist, lesbian, motorcyclist, co-parent, Metropolitan Community Church preacher, and clinical psychologist. Also co-director of the University of Michigan Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office (LGMPO) from 1987 to 1993. Educational materials and writings, training materials and correspondence from the LGMPO, audio cassettes from her ministry, and a photographic portrait.

Ellis, Ruth

- Ruth Ellis Papers, 1899-2000
- 3 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.

African American lesbian. Biographical information, awards and citations, articles and clippings about her. Portraits of Ellis and family members; photographs of family events, friends and acquaintances, and everyday activities; photograph of Ellis at printing press.

Foster, Mary Pat

- Mary Pat Foster collection, ca. 1990-2008.
- 0.2 linear feet.

Fennville, Mich., accountant and political investigator; transgender activist, active in the Chicago Gender Society and the Church of Human Kindness. Videotape (VHS) and clippings relating to activities of the Chicago Gender Society and the Church of Human Kindness, educational groups for transgendered persons. Also preservation copy of Foster's website "West Michigan News Company," which reports on politics in Western Michigan, chiefly Allegan and Berrien Counties.

Haller, Douglas M.

- 1 linear foot and 1 oversize folder.

Archivist and information officer active in various Gay/Lesbian organizations, notably the Association of Suburban People (ASP). The collection related mainly to Haller's activities with ASP and includes membership materials, executive board minutes and agendas, reports of the information officer, files relating to ASP's political action committee, published material and scattered photographs.

Heaton, Paul C.

- Paul C. Heaton Papers, 1997-2001
- 1 linear ft.
Co-chair of the Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality and the Traverse City Campaign Against Discrimination, organizations fighting for gay rights in reference to human rights ordinances in their respective cities. Correspondence, political documents, flyers and published articles documenting the efforts of these two organizations. Also general information about the campaigns in Ypsilanti and Traverse City.

Finding aid

Heler, Ann.
- 0.5 linear feet and 1 oversize item.
  Member of the lesbian community in Ferndale, Mich.; member of Team Great Lakes, participants in the Gay Games.
  Flyers and other mailings, letters, photographs, programs, videotapes, and ephemera relating to Team Great Lakes and the Gay Games.
  Finding aid

Hummel, David.
- David Hummel scrapbooks, 1953-1968.
- 1 linear foot.
  Native of Saginaw, Mich., who performed drag shows in Detroit, Mich., and elsewhere.
  Hummel performed with Joe Price as the duo Fono Fools.
  Scrapbook (1955-1957) containing publicity photographs (mostly autographed) of cast members from productions of the Flint Musical Tent Shows. Also included are informal snapshots of cast members in costume. Another scrapbook (now in two volumes) covers the years 1953-1968 and documents Hummel's career as a drag stage and nightclub performer. This volume also includes publicity photographs, informal snapshots and related materials of other performers. There are also loose photographs; digital copies (on CDs) of the scrapbooks and CDs of tapes of some of the performances at the "Gold Dollar" club in Detroit.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record

- 7 linear feet and 1 oversize folder.
  Member of SDS (Students for Democratic Society) at Western Michigan University and leader in two early Michigan Gay Rights groups, Kalamazoo Gay Liberation and the Gay Liberation Movement (in East Lansing): Worked as an English as a Second Language teacher in Lansing before serving in the Peace Corps and teaching English in Thailand, South Korea, and Saudi Arabia. Also worked for UNESCO in Laos, observed elections in South Africa and Mozambique, and traveled widely through Europe, Asia, and Africa.
  Organizational materials (flyers, meeting minutes, and tracts) from SDS and Gay Rights groups, as well as clippings and underground publications; also photographs and personal journals documenting Kamm's student activism, his travels and teaching.
  Restricted access.
  Finding aid

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Kavanaugh, John L.

- 4 linear feet (in 5 boxes).

John Kavanaugh is Detroit, Mich. resident and social activist. He has been active in GLBT movement since 1968, was member of Detroit's Gay Liberation Front, founding member and first lay head of Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, Integrity, ONE, GLBT Caucus of the Episcopal Church, Detroit chapter of Black and White Men Together, and the Triangle Foundation of Detroit. Kavanaugh also has been active in public transit causes.

Correspondence, records of organizations, conference materials; writings by Kavanaugh and by others; publications of organizations and Kavanaugh's self-published periodicals; and news clippings. Also included 1 audiocassette and a CD-ROM, and some photographs; and oversize materials.

Kemmering, Catherine.

- 3 linear feet (in 3 boxes).

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is the oldest and largest continuing outdoor women-only festival, founded in 1976. The week-long festival takes place in a wooded location between Hart and Ludington in Oceana County, Mich., and includes performances, activities, and educational and vocational workshops.

Collection of scrapbooks and artifacts related to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, and a photo album with photographs from the 1978 National ERA Rally in Washington, D.C.

Kolb, Chris

- Chris Kolb Papers, 1997-2006
- 1 linear ft.

Democratic State Representative for the Michigan House of Representatives representing the 53rd district (Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township), from January 2001 to January 2007.

Legislative files mainly relating to gay issues, including gay marriage and hate crime legislation.

Newland, Harold Michael, 1942-

- 5 volumes and 1 folder (in 1 box)

Detroit attorney, graduate of the University of Michigan, resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Diaries describing his life in Ann Arbor with mention of activities with his life partner and with other friends and acquaintances.

Mirlyn Catalog Record
Phelps, Jessie, 1870-1957.
- Jessie Phelps papers, 1832-1951.
- 1 linear ft.
  Jessie Phelps was professor of physiology at Michigan State Normal College (which later became Eastern Michigan University).
  Her papers include 20 volumes of diaries (1885-1889, 1899-1900, 1903-1909, 1911-1916, 1929-1932, and 1942-1951), describing student days at Pontiac (Mich.) High School, travel in the United States (to Boston in 1900 and the West in 1947) and Europe (in 1906-1907), and her life as a retired teacher. Her interests included education, reading, world affairs, nature and gardening, health (in later years), and family affairs. Phelps's relationships with other women are described in some detail. The 1911-1916 diary speaks of her "divorce" from "E----." Correspondence and family papers concerning personal matters, agriculture, trips to the California gold rush and Kansas in 1857-1858; and photographs.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

- 0.1 linear ft.
  Ann Arbor, Mich., poet, artist, and hermit, also known as Brother William.
  Correspondence and other papers relating to his work and his calling as a hermit; also copies of his poetry.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Retzloff, Tim.
- Tim Retzloff oral history interviews, 1993-2012.
- 90 CD-Rs (in 3 boxes)
  Oral historian of Detroit's gay community.
  Oral interviews (on CD-Rs) of members of Detroit gay community discussing their experiences, the clubs and bars where they congregated, and the churches and human rights organizations to which they belonged.
  The collection is closed to research until 2022.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Russell, Kathleen
- Kathleen Russell Papers, 1997-2006
- 0.75 linear ft.
  Member of the faculty at Eastern Michigan University; active member of the Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality, an organization formed in support of a non-discrimination ordinance.
  Files relating to the Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality and to her work with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community at Eastern Michigan University; also CD-ROM of the EMU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Resource Center web site; videotapes relating to the non-discrimination ordinance.

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Serra, Rudy
- 1 linear ft.
  Ferndale, Michigan attorney, later judge with the 36th District Court in Detroit. Files pertaining to his involvement in the revision of Ferndale city ordinances to include a person's sexual orientation for civil rights protection; files relating to a Ypsilanti, Michigan ballot proposal that would have nullified previously enacted city ordinances protecting civil rights of gays and lesbians, 2002; also videotape (VHS) of Serra's presentation at a council meeting.
  Finding aid

Sivil, Daniel R.
- Daniel R. Sivil Papers, 1940-1993
- 0.5 linear ft.
  Active in the gay and lesbian civil rights and advocacy movement of the 1980s. Founding member of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights and president of the Association of Suburban People, a gay-lesbian organization devoted to social and political activity. Files relating to organizational and advocacy efforts; correspondence with Henry Messer and other activists; and photographs.
  Finding aid

Toy, James W.
- 24.3 linear feet (in 26 boxes) and 1 oversize folder.
  Activist on behalf of gay-lesbian rights, founder and co-head of the Human Sexuality Office of the University of Michigan. The James Toy collection consists of materials created and/or collected over a three decade period, mainly from 1971 to 1994. It is a combination of the personal papers of Toy and the records of the university office (originally named Human Sexuality Office, later Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office, and now Lesbian-Gay Male-Bisexual Programs Office) in which Toy was employed for twenty-five years. The Toy Papers have been arranged into three series: Lesbian-Gay Male-Bisexual Programs Office, Topical Files, and Correspondence. The Lesbian-Gay Male-Bisexual Programs Office series consists of records generated by Toy (with some records of the lesbian advocate) in his capacity as gay male advocate within the Human Sexuality Office (and successor units) of the University of Michigan. These records relate to the administration of the office, its programs, and its relationship with the larger university community. Of special note are those files pertaining to the effort to revise the U-M Regental Bylaw 14.06 and thus provide protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, the work of the U-M Task Force on Sexual Orientation, and the drafting of the two policy statements on discrimination and discriminatory harassment (for students, and for faculty and staff). The Topical Files series consists mainly of subject files, collected or created by Toy, and relating to his involvement or mentoring of other gay organizations. Organizations represented with significant amounts of material include the Gay Hotline, the Gay
Liberation Front, the Gay Community Services, LaGROC, and the Michigan Organization for Human Rights. Other portions of this series pertain to Toy’s numerous committee and training responsibilities within the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and on the general topic of the attitude of the various religious denominations to the topic of homosexuality and the inclusion of gays into church life. Personal papers. Photographs of gay pride and other gay rights demonstrations in Ann Arbor, Michigan; also informal photos of Toy.

Finding aid

Tsang, Daniel
- Daniel Tsang papers, 1970-1978
- 2 linear ft.

Student at the University of Michigan, member of the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO). Supporter of gay rights and gay life at the University of Michigan. Topical files, printed material, and flyers largely concerning the organization and strike of the GEO in 1975; also papers relating to affirmative action and problems of homosexual University students, including the movement to include sexual preference in the non discrimination clauses of the GEO contract.

Finding aid
University of Michigan Organizations

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  Scrapbook containing clippings, photographs, and other memorabilia relating to student life. Some clippings of the University of Michigan Puppeteers.
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  Educational materials and writings, training materials and correspondence from the LGMPO, audio cassettes from her ministry, and a photographic portrait.
  Finding Aid

Lavender Information and Library Association
- Lavender Information and Library Association records, 1989-1999
- 2 linear ft.
- Restricted access in part.
  Organization established in 1989 by University of Michigan librarians and information science professionals and students to promote awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues within the university libraries and School of Information. Prior names have been Gay and Lesbian Library Staff (GALLS), Gay and Lesbian Library Association (GALLA), and Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Library Association (BGALLA).
  Printouts of electronic mail, meeting minutes and publicity documenting events and activities of the organization as well as issues and events of general interest to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Also includes two t-shirts with logos.
  Finding Aid

Office of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Affairs (University of Michigan)
- 5 linear ft. and 1 outsized folder.
  The Human Sexuality Office, one of several precursors to the office of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Affairs, was established in 1971. It was the first such office in the United States. James Toy an activist on behalf of gay-lesbian rights, was the founder and co-head of the office. Initially the office had a separate lesbian and gay male advocates. After several reorganizations the office was headed by a single coordinator. Administrative and topical files of the Office of LGBT Affairs and its predecessor offices, relating to the operation of the office, outreach programs, advocacy efforts, and
background on university housing issues, same sex benefits, as well as local, state and national issues pertaining to gay and lesbian rights.
Photographs of rights marches, gay pride events, and celebration events; 2 videotapes (VHS), one relating to 1991 signing of Ann Arbor Domestic Partnership Ordinance, and 30 audio cassettes of Gay/Lesbian Radio Collective shows on WCBN, and other recordings of events, meetings, and coming out stories.

Finding Aid

Toy, James W.
- James W. Toy Papers, 1963-1995
- 20.3 linear ft., ca. 50 photographs and 1 oversize folder.
Activist on behalf of gay-lesbian rights, founder and co-head of the Human Sexuality Office of the University of Michigan.
Personal papers.
Records of the university office (originally named Human Sexuality Office, then Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office, and later Lesbian-Gay Male-Bisexual Programs Office) where he worked for twenty-three years.
Photographs of gay pride and other gay rights demonstrations in Ann Arbor, Michigan; also informal photos of Toy.
Restricted access in part.
Finding Aid
Ann Arbor/ Ypsilanti organizations

Gay/Lesbian Organization for Human Rights-Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor
  - 0.2 linear ft.
  Organization created chiefly to oversee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week observances in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
  Minutes and Miscellanea.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  Restricted access in part.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Ann Arbor chapter
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Ann Arbor chapter records, 1984-1996
  - 1 folder.
  Ann Arbor chapter of support group for parents and friends of lesbians and gays.
  Bylaws, clippings, and scattered correspondence relating to activities of organization.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record

Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project
  - 3.5 linear ft.
  Founded in 1995, the Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project (WRAP) was an outgrowth of an earlier organization, the Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County chapter of the Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity. The statewide organization of the Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity was established to enlist opposition to a state ballot initiative that would deny equal discrimination protection to gay men and lesbians. After the initiative failed, members of the Washtenaw MCHD then decided to focus their attention on grassroots work within Washtenaw County, devoting themselves to increased visibility and acceptance and appreciation of the lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgender community through education and political action. To this end, they formed a new political action group, the Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project.
  Records, 1993-1995, of Washtenaw County chapter of Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity; minutes of meetings, print-outs of electronic communications and other administrative files; records pertaining to education and outreach efforts, such as the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and the Rainbow Oasis Center; also files detailing political action events, including National Coming Out Day.
  Finding aid

Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality
- Ypsilanti Campaign for Equality records, 1998-2002
  - 1 linear ft.
  Organization formed in about 2001 to contest a ballot proposal that would have removed sexual orientation protections from the Ypsilanti City Charter.
Records of the campaign, including campaign literature, planning documents, budgets, press materials, and background information. Records include both paper files and electronic materials.

Finding aid

Ypsilanti Human Rights Ordinance

- 0.2 linear ft.
  Collected materials relating to referendum that would have repealed Ypsilanti, Michigan's human rights ordinance (which protected rights of gay men and lesbians). The referendum was held May 5, 1998.

Mirlyn Catalog Record
Michigan Organizations

Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center
- Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center Records, 1989-2004
- 5 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
  Organization established in 1989 to serve as a resource to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the greater Detroit area.
  Meeting minutes, correspondence, and written records pertaining to Affirmations's fundraising, programming, membership and advocacy activities. Select events are also documented by photographs.
  Finding aid

American Friends Service Committee, Michigan Area Office
- 23 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
  Michigan office of national organization concerned with peace, poverty, and other matters of social justice.
  Administrative files, topical files, and regional and national office materials; contain files relating to their interest in pacifism, draft counseling, community service, prison reform and other issues relating to the criminal justice system, and peace education.
  Michigan Area Peace Education Committee: materials related to anti-homophobia, gay rights workshops, campaign to end homophobia and other gay-rights activities; including audiotape of interview of Rev. Bill Hybels, "The Church's understanding of homosexuality" (1993).
  Finding aid

Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Oakland University
- Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Oakland University records, 1989-1998
- 0.4 linear ft.
  Organization established to provide information, support, and activities to the gay and lesbian student community of Oakland University.
  Informational flyers, newsletters, meeting minutes, membership lists, financial records, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and related materials.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record

Lansing Association for Human Rights
- Lansing Association for Human Rights records, 1984-1989
- 1 folder.
  Minutes.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record

Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity
- 0.5 linear ft.
Organization established to oppose potential ballot proposals intended to nullify state and local legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Minutes, newsletters, and other files documenting the arguments and techniques used by both those promoting and opposing state ballot initiatives limiting protection of the civil rights of lesbians and gay males.

**Finding aid**

**Michigan Equality**
- Michigan Equality records, 2000-2005
- 0.2 linear ft.
Statewide political advocacy organization organized in 1999 with the purpose of building a base of support to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Bylaws, newsletters, and news articles relating to activities of the organization, particularly on the issue of same sex marriage, and the 2004 ballot proposal banning gay marriages.

**Mirlyn Catalog Record**

**Michigan Organization for Human Rights**
- 13 linear ft.
Organization established in 1977 to serve as resource for different human rights organizations. The organization early on focused on issues of civil rights for lesbians and gay men. Administrative files include minutes, reports, and agendas; correspondence; topical files; clippings, and audio-tapes (1973-1982) of gay radio broadcasts on station WDET in Detroit. Restricted access in part.

**Finding aid**

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Lansing area chapter**
- Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Lansing area chapter records, 1972-1999
- 0.75 linear ft.
Lansing area chapter of national non-profit organization established to promote health and well-being of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals and their families and friends. Background information; administrative files; topical files detailing activities of the chapter; scanned photographic images; and a videocassette.

**Finding aid**

**Perceptions**
- Perceptions website, 2002-2007 [electronic resource]
- 1CD-ROM (22.4 mb, approx. 130 files).
Community organization serving the Tri-Cities area of Michigan (Midland, Bay City, Saginaw) that offers educational, social and networking opportunities and strives to foster positive image of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community.
Website of the organization, captured June 13, 2007; include newsletters and other organizational information.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Pride PAC

- Pride PAC records, 1999-2003
- 0.1 linear ft.
  Political action committee of Michigan's gay-lebian-bisexual-transgender community. The organization was established in 1985 as the Michigan Human Rights Campaign Committee, an offshoot of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights political action committee. The name was changed to Pride PAC in 1995. Minutes, election guides, mailings, and related materials.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Ruth Ellis Center.

- Ruth Ellis Center visual materials, 2006 and undated.
- 2 folders.
  Highland Park, Michigan youth center established to provide support and activities for lesbian, gay, bi-atractional, transgender and questioning youth. Photographs of Ruth Ellis with friends and participating in Center events; also posters of upcoming Center programs, 2006 and undated.

Mirlyn Catalog Record

Triangle Foundation

- Triangle Foundation Records, 1987-2006
- 7 linear ft. and 1 oversize folder.
  Gay and lesbian civil rights and advocacy organization, located in Detroit, Michigan and formed in 1990. Its programs include an anti-violence project, media activism, and legislative education on gay civil rights.
  Minutes; correspondence; press releases and publications of the Triangle Foundation; news clippings documenting issues relevant to the gay/lesbian community and of Triangle activities; and videotapes of local cable television newsmagazine, Lambda Digest. Topics covered include local and national news items of interest to the gay and lesbian community; also interviews with local and national gay rights advocates.

Finding aid

Women Out and About newsletters, 2008-2010.

- 0.4 linear foot (in 1 box).
  Women Out and About (WOA) an organization based in Michigan providing social and professional support of lesbian women.
  Printouts of WOA weekly newsletter, starting 2008.

Mirlyn Catalog Record
Churches

Dignity/Detroit
- Dignity/Detroit Records, 1974-2004
- 2.3 linear ft.
  Organization established to unite gay Catholics and provide a vehicle through which they might be heard within the Church and by the wider Detroit community.
  Organizational files; Executive Council and general membership meeting records; and programs and other materials of organization anniversaries, retreats, and other activities. Finding aid

Huron Valley Community Church (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- 0.5 linear ft.
  Independent ecumenical church established in 1985 to minister to the gay and lesbian community of Ann Arbor, Michigan.
  Administrative and topical files include correspondence, newsletters and news clippings, church bulletins, and subject files detailing church activities; also scattered records of Metropolitan Christian Church, 1984-1985, some of whose members established Huron Valley Community Church. Finding aid

Reconciliation Metropolitan Community Church collection
- Reconciliation Metropolitan Community Church collection, 1980-2005
- 1 folder and 1 CD-ROM.
  Church established in 1980 to serve the religious needs of the gay community in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
  Church history and CD-ROM of photos taken throughout the first 25 years of the church's existence. Photos of church members, activities, and buildings. Mirlyn Catalog Record
Other collections of interest

American Civil Liberties Union of Washtenaw County
- American Civil Liberties Union of Washtenaw County records, 1961-2000
- 3 linear ft.
  Correspondence, minutes of meetings, and subject files, relating to local activities, problems of civil rights. Materials relating to the ACLU Committee on Lesbian Women and Gay Men, 1981-1983.
  Finding aid

Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission
- Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission records, 1957-1993
- 12 linear ft.
  Agency of the city of Ann Arbor established in 1957 as the Human Relations Commission to investigate and deal with issues of racial discrimination in housing and employment. The scope of the Commission came to include complaints of discrimination against women, gays, and the disabled.
  Topical files: materials about Gay Liberation and gays in Ann Arbor.
  Finding aid

The Bicentennial Dilemma: Who's in Control?
- 19 videotapes.
  Teach-in organized by University of Michigan students, November 2-4, 1975.
  Includes tapes about gay issues:
  [last name not given], Stella, Repression of Gay People (tape 222): "Attacks homophobia in the New Left and the Teach-In. Relates it to similar experiences with straight academic conferences."
  Finding aid

Campus Broadcasting Network (University of Michigan)
- Campus Broadcasting Network (University of Michigan) records, 1953-1989
- 6.5 linear ft.
  Campus radio broadcasting stations at the University of Michigan.
  News files: materials relating to the Gay Liberation Front.
  Finding aid

Law School (University of Michigan)
- Law School (University of Michigan) records, 1852-1999
- 120 linear ft., 1 oversize v., 2 oversize folders, and 2 folders and 1 roll of architectural drawings and blueprints (oversize).
  Files on the Academic Policy Group Subcommittee on Sexual Orientation, a task force chaired by Dean Bollinger in 1992 and 1993. Also records of the Rainbow Law Students
Restricted access.
Finding aid

National Organization for Women, Oakland County Chapter
- National Organization for Women, Oakland County Chapter records, 1978-2002
- 1 linear ft.
Finding aid

Office of Financial Aid (University of Michigan)
- 10.25 linear ft.
Finding aid

Ozone House
- 9.5 linear ft.
  Haven for young people who were unable to cope with life on the street.
Finding aid

President (University of Michigan)
- President (University of Michigan) records, 1967-[ongoing]
- 345 linear ft. and 2 outsize folders.
  Files on Gay Liberation Front in 1969-1976 and on "How to be Gay" Course.
  Restricted access.
Finding aid

Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs (University of Michigan)
- Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs (University of Michigan) records, 1947-[ongoing]
- 625 linear ft.
  "Staff files" subgroup: materials on lesbian and gay issues in the first half of the 1990s;
  Restricted access.
Finding aid

Student Government Council (University of Michigan)
- Student Government Council (University of Michigan) records, 1912-1975
- 10 linear ft.
Finding aid
University of Michigan assorted publications
- University of Michigan assorted publications, circa 1920s-2006 (bulk 1970s-1990s)
- ca 140 linear ft.
  Finding aid

Vice President for Student Affairs (University of Michigan)
- Vice-President for Student Affairs (University of Michigan) records, 1908-[ongoing].
- 36.8 linear ft.
  Finding aid

Vice-Provost for Academic and Multicultural Affairs (University of Michigan)
- 41 linear ft.
  Finding aid

Women's Advocate Office (University of Michigan)
- Women's Advocate Office (University of Michigan) records, 1970-1976
- 7 linear ft.
  Office created to meet the personal and legal needs of women at the University of Michigan. Reference and topic files concerning women's issues.
  Finding aid
Selected works

Directories

- Heler, Ann. Lesbian and gay educational resources. Detroit, MI: Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, [1991?]
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
- Michigan pride source directory. Farmington, MI.: Pride Source Media Group. Current issue available online
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
- West, Raymond. A homosexual's guide to Detroit: perils and pleasures. [S.l. : s.n., 197-]
  Mirlyn Catalog Record

Films

- Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100. Chicago, Ill.: Our Film Works, c1999.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  Mirlyn Catalog Record

Selected publications of interest

  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  An exhibition in the main lobby of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library on the Central Campus of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor from June 1, 1999 through July 31, 1999.
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
- Growing up gay. Ann Arbor, MI: Youth Liberation Press,1978 (2nd ed.)
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
  Mirlyn Catalog Record
- University of Michigan. Study Committee on the Status of Lesbians and Gay Men. From invisibility to inclusion: opening the doors for lesbians and gay men at the University of Michigan. [Ann Arbor, MI]: University of Michigan, 1991. Mirlyn Catalog Record
Periodicals

- **Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center**. Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center (Southfield, Mich.)
- **AltCamping**. AltCamping (Dearborn, Mich.)
- **Ann Arbor Gay Times**. Ann Arbor Gay Times (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **ASP Newsletter**. ASP (Plymouth, Mich.)
- **Aurora Newsletter**. (Marquette, Mich.)
- **B.W.M.T. Detroit Newsletter**. Black and White Men together (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Between the Lines**. Between the lines (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **Blue Water Pride Beacon**. Blue Water Pride (Port Huron, Mich.)
- **Capital Men's Club**. Capital Men's Club (Lansing, Mich.)
- **Celery City Social Club**. Celery City Social Club (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
- **Center news**. Helen Diner Memorial Women's Center (East Lansing, Mich.)
- **Centerlines**. Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center (Ferndale, Mich.)
- **Cruise Magazine**. (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Cruise Weekly**. (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Detroit Gay Liberator**. Gay Liberation Front (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Detroit Liberator**. Gay Liberation Front (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Dignity [Ann Arbor newsletters]**. Dignity/Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **Dignity Dateline**. Dignity/Detroit (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Dignity/Detroit [newsletter]**. Dignity/Detroit (Detroit, Mich.). [Recent issues available online](#)
- **Dignity Flint Newsletter**. Dignity/Flint (Flint, Mich.)
- **Dignity/Tri-Cities**. Dignity/Tri-Cities (Bay City, Mich.)
- **Eno**. One in Detroit (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Entertainment Cruise Magazine**. (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Friends Southwest**. Friends Southwest (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
- **Gay and Lesbian News**. Lansing Association for Human Rights (Lansing, Mich.)
- **Gay Liberator** (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Gay Space**. Gay Community Center (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **GLEAM**. GLEAM (Royal Oak, Mich.)
- **IC Exchange**. Interchange (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Just Us Newsletter**. Just Us (Ferndale, Mich.)
- **Kick!** (Detroit, Mich.)
- **Lahr Newsletter**. Lansing Association for Human Rights (Lansing, Mich.)
- **Lambda**. Lambda of Kalamazoo (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
- **The Lambda Revue**. Gay Youth Group (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **The Leaping Lesbian**. Leaping Lesbian (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **Lesbian Alliance**. Greater Lansing Women's Association (East Lansing, Mich.)
- **Lesbian Center News**. Lesbian Center (East Lansing, Mich.)
- **Lesbian Connection**. (East Lansing, Mich.)
- **Lesbian-Gay Male Community Services Newsletter**. Education Committee, LGCS (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- **The Little Lambda Revue**. Gay Youth Group (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- Lutherans Concerned/Great Lakes Newsletter. Lutherans Concerned/Great Lakes (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- Male Tent and Trailer Campers. Male Tent and Trailer Campers (Fraser, Mich.)
- Metra Magazine. Metra, Inc. (Ferndale, Mich.)
- Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit Newsletter. Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit (Birmingham, Mich.)
- Michigan Pride Source. Pride Source Corp. (Livonia, Mich.)
- Michigan Tribune. Culver Communications, Inc. (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- Midwest Gay Academy Journal. Gay Academy Union (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- MOHR Information. Michigan Organization for Human Rights (Detroit, Mich.)
- Monthly Newsletter. Male Tent and Trailer Campers (Fraser, Mich.)
- Motor City Business Forum Newsletter. Motor City Business Forum (Southfield, Mich.)
- Network News. Lesbian and Gay Community Network of Western Michigan (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
- Networking 45? North. Friends North (Traverse City, Mich.)
- Newsletter/Phoenix Community Church, United Church of Christ. Phoenix Community Church (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
- The Newsletter that dare not speak its name!. Great Lakes Gaylaxians (Royal Oak, Mich.)
- The Newsletter that dare now shout its name. Great Lakes Gaylaxians (Royal Oak, Mich.)
- One in Detroit [Newsletter]. One in Detroit (Detroit, Mich.)
- One of Detroit Newsletter. One of Detroit (Detroit, Mich.)
- Outpost. Outpost Publishing (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- Out.spooken. Triangle Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)
- OUTSpoken. OUTSpoken (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- Parents FLAG Ann Arbor Newsletter. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- PFLAG Ann Arbor Newsletter. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- PFLAG Detroit Newsletter. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Farmington, Mich.)
- PRIDE Newsletters. PRIDE (Fint, Mich.)
- Purple Star. Purple Star (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
• **Rainbow Neighbors: Ypsilanti LGBTA Community News.** Rainbow Neighbors (Ypsilanti, Mich.)
• **Reel pride Michigan: GLBT film festival.** Triangle Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)
• **Resource Center News.** Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
• **ROC News.** Rainbow Oasis Center (Saline, Mich.)
• **SEMGLA Newsletter.** South-Eastern Michigan Gay and Lesbian Association (Detroit, Mich.)
• **The Spare Tire.** Girth and Mirth Detroit (Redford, Mich.)
• **Spectre.** (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
• **Team Great Lakes Newspaper.** Team Great Lakes (Ferndale, Mich.)
• **Ten Percent.** Ten Percent (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
• **The Third Coast.** Green Apple Graphics (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
• **Triangle Foundation Quarterly Newsletter.** Triangle Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)
• **The Tripod: the Triangle Foundation Report to Investors.** The Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)
• **Triumphs & Tactics: Quarterly Newsletter of the Triangle Foundation.** Triangle Foundation (Detroit, Mich.)
• **The Voice.** (Detroit, Mich.)
• **The Voice of Reconciliation Metropolitan Community Church.** Reconciliation Metropolitan Community Church (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
• **The Way.** Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit (Detroit, Mich.)
• **The Way We Are.** [Kirk Schiebold (Detroit, Mich.)]
• **Wrap-up/ Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project.** The Project (Ann Arbor, Mich.)