

# Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940

Administrative Files, 1992-1999. Clippings: Portfolio, 1987-1993. ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives. *Archives of Sexuality & Gender*.





# THE LARGEST DIGITAL PRIMARY SOURCE PROGRAMME SUPPORTING SEXUALITY & GENDER STUDIES

Gale's milestone digital programme *Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940* connects students, educators and researchers to the rich history of sexuality and gender. With over three million pages of fully-searchable, rare and unique sources, users can delve deeper and make new connections in subjects such as Cultural Studies, Queer Studies, Sociology, Policy Studies, Women's Studies, Politics, Law, Human Rights and Gender Studies.

Drawn from hundreds of institutions and organisations, from major international bodies to local grassroots initiatives, the documents in *Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940* illuminate the experiences of LGBTQ individuals and groups of different races, ethnicities, ages, religions, political orientations and geographical locations. There is also significant coverage of feminism and women's rights campaigns and concerns during this period.

As well as influential, widely-distributed sources such as prominent periodicals, government reports, newsletters and advertisements, the archive contains oral history transcripts, diaries, intimate correspondence and interviews that provide a deeply personal interpretation of the LGBTQ experience, putting a human face on the history of sexuality and gender.

Though most materials are in English, the archive is truly global in scope, featuring historical documents created in over 35 countries, with 29 languages represented, including Polish, Russian, Japanese, Hebrew and Indonesian.

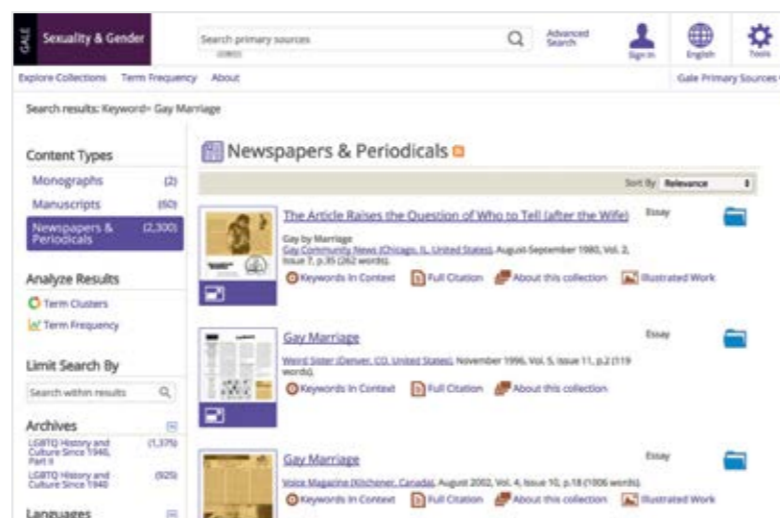
## WHY IS THIS ARCHIVE IMPORTANT?

- It offers a **cross-cultural perspective** on the study of sexuality & gender;
- provides **multiple perspectives** on LGBTQ communities and experiences in the latter half of the twentieth century and beyond;
- offers detailed coverage of **key figures, movements and events** in LGBTQ history;
- and makes **rare and hard-to-find materials** (often only accessible at the source library) easily available, 24/7.



## TOPICS AND CONCEPTS EXPLORED INCLUDE:

- Gendered law, policy and citizenship
- Global social movements, gender and intersectionality
- Gender and sexuality in the media
- Gendered structures and practices of agency
- Civil rights campaign movements
- The politics of identity



## SOURCED FROM NOTABLE LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

Material for this ground-breaking programme comes from a variety of international sources such as local and national governments, pan-national and self-determined NGOs and LGBTQ charities. Some collections come from some seemingly unlikely sources; the *Papers of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement*, *Gay Activism in Britain from 1958* and the *Papers of Vera "Jack" Holme*, for example, were sourced from the London School of Economics Library, whilst much of the material comes from some of the most well-known institutions for LGBTQ issues worldwide, such as:

- ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- GLBT Historical Society, San Francisco, California
- Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation, Inc., Brooklyn, New York
- Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives, Toronto, Ontario

Other notable source libraries include:

- Women's Energy Bank, Tampa, Florida
- New York Public Library, New York City
- The National Archives, Kew, London
- National Library of Medicine and National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland
- Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- Lambda Archives, San Diego, California

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Affinity A Publication of Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons Fall 1993 Vol. XV Issue. 9." Affinity, Fall 1993, p. [1]+. Archives of Sexuality & Gender.



Administrative Files, 1992-1999. Clippings: Portfolio, 1987-1993. 1987-1993. MS Twice Blessed Collection Box 8, Folder 5. ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives. Archives of Sexuality & Gender.



Douce, Stuart. "Out! Youth Perspective." Out! New Zealand's Alternative Lifestyle Magazine, Aug.-Sep. 2000, p. 42. Archives of Sexuality & Gender.





Incógnito, Traducción de. "El Homosexual Alcohólico." *Ventana Gay*, no. 13, 1983.

This archive goes beyond key figures and movements to deal with all aspects of life that may affect LGBTQ communities, such as addiction and alcoholism.



Тин, Луи-Джордж, and Татьяна Данилевич. "Гомофобия." *Gay UA*, no. 9, 2004.

*Gay UA* was a Ukrainian magazine that briefly covered gay issues in the country from 2003-2005. This is an article on homophobia.



"Pan." *Pan*, 1980.

With coverage from 1980–1999, the homophile membership magazine *Pan* explored LGBT life in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.

# ARCHIVES OF SEXUALITY & GENDER: LGBTQ HISTORY AND CULTURE SINCE 1940

## PART I

*Part I* brings together approximately 1.5 million pages of primary sources from nineteen individual collections on issues which have impacted LGBTQ communities around the world in the twentieth century and beyond. *Part I* also includes a significant quantity of material related to feminism and women’s rights, such as documents surrounding Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin’s groundbreaking book on domestic violence and their work with the National Organization for Women (NOW). Many of the subject files from the Lesbian Herstory Archives also concern the women’s liberation movement, the British wing of which is documented in the collection *Sexual Politics in Britain*.

Amongst other sources, researchers can explore:

- **Records of both the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis** – the earliest US gay and lesbian rights organisations.
- **Files of the Albany Trust** – which document the gay rights movement emerging in Britain in the 1950s and ‘60s.
- **Papers of more militant groups** – such as the Gay Activists Alliance, founded after the 1969 Stonewall riots and ACT UP, founded in 1987 in response to the AIDS crisis.
- **Records of the Committee for Homosexual Equality** – the largest British LGBTQ rights groups during the 1970s.
- **Government and medical responses to the AIDS epidemic** – documented in three collections, they offer an exhaustive review of the political, social, medical and economic effects of AIDS worldwide.

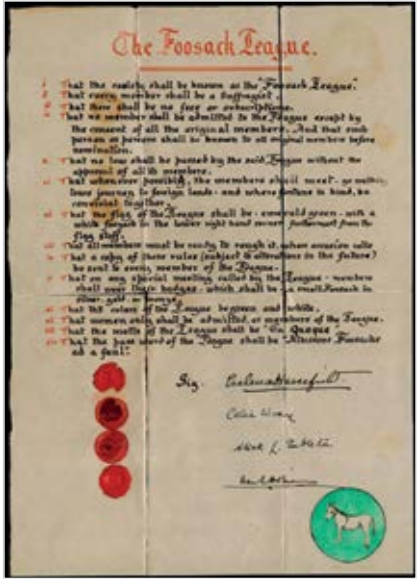
A particular highlight of the archive is the unparalleled assemblage of newsletters, newspapers and periodicals by, for, and about, gays and lesbians. This includes rare publications from now-defunct groups such as the spiritually oriented Q Spirit forum, as well as periodicals from countries such as Latvia and Zimbabwe. These holdings reveal the many functions printed media held, and still hold, for LGBTQ individuals: creating and fostering community; entertainment; sharing news; advertising meetings and demonstrations; and showcasing LGBTQ-friendly businesses.

## PART II

LGBTQ organisations have become increasingly vocal since the 1940s, fighting to make LGBTQ voices heard worldwide, fighting for equality. Yet some groups have never been as well represented as more ‘mainstream’ lesbians and gays. These more marginalised, ‘unusual’ or niche LGBTQ groups include Jewish and Christian LGBTQ communities, transvestites, bisexuals and transgender communities, lesbian and gay youth groups, Two-Spirit people and groups such as Native American gay communities. *LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940 Part II* adds greater depth and context to the programme as a whole, and provides particular insight into the experiences of these marginalised groups. Highlighting underrepresented communities provides fresh perspectives on a diverse community, and allows researchers to make new connections in the development of LGBTQ culture and activism.

*Part II* contains over 1.5 million pages of content – almost all digitised for the very first time. Some interesting highlights include:

- **The fascinating life of Vera “Jack” Holme** – her activities as a suffragette; her work during the First World War and relief work in Serbia and Yugoslavia; her personal life and friendships, including with her girlfriend Evelina Haverfield.
- **Dr. J David Latham’s psychological surveys and research papers** – examining homosexuality within heterosexual marriages.
- **Papers of the Gay Christian Movement** – founded in 1976 to support gay Christians, and help the Church re-examine its understanding of sexuality.
- **The gay liberation movement in Mexico** – including interview transcripts, correspondence and ephemera from groups such as Frente Homosexual de Accion Revolucionaria, Grupo Lambda, and Lesbianas comunistas Feministas.
- **Allan Bérubé’s writings and research files** – on the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, a labour union that in the 1930’s was left-wing, multi-racial and gay-friendly.
- **Research on the persecution of homosexuals during the Holocaust** – from the *CLGA International Vertical Files* and the *Twice Blessed Collection*.
- **Papers of Keshet Shalom** – a national US organisation that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life.
- **Legislation and court cases** – including sources on conversion therapy, gays in the military, and from the Departmental Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution, including the Wolfenden Report.



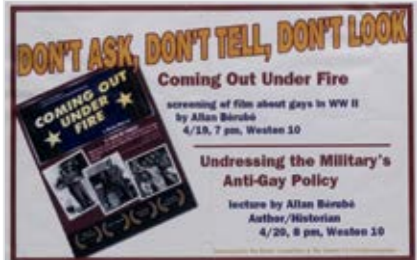
The constitution of the suffragist organisation ‘The Fooseack League’, 1910.

The LGBTQ community was represented in many popular movements of the twentieth century. In the *Papers of Vera “Jack” Holme*, we can trace her involvement in the suffrage movement. This Constitution is signed by Vera L. Holme.



An image from “Gender Bending in Early Postcards” *The Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review: A Quarterly Journal of Arts, Letters, and Sciences*, vol. 18, no. 5, 2011.

An interesting study on the perception of gender in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Look,’ Williams College Talk, April 2006.

Allan Bérubé wrote a number of histories covering aspects of LGBTQ life, including *Coming Out Under Fire*, an account of lesbians and gays in the military during World War II. This source advertises a film screening and lecture.



**'San Francisco's Youngest and Prettiest Female Impersonators'**

Explore the histories of transgender and transvestite communities.

Collection: *The Homophile Movement: Papers of Donald Stewart Lucas, 1941-1976, from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Historical Society*



**Synagogues' response to gay and lesbian Jews**

The *Manhattan Jewish Sentinel*, one of the larger weekly newspapers in New York, explored the reaction of Jewish establishments to gay and lesbian members of their congregation in their April 1995 issue.

Collection: *Twice Blessed Collection from the ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives*

**The first gay magazine in Columbia**

*Ventana Gay*, the first gay magazine in Colombia, joined a variety of other publications covering LGBTQ issues in Latin America, such as *Crisálida* (Guadalajara, Mexico), *Conducta Impropia* (Lima, Peru), *Les Voz* (Mexico City, Mexico), *Fuera del Closet* (Managua, Nicaragua), *Gayness* (San Jose, Costa Rica), and *NX* (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Collection: *International Gay and Lesbian Periodicals and Newsletters from the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives*



**'Gai Pied Story'**

*Gai Pied Hebdo* was a French magazine aimed at homosexuals founded in 1979 by Jean Le Bitoux. The paper interviewed many well-known individuals, including Jean-Paul Sartre and David Hockney.

Collection: *Gai Pied Hebdo, 19-25 Avril 1986 from the ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives*



**'Marriage and Civil Partnership in Scotland'**

A guide to same-sex marriage and civil partnership in Scotland produced by Equality Network, Scotland's LGBTI equality and human rights charity, following passage of the Marriage and Civil Partnership Act of 2014.

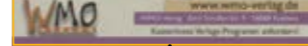
Document: *Marriage and Civil Partnership in Scotland from the International Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations*



**A lesbian travel guide to Germany**

An advert for sapphosguide the first lesbian travel guide to Germany, produced in 2003 by WMO Verlag ('Women Mail Order Publisher') who published lesbian materials.

Collection: *Organisation Files - WMO Verlag, in the International Vertical Files from the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives*



**'Vladimir Putin and Homophobia in Russia'**

An article on homophobia in Russia in the run up to the 2014 Sochi Olympics printed in *Xtra!*, an LGBT magazine founded in Toronto, Canada, in 1984. It includes discussion of Putin's law prohibiting 'propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations', and the backlash against it.

Collection: *International Vertical Files from the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives*



**'Private Lives 2 - the Second National Survey of the Health and Wellbeing of GLBT Australians'**

The PL2 Report (2012) is part of a growing body of research undertaken at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society. The research spans a decade of change in the legal rights and social recognition of LGBT people in Australia.



**'Private Lives 2 - the Second National Survey of the Health and Wellbeing of GLBT Australians'**

Document: *Private Lives 2 the Second National Survey...of GLBT Australians from the International Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations*



**Multilingual gay magazine published in Zurich**

*Der Kreis* was a Swiss, multilingual gay magazine published from 1932 to 1967, and distributed internationally. This advert from November 1956 advertises a masked drag party.

Collection: *International Gay and Lesbian Periodicals and Newsletters from Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives*



**Italian LGBTQ periodical Quir**

The front cover of Italian magazine *Quir* from February 1994. This archive programme contains a number of Italian periodicals representing LGBTQ life and culture such as *Quir*, *Babilonia*, *Lambda*, and *Fuori!*

Collection: *International Gay and Lesbian Periodicals and Newsletters from Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives*



**Indonesia's first gay magazine**

A 'cerpen' (short story) article from May 1983 in *Gaya Hidup Ceria*, Indonesia's first gay magazine. While the periodical was short-lived, it provides a window into gay communities in Indonesia.

Collection: *International Gay and Lesbian Periodicals and Newsletters from the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives*



## DELIVERING ENORMOUS VALUE TO SCHOLARSHIP

"This product is extremely easy to use...the results are very fast...The ability to change the search prompts and labels to several other languages is great for non-native English speakers doing research in the product...The content is outstanding and far ahead of its competitors... If you only have purchase power for one LGBTQ product this year, this should be the product you buy."

- The Charleston Advisor, January 2017 (review by Christina Hennessey, Cataloguing Librarian, Loyola Marymount University)

"The programme, which brings together...rare and unique primary source content, is continuing to make an impact...[and] can be found in institutions all around the globe. It recently won the PROSE award for 'Best eProduct/Best in Humanities', presented by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing unit of the Association of American Publishers."

- Association of American Publishers, March 2017

"The extent of the collections is truly outstanding"

- CHOICE, May 2017

"The importance of individuals having access to these materials through local and university library subscriptions cannot be overstated. For many queer people, looking up homosexual or transgender at the library is a first step to self-knowledge – it certainly was for me – and it's one that's usually met with somewhat frightening clinical descriptions. With access to this resource, searchers will find themselves awash in a much richer – and inspiring – history than they might otherwise have encountered."

- Slate Magazine, March 2016 (review by J. Bryan Lowder, Slate Associate Editor)

"The Term Frequency feature is intriguing...When AIDS was 'frequency graphed', I discovered that its use among the documents in the archive peaked in 1990 at 8,882 uses; by 2013, the term appeared in only 13 documents...This is a powerful feature... With a combination of grassroots, local, national, and international full-text primary source content, this archive is recommended to academic libraries serving scholarly researchers in LGBTQ and Gender Studies."

- Library Journal, September 2016 (review by Cheryl LaGuardia, Research Librarian, Harvard University)

## A MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESOURCE

*Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940* has the potential to enrich research in a wide range of academic subjects. The resource also provides great insight into topics increasingly prominent in wider society and popular culture.

- Women's Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Twentieth Century History
- World History
- US History
- British History
- Gender Studies
- LGBTQ Studies
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Sociology
- Criminology
- Health and Social Care
- Law, Policy and Citizenship
- International Relations
- Psychology
- Anthropology
- Human Rights
- Politics

Find out more about *Archives of Sexuality & Gender* at [gale.com/LGBTQ](http://gale.com/LGBTQ)

If *Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940* will be a valuable resource to you, you will be interested in our other archives, especially:

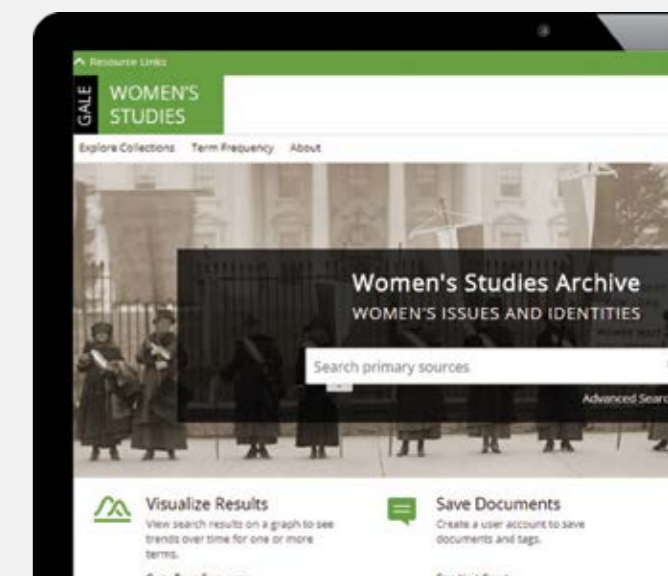
## WOMEN'S STUDIES ARCHIVE: WOMEN'S ISSUES AND IDENTITIES

This comprehensive, academic-level archival resource, *Women's Studies Archive: Women's Issues and Identities*, focuses on the social, political, and professional achievements of women throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century. Pulling primary sources from manuscripts, newspapers, periodicals, and more, it captures the foundation of women's movements, struggles and triumphs – tracing the path of women's issues from past to present.

It offers approximately one million, never-before-digitised pages of primary source material covering important topics, such as:

- The history of feminist theory and activism
- Women in industry
- Female sexuality and gender expression
- Women's education
- Domestic culture
- Women's health, mental health and the control of their bodies
- Women and law
- Women's roles and interactions within society

[gale.com/womensstudies](http://gale.com/womensstudies)



## CRIME, PUNISHMENT AND POPULAR CULTURE 1790-1920

*Crime, Punishment, and Popular Culture, 1790-1920* supports the study of nineteenth-century history, law, literature, and criminal justice with 2.1 million pages of trial transcripts, police and forensic reports, detective novels, newspaper accounts, true crime literature, and related ephemera.

Integrating legal and historical documents with literature, particularly from an emerging crime fiction genre, newspaper reports, and more, the archive helps users explore the links between fact and fiction. With content in more than eight languages, this unique, international collection helps researchers explore the causes and effects of the rise in crime during the Industrial Revolution, the development of metropolitan police departments, and the public's fascination with increasingly sensational accounts of crime in newspapers and fiction, enhancing understanding of the intersection of law and society during a pivotal era of social change.

[gale.com/crime](http://gale.com/crime)



Other related Gale resources include:

- *Nineteenth Century Collections Online: Women: Transnational networks*
- *The Making of Modern Law*
- *InfoTrac Gender Studies Collection*
- *Opposing Viewpoints In Context*

For more information on all of the collections, visit [gale.com](http://gale.com)

*Archives of Sexuality & Gender: History and Culture Since 1940* is one of many resources available in the *Gale Primary Sources* programme which offers a ground-breaking research environment that, to date, integrates over 30 of the programme's collections, allowing researchers to conduct one search and instantly pull related results from approximately 170 million pages of historical content. The combination of uniquely rich, full-text primary source content, dependable metadata, and intuitive subject indexing, is further enriched by innovative workflow and analytical tools.

## TERM FREQUENCY

The term frequency tool aids researchers in tracking central themes and ideas. Researchers can now see the frequency of their search term within a content set to begin assessing how individuals, events, and ideas interacted and developed over time.

## TERM CLUSTERS

The term cluster assists students in thoroughly developing their research topic. By identifying and organising frequently occurring themes, this tool reveals hidden relationships between search terms – helping users shape their research and integrate diverse content with relevant information.

## TEXT & DATA MINING

At request, Gale will deliver data and metadata associated with the collection for use in data mining and textual analysis, supporting the digital humanities as a growing area of scholarly research.



## OTHER TOOLS & FEATURES

- Basic and Advanced search options, as well as the ability to search within an individual work
- Persistent URLs facilitate inclusion in course packs and bookmarking
- Subject Indexing to make content accessible and expose key data elements
- Zotero Compatibility to optimise, collect, cite, and organise sources
- User Accounts to enable users to create and edit user-generated tags and annotations, which can be saved between sessions
- Image Viewer to zoom, highlight, rotate, reverse, and view pages in full-screen mode
- Downloadable OCR to enable a new level of access to and analysis of search results
- 'Keywords in Context' option on the results list previews the first keyword in the document
- Unlimited downloads
- Citation generator and bibliographic citation export functionality
- 'Allow Variations' option to let users widen results to retrieve imperfect matches to accommodate spelling variations or approximate spellings sometimes found in historical documents
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- MARC Records available

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- Help students develop lifelong skills that go beyond university and into their careers



...introduced, so I don't have much of a problem thinking of him as male. And, though Ian knows in his heart and soul that he is a man, biologically he's a woman.



# THE TRANSGENDER SOCIETY

The struggle

When I asked him... how he felt about... he sounded very... of-fact as he told me... of some of the problems... face. I thought he would... to the prejudices... transgressors that he... ld be up against, but Ian... more mainstream. "I'll... nger be a black woman,"... ated, referring to when... tation his full...

...rounded the DCATS with Aaron Hans, and while he had already decided that, for him, transitioning meant, at the very minimum, eventual top surgery, the monthly DCATS meetings helped him clarify his testosterone-related health issues. He was also able to meet and network with others who were able to help answer his questions and give him the benefits of their experiences. Ian states firmly that there are many options available for transgendered people, and some may choose to have only top surgery, or only take testosterone. But, for Ian, becoming physically the person he'd always felt he was mentally and emotionally, means top surgery and testosterone. Testosterone—usually shortened to just "T"—is for many...

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# GAYS AND JUDAISM

## New Responses to Ancient Questions

Homophobia features in all our lives. It prevents us from being affectionate in public with our boyfriends, it stops us in telling our parents, work colleagues, our friends about ourselves. We see it in fights, we hear it in name calling, we feel it in anger, we touch it in fear. We can even smell it in small towns New Zealand. It tastes bitter and people fight it in fear. It even kills some of us. Most people are aware of the horror death of Matthew Shepard in Wisconsin but its impact was in part diminished as it happened in America. But we have our own shame on our own doorstep. Jeff Wellington was murdered on a Wellington street being gay. About a month ago I was very fortunate to have lunch with Sir Ian McKellen. Not one of the most intimate lunches I have had, I was one in a group of about thirty people, mostly young people from various Wellington queer youth groups. Anyway, Ian did a lot of talking, and one of the things he kept coming back to was how homophobia stops us from being honest with ourselves and others and how this silence perpetuates heterosexism and homophobia. Now this isn't an amazing new idea, but I keep thinking about what Ian kept saying. I was once told of a coming out story when...

when you hear... the supermarket: say something. Name it and stop it. Then hopefully homophobia language will be come as unaccept... Moori jokes have become. When as individuals we homosexuality but remain silent, homophobia remains the dominant accepted way. I make a change, not just for ourselves those who follow. Oppressed group powerless unless they constantly make and have a united voice until they are recognized and equalised. It won't happen overnight will happen! Of course the best way to fight homophobia is to be out. Now that means not being or hidden to anyone in the world. I do you have to be in a Hero parade every day yourself wherever you can "two stop driver, oh and I'm gay." Just don't casually from those close to you: friend children, grandparents, cousins, teachers colleagues, employees, and wives. Its not about just being a gay person being someone who happens to be being who they are. Remember to live complete life and do such exciting things folks can't just label you as being gay several labels to describe ourselves, being gay is only one of them. It also means correcting past strangers] they assume you are being who they are. Anyone who is closeted to even a helps build that wall of homophobia need to make a scene about it, correct incorrect assumptions. That powerful weapon we have to fight the stereotypes that fuel homophobia.

### GAY AMERICAN INDIAN

RANDY BURNS / Club Founder

Randy Burns is a Northern Paiute Indian born in Reno, Nevada, and raised on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation just outside Reno. He arrived in San Francisco in 1975 to go to college, and with four other Indians founded Gay American Indians (GAI), a social club designed to end the isolation of Indians in the Bay Area and to provide a support network.

I think I knew I was gay as early as five or seven. I never did get a chance to explore until I was about 13, with older men in my family as well as in the community where I lived at the time. I came from a very heterosexual family. But when I started Gay American Indians in July of '75, I felt obligated to tell my parents, because I didn't want them to hear through hearsay early twenties. We started a club just for support. Many of us were in college. Many of us were working downtown, and needed a support system. So I started a club. I look back those years as being the glory years of my life as a gay Indian because it was like home from home. Back then we came together men and women. And...

# NORTH CAROLINA LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER PRIDE 97

From lower left to upper right: WCC Associate Past Wanda Floyd and Brenda Mae; NC Pride 1997; Andrea; Charles WR; Colleen with Beth King and Meredith Everett; Hui Norton, Executive Director of NC Lambda Youth Network with Julie Pease; Grand Marshal's Emma Steigler and Patsy Clarke.

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