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Descriptive Summary

Identifier ICU.SPCL.CLOSETEDORALHIST

Title Closeted/Out in the Quadrangles. Oral Histories. Collection

Date 2012-2015

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Repository Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center
University of Chicago Library
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Abstract This collection contains 67 oral histories conducted for “Closeted/Out in the Quadrangles: A History of LGBTQ Life at the University of Chicago,” a research project of the University of Chicago’s Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (CSGS) from 2012 to 2015. The project’s mission was to document the experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals and communities at the University of Chicago from the early twentieth century to the present. Interviews were conducted with UChicago alumni, faculty, and staff. Most interviewees are alumni. Class years of interviewed alumni range from 1958 to 2014.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Transcriptions were made by the project coordinators for the majority of the interviews, but not all. When available, the transcriptions are linked to in the inventory section of this finding aid. To access the audio recordings, please contact the Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center.

Seven oral histories are anonymized at the request of the interviewees. The transcriptions for these interviews were anonymized by project coordinators, but the audio recordings were not. The audio recordings are accordingly restricted for these seven interviews.

Additional oral histories were conducted but are closed to research due to incomplete release forms. Any individuals who were interviewed for the project who do not see their interview in this finding aid are urged to contact the Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center for the completion of necessary paperwork. Additionally, if any oral histories made public
on this site violate personal privacy, please contact the Center and we will address the situation immediately.

**Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: [identification of oral history], Closeted/Out in the Quadrangles Oral Histories Collection, Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

**Historical Note**

“Closeted/Out in the Quadrangles: A History of LGBTQ Life at the University of Chicago” was a research project of the University of Chicago’s Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (CSGS) from 2012 to 2015. Led by Lauren Stokes (PhD 2016) and Monica Mercado (PhD 2016), the project’s mission was to document the histories of LGBTQ individuals and communities at the University of Chicago from the early twentieth century to the present. The project included collecting oral histories and other records from LGBTQ alumni, faculty, and staff and an exhibition in the gallery of the University of Chicago Library’s Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center on view March 30-June 12, 2015.

With support from the CSGS’s undergraduate oral history internship program and undergraduate seminars, the project collected 89 oral histories. Interviewers included Amanda Bennett, Kelsey Ganser, Molly Liu, Ash Mayo, Monica Mercado, Kristofer Rosentel, and Lauren Stokes. Transcriptions were created by Amanda Bennett, Mich Elliott, Skylar Liam, Molly Liu, Monica Mercado, and Lauren Stokes.

**Scope Note**

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Demographic forms for the project included a space for interviewees to self-describe their sexual identity. Terms interviewees used to describe themselves included: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Dyke, and Queer. Gender identities were not disclosed in the demographic form.

Related Resources

“Closeted/OUT in the Quadrangles: A History of LGBTQ Life at the University of Chicago,” online exhibition, Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, 2015.


ACT UP Chicago. Records
Abbott, Edith and Grace. Papers
Amberg, Alan. Gay History Collection
Breckinridge, Sophonisba P. Papers
Cohen, Jerry. Photograph Collection
LesBiGay Radio. Records
University of Chicago. Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. Records

Subject Headings

- Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (University of Chicago)
- Bisexual people
- Gay men
- Gender identity in education
- Lesbians
- LGBTQ college students
- LGBTQ people
- LGBTQ people in the workplace
- LGBTQ students’ clubs
• Queer people
• Sexual identity
• Sexuality
• Transgender people

INVENTORY

View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-001-
Anonymous-Female-AB-1967

Anonymous Female AB 2006. Interviewed August 5, 2013. Transcript only.
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-002-
Anonymous-Female-AB-2006

View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-003-
Anonymous-Female-AB-2009

View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-004-
Anonymous-Female-AB-2012

View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-005-
Anonymous-Female-MD-2004

View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-006-
Anonymous-Female-MD-2014

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Bachus, Dean. JD 2004. Interviewed March 16, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 30
minutes, 38 seconds.
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-008-Bachus-
Dean

Burke, Kevin. AB 1972, PhD 1999. Interviewed March 19, 2013. Recording length 1
hour, 22 minutes, 18 seconds.
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-009-Burke-
Kevin

Choi, Daniel. AB 2010. Interviewed July 2, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 3 minutes, 41
seconds.
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-010-Choi-
Daniel

Clifford, Antonia. AB 2010. Interviewed April 28, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 12
minutes, 2 seconds.
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-011-Clifford-
Antonia

Cook, Hannah. AB 2011, JD 2016. Interviewed May 20, 2013. Recording length 1 hour,
19 minutes, 32 seconds.
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/src/md/closetedoralhist-012-Cook-
Hannah
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcmd/closetedoralhist-014-Daly-Robert
View transcription. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcmd/closetedoralhist-017-Devendorf-Robert
Forde, Kathy. Assistant Dean of Students in the College. Interviewed November 27, 2012. Recording length 58 minutes, 43 seconds.
Friedman, Victor A. PhD 1975, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Balkan and Slavic Linguistics. Interviewed November 12, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 29 minutes, 15 seconds.


Howard, Jeffrey. LGBTQ Student Life Director. Interviewed May 7, 2013. Recording length 56 minutes, 7 seconds.


Mason, Peggy. Professor, Department of Neurobiology. Interviewed June 25, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 4 minutes, 16 seconds.


Mohanraj, Mary Anne. AB 1993. Interviewed March 5, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 15 minutes, 23 seconds.


Schusky, Read Weaver. AB 1981. Interviewed September 18, 2013. Recording length 1 hour, 8 minutes, 29 seconds.


Sotomayor, Borja. SM 2006, PhD 2010. Associate Director, Masters in Computer Science Program. Interviewed November 12, 2012. Recording length 1 hour, 9 minutes, 7 seconds.
