

Finding Aid to Lin Gilbert Davis papers

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Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Lin Gilbert Davis papers

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Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet (1 carton)

Creator: Davis, Lin Gilbert

Date (inclusive): 1974-2013

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Lin Gilbert Davis (b. 1942 September 15) is an LGBTQ rights activist who lived in San Francisco between 1967 and 1993. This collection includes Davis's photographs documenting women's and lesbian gatherings in the 1970s Bay Area and Oregon; materials related to her 1990 wedding; and LGBT activist ephemera, t-shirts, and periodical, primarily dating to Davis's years in San Francisco. Photographs include images of Barbara Hammer and Gloria Churchman; the Women on Wheels concert, including Holly Near and Cris Williamson; and a visit to WomanSpace in Oregon.

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Lin Gilbert Davis in March 2022.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Devin McGeehan Muchmore in 2023.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note:

Lin Gilbert Davis (b. 1942 September 15) is an LGBTQ rights activist. Born in Denver and raised in Washington and Ohio, Davis moved to San Francisco in 1967. In 1987, Davis joined the San Francisco contingent in the March on Washington. Also in 1987, she met Maureen “Mo” Longworth, whom she would marry in 1990. In 1993, Davis and Longworth relocated to Juneau, Alaska, becoming active in the state’s LGBTQ movement.

Scope and Content:

This collection includes Davis’s photographs documenting women’s and lesbian gatherings in the 1970s Bay Area and Oregon; materials related to her 1990 wedding; and LGBT activist ephemera, t-shirts, and periodical, primarily dating to Davis’s years in San Francisco.

Indexing Terms:

LGBTQ

Lesbians

San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)

Container Listing**Series I: Photographs, circa 1976-1977**

Physical Description: 5 folders

Scope and Content: Black-and-white photographic prints by Lin Davis. Folders contain notes by Davis identifying the images.

Carton 1, folder 1

Jan Medina, circa 1976

Carton 1, folder 2

WomanShare, circa 1976-1977

Carton 1, folder 3

Barbara Hammer and Gloria Churchman, circa 1976

Carton 1, folder 4

Women on Wheels concert, circa 1976

Scope and Content: Photos documenting outdoor concert. Includes photos of Holly Near and Cris Williamson.

Carton 1, folder 5

SF Rally/March?, circa 1976-1977

Series II: Personal Files, 1974-2013

Physical Description: 9 folders

Scope and Content: Flyers, leaflets, newspaper clippings, periodicals, and other materials gathered by Davis through her participation in the LGBT movement, including materials related to the White Night Riots, the 1987 March on Washington, the Briggs Initiative and Lesbian Schoolworkers, and the 1983 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament protest at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Also includes materials documenting Davis' 1990 wedding and 1991 workshop in homophobia in career counseling.

Carton 1, folder 6

Wedding correspondence, 1990

Carton 1, folder 7

Homophobia workshop materials, 1991 November

Carton 1, folder 8

Protest ephemera, 1980s

Carton 1, folder 9

LGBT ephemera, 1980s-1990s

Carton 1, folder 10

Includes flyer for "Queer+Present Danger" t-shirt.

LGBT periodicals, 1974-1978

Scope and Content: John F. Burnett, "The Meaning of Gay Liberation" (1978); Turnover: Magazine of Politics and Food (August-September 1978); *Lesbianism and the Women's Movement* (1975), edited by Nancy Myron and Charlotte Bunch; *Come Out Comix* (1974); *Lesbian Voices*, vol. 2 no. 1 (Winter 1975/1976). Also includes event flyer for Bacchanalia, a benefit for the SRJC Women's Spring Festival.

Carton 1, folder 11

Protest ephemera and journal entries, 1978-1987

Scope and Content: Includes poster for 1987 March on Washington; 1979 gay poetry reading "To Benefit Gay Teachers and School Workers"; and a flyer related to the White Night Riots. Also includes Briggs Initiative flyers with handwritten journal entries on the verso.

Carton 1, folder 12

Listen to Our Hearts' Song-Women in Jail for Peace, 1983

Carton 1, folder 13

March on Washington materials, 1987

Carton 1, folder 14

Annual reports and newsletters, 1989-2013

Series III: T-Shirts and Pin, circa 1970s-1990s

Physical Description: 1 pin and 9 t-shirts

Scope and Content: T-shirts and pin related to LGBT movement activism, including “Queer and Present Danger” t-shirts from the 1987 March on Washington.