

# **Finding Aid to the Galen Leung Papers**

**(#1999-01)**

**Repository:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Galen Leung papers

**Collection Number:** 1999-01

**Physical Description:** 0.8 linear feet (2 manuscript boxes)

**Creator:** Leung, Galen

**Date (inclusive):** circa 1992-1998

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** The Galen Leung Papers reflect the professional and volunteer activities of Galen Leung, whose career focused on helping People With AIDS (PWAs) return to the work force and improve their quality of life. The materials reflect Leung's involvement with AIDS-related issues while working for the City of San Francisco, and as a board member of various non-profit organizations such as Shanti, AIDS Benefit Counselors, the GLBT Historical Society, and Positive Resources.

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Acquisition Information:**

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Galen Leung in January 1999.

**Processing Information:**

This collection was originally processed by Josué Hurtado in 2005. In 2024, Devin McGeehan Muchmore reformatted the finding aid. Both projects were undertaken with funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

This finding aid uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

**Biographical Note:**

Galen Leung was born on March 7th, 1960 in Riverside, California, the son of Chinese immigrants who moved to the United States in 1955.

Leung graduated from Riverside's Poly High School in 1978 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Health Studies concentration from Pomona College in 1982. Later that year he moved to New York City with his partner.

In New York Leung volunteered for Gay Men's Health Crisis from 1983 to 1986. In 1988 he got his Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Public Health from Columbia University

From 1987 to 1990 Leung worked in the New York City Office of Management & Budget. While there Leung authored and coordinated expansion of AIDS outpatient care at the Health and Hospitals Corporation's (HHC) hospitals and clinics, quadrupling the number of funded primary medical care appointments for people with AIDS. He also prepared and presented to the Mayor's Office and HHC a successful staffing model for long-term AIDS care units at Coler and Goldwater hospitals and researched and coordinated a proposal to increase Federal Medicaid funds by \$57 million a year.

In 1991 Leung moved to San Francisco where he became the AIDS Office Assistant Director for Planning.

From 1991 to 1994 Leung worked with the Asian Pacific AIDS Coalition. He was also on the Interim Board of Positive Resource Center in 1997 when they merged with AIDS Benefits Counselors to form a "one stop shop" for benefits and employment counseling.

Leung also staffed two Mayoral Summits: the Health Summit of 1996 (on the Health Insurance Committee) and the HIV/AIDS Summit in 1997-98 (on the Workplace Entry and Re-entry Committee).

Leung was a board member of the GLBT Historical Society of Northern California from May 1994 through June 2000 and also served as treasurer of the society from July 1995 through June 1999.

Beginning in 1995, Leung served in the Office of Contract Management and Compliance for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

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**Arrangement:** This collection is organized into two series: Organizations/Committees, and Photographs/Artifacts.

**Indexing Terms:**

LGBTQ

Asian Americans

Gay men

AIDS (disease)

San Francisco (Calif.)

**Container Listing**

**Series I: Organizations/Committees, 1994-1998**

**Physical Description:** 24 folders

**Scope and Content:** This series consists of materials relating to Leung's involvement with the City of San Francisco's Mayor's AIDS Steering Committee and the Mayor's Summit on AIDS and HIV. Also contained in this series are materials that reflect Leung's extensive involvement in AIDS related community-based organizations as a board member and volunteer. These records document his particular emphasis on vocational training and workforce re-entry for PWAs.

**Arrangement:** This series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 1: Folders 1-2

AIDS Benefit Counselors, 1994-1997

1:3	Board Match Plus, 1994-1996
1:4-6	Gay and Lesbian Historical Society, 1995-1996
1:7	Gay and Lesbian Historical Society AIDS History Project, 1995-1996
1:8	Jewish Vocational and Career Counseling Service, 1996
1:9	Life Center, 1996-1997
1:10-12	Mayor's AIDS Steering Committee, 1996-1997
1:13-14; 2:1	Mayor's Summit on AIDS and HIV, 1997-1998
2:2-9	Positive Resources, 1997-1998
2:10	Shanti, 1996

## **Series II: Photographs/Artifacts, circa 1992-1998**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

**Scope and Content:** This series includes 13 photographs and five pins. The photographs include photos of GAPA members. Four of the pins are related to occupational therapy, including the Network for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns in Occupational Therapy and the OT Network. One pin is from AIDS Walk 7 in Chicago.

Box 2:Folder 11	Photographs, circa 1992-1998
2:12	Pins, circa 1992-1998