

Finding Aid to the Daniel Bao Papers

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Abstract: Materials accumulated by Daniel Bao in the course of his activism and non-profit work while a Stanford student, board member at the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, and staffer at the Living Well Project and API Wellness. Included are organizational records and ephemera from several Asian American and Pacific Islander LGBT organizations; AIDS education resources; t-shirts; and other materials related to Asian American and LGBT issues.

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Daniel Bao in December 2005.

Processing Information:

Collection processed and finding aid created by Devin McGeehan Muchmore in 2024 with funding provided by the National Archives' National Historical Publications & Records Commission.

GLBTHS records suggest that the collection was mostly unfolded when donated in 2005. Some years later, likely in 2019, an archivist grouped the materials into preliminary folders by organization or form. In 2024, McGeehan Muchmore largely retained these folders and their titles.

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 Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves.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:

Daniel Bao is a gay, Chinese-Argentinian American activist, accountant, horn player, and non-profit worker. Bao was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on September 8, 1966. In 1974, Bao, his parents, and sister moved to the United States, first to Westbury, NY and then, in 1976, to the San Francisco Bay Area. He attended Homestead High School and Monta Vista High School in Cupertino, graduating in 1984.

Bao attended Stanford University, earning a B.A. in International Relations and an M.A. in Latin American Studies in 1988 and 1990, respectively. Beginning in 1986, he was active in campus lesbian and gay and AIDS education organizations, serving as Treasurer for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (GLAS) and an educator with the Stanford AIDS Education Project.

After graduating from Stanford in 1990, Bao began to work with Asian American AIDS and LGBT organizations in San Francisco, first starting part-time at the Condom Resource Center. He became a member of Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA, known as of April 2024 as the GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance) in 1990, serving on the board from 1992 to 2000. He also helped to distribute *Diseased Pariah News*, an irreverent zine by, for, and about people with HIV. In 1993, he was hired as a staffer for GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP), an organization addressing the AIDS crisis in the Bay Area's Asian American communities. In 1995, GCHP became the Living Well Project. Then, in 1996, Living Well combined with the Asian AIDS Project to become API Wellness. He left his role at API Wellness in 2002.

Bao began his long association with the GLBT Historical Society in, approximately, 1989-1990, when he traveled from Stanford to the San Francisco Bay Area Gay/Lesbian Historical Society collections, then kept at member Willie Walker's house in San Francisco, to conduct research for a course paper for Prof. Estelle Freedman's class. Bao joined the Archives Committee in the early 1990s and later served as a board member (1994-2004) and Acting Executive Director (2004). Since 2004, he has maintained the Society's finances.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of materials Bao accumulated in the course of his activism and non-profit work while a Stanford student, board member at the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, and staffer at the Living Well Project and API Wellness. Included are reports from GAPA retreats from 1993 and 1996; minutes from a 1997 GAPA board meeting; materials related to a 1992-1993 effort to form a national Asian American LGBT organization; 1993 and 1996 directories of Asian American and Pacific Islander LGBT organizations; mailers, brochures, programs, and other ephemera from Asian American and Pacific Islander LGBT and HIV/AIDS organizations, including Condom Resource Center, Asian Pacific Lesbian Bi Women, South Bay Queer & Asian, Korean AIDS/Gay Project, Asia Pacific Lesbians and Gays of Los Angeles, and Gay Asian + Pacific Islander Men of NY; an issue of the Indonesian publication GAYa Nustantara; five t-shirts; and other materials related to LGBT and Asian American issues.

Indexing Terms:

LGBTQ

Gay men

Asian Americans

Latinx people

People of color

Activism

AIDS (disease)

Container Listing

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| Box 1:Folder 1 | Asians & Friends chapters, circa 1990s
<i>Scope and content:</i> Includes brochures from Baltimore, Dallas, and Washington, D.C. chapters. |
| 1:2 | Asian Pacific Lesbian Bi Women, 1993-1995
<i>Scope and content:</i> Brochures, mailers, and clippings from the Asian Pacific Lesbian Network (APLN) and Asian Lesbian Network - USA. |
| 1:3 | Condom Resource Center, 1990, 1997
<i>Scope and content:</i> "Condom Primer" and 1997 National ' |

- Condom Week catalog.
- 1:4 Conferences, 1987, 2004
Scope and content: 1987 program from First Conference for Gay and Lesbian Asian Pacific Islanders in North Hollywood, CA; and thank you letter and news clippings from the 2004 Queer Asian Pacific Legacy conference at New York University.
- 1:5 Ephemera, 1986-2004
Scope and content: Items from South Bay Queer & Asian; Korean AIDS/gay Project; Asia Society for the Intervention of AIDS; Asian/Pacific Lesbians and Gays, Inc. of Los Angeles. Also includes fliers for a 1986 event about “Gay Asians on Video” in Toronto and a 1990s gathering of gay, lesbian, and bisexual Asians and Pacific Islanders in San Jose.
- 1:6 *GAYa NUSANTARA*, issue 47, 1997
Scope and content: An issue of an Indonesian gay magazine.
- 1:7 Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, 1993-1997
Scope and content: 1993 and 1996 GAPA retreat minutes; and January 12, 1997 GAPA Board meeting agenda and mailing.
- 1:8 Gay Asian and Pacific Islander Men of New York, circa 1997-2004
Scope and content: Mailer, conference program and newsletter..
- 1:9 Gay Asian Pacific Support Network, 1996-1997
Scope and content: Mailers, conference and banquet programs.
- 1:10 HIV/AIDS resources, 1994-2004
Scope and content: Paper and 3-½ inch floppy disk versions of “HIV/AIDS Resource Directory” created for 1994 National Congress on the State of HIV/AIDS in Racial and Ethnic Communities; and 1996 newsletter from the Life Foundation.
- 1:11 LGBT organizations/resource lists, 1993-1996
Scope and content: Directories of Asian Pacific Islander

and/or LGBT organizations. Includes Northern California, national, and international lists.

- 1:12 March on Washington photographs, 1987
Scope and content: Two, unattributed black-and-white photographs depicting an Asian American contingent at the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in October 1987.
- 1:13 Organization of Lesbian and Gay Asians, 1992-1993
Scope and content: Official correspondence, meeting minutes, and newsletter documenting efforts to create a national Asian and Pacific Islander lesbian, gay, and bisexual organization. In February 1992, some activists used the name Organization of Lesbian and Gay Asians (OLGA) to refer to the proposed group.
- 1:14 “Tea, Anyone?” play script, circa 1990-1993
Scope and content: An unattributed script for a play thematizing Asian American lesbian and gay issues.
- Box 2 T-shirts, circa 1987-1991
Scope and content: Five t-shirts. Includes shirts from Stanford Women’s Center, Condom Resource Center, the March on Sacramento for Lesbian and Gay Rights, and *Diseased Pariah News*.