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Queering Oral History collection
2020

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 109-07-02

Title: Queering Oral History collection

Creator: Thomas, Virginia

Dates: 2020

Quantity: 12 audio recordings (total of 5.72 GB)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Gift of Virginia Thomas, 2020.

Accruals: Accruals are not expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from the collector.

Processed by: The collection was processed by Kate Wells in 2021.

Conservation: Not applicable.

Language: Materials are in English.

RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Special Collections department.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format:
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material Not applicable.

Published description Not applicable.

Location of originals Not applicable.

Location of copies	Recordings are available on www.provlibdigital.org .
Publication note	Not applicable.
Subject headings	African-Americans Bullying Cabo Verdean Americans Catholic Church Child abuse Coming out (Sexual orientation) Communal living COVID-19 Pandemic Drag queens Female impersonators First generation children Gay activists Gay bars Gay parents Gay pride parades Gender identity Gender non-conforming people HIV-positive persons Intersectionality LGBT pride parades Parents of gays Police brutality Racism Social justice Social work with youth Substance abuse Transgender people Transphobia Brown University Butler Hospital Miriam Hospital Rhode Island College Rhode Island Pride Committee Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Providence Youth Student Movement Direct Action for Rights and Equality Boston (Mass.) Providence (R.I.) Newport (R.I.) Woonsocket (R.I.)

SEE ALSO

109-07-01, Queer Stories Project oral history collection

109-07-03, Equity Action oral history collection

HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. Virginia Thomas is a scholar of American Studies who completed her PhD at Brown University in 2020 with a focus on race, gender and sexuality in U.S. culture and history. She taught a course titled “Queering Oral History” at Brown University in Spring 2020. Students were trained in oral history skills and interviewed members of Rhode Island LGBTQ+ community.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection includes oral history recordings of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual people in Rhode Island. The interviews document experiences related to identity including sexuality, gender identity and expression, race and ethnicity as well as art & creative expression, dating, marriage and families, activism, religious faith, social life and occupations.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The collection is organized alphabetically by interviewee.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Item	Title	Date
01	Ancha Santana interview. Interviewed by Jessica Jiang.	2020-05-01
02	Anthony Maselli interview. Interviewed by Caroline Sprague.	2020-05-12
03	Billy Mencer Ackerley interview. Interviewed by Madeline Montgomery.	2020-05-07
04	Ei Nixon interview. Interviewed by Colin Finch.	2020-04-29
05	Joann Ayuso interview. Interviewed by Pauline Wakudumo.	2020-05-07
06	Kira Stone interview. Interviewed by Jane Freiman.	2020-04-17
07	Kohei Ishihara interview. Interviewed by Kelvin Yang.	2020-05-05
08	Matthew Garza interview. Interviewed by Alexandra Hanesworth.	2020-05-04
09	Michelle Veras interview. .Interviewed by Leila Kashani-Sabet.	2020-05-28
10	Rodney Davis interview. Interviewed by Caitlin Malimban.	2020-05-01
11	Selene Means interview. Interviewed by Leila Kashani-Sabet.	2020-04-28
12	Vanessa Flores-Maldonado interview. Interviewed by Alejandra Gonzalez.	2020-05-01