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
Accruals: Accruals are not expected.
Custodial history: Material was acquired from the collector.
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Language: Materials are in English.

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Location of copies: Recordings are available on www.proplibdigital.org.

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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

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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

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