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Equity Action oral history collection
2020

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 109-07-03

Title: Equity Action oral history collection

Creator: Thomas, Virginia

Dates: 2020

Quantity: 5 audio recordings (total of 1.8 GB)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Gift of Rhode Island Foundation, 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	<p> AIDS & HIV Bullying Christian gay men Civil rights Clergy Coming out (sexual orientation) Discrimination-Law and legislation Feminists Gays - Medical care Gay men Gay rights Gender transition Hate crimes Indian dance Indigenous people Interracial couples Lesbians Narragansett Indians Parenting Publishers and publishing Racism Same-sex marriage Social isolation Social workers Social work with HIV-positive persons Transgender people Transphobia Two-spirit people </p> <p> Dove, Dawn. Dove, Eleanor. Glass, Jodi TGI Network of RI Youth Pride Rhode Island American Civil Liberties Union Marriage Equality Rhode Island Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays </p>

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SEE ALSO

109-07-01, Queer Stories Project oral history collection
109-07-02, Queering 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 was awarded an Equity Action Grant by the Rhode Island Foundation in 2020 to complete a series of oral history recordings with members of Rhode Island's 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	Freeman T. Freeman interview. Interview by Virginia Thomas.	2020-05-01
02	Gwendolyn Howard interview. Interview by Virginia Thomas.	2020-05-12
03	Jaye Watts interview. Interviewed by Selene Means.	2020-05-07
04	Mev Miller interview. Interviewed by Virginia Thomas.	2020-04-29
05	Sherenté Harris interview. Interviewed by Selene Means.	2020-05-07