
Guide to the National Transgender Library collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Finding aid of the National Transgender Library

Dates: 1962-1999

Bulk Dates: 1983-1999

Collection number: 2001-15

Collection Size: 4 boxes

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94105

Abstract: Dallas Denny, an Atlanta-based activist and writer organized the National Transgender Library and Archives in the early 1980s. In 1990 she founded the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS) to make referrals and disseminate information on gender dysphoria. This is a small but rich collection documenting various aspects of transgender life.

Physical location: Stored at the Archives of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, California

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Julie Herrada, on behalf of the University of Michigan, donated this collection on March 27, 2001. The collection is a small part of the National Transgender Library, which was organized by Dallas Denny and donated in its entirety to the University of Michigan; the GLBTHS collection consists of duplicates and materials not of interest to the University of Michigan.

Biography / Administrative History

The National Transgender Library was the project of Dallas Denny, an Atlanta-based activist, writer, and organizer in the transgender community. She began compiling materials for the library in the early eighties, adding to her personal files;

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains a wide range of transgender material, from popular representations of transgendered individuals, to medical reports, to advertisements for

This collection has six series. The first series, and the largest, consists of periodicals specifically related to transgender issues and cross-dressing. Most are small Atlanta based journals that deal with some topic (such as performance technique, acceptance, spirituality) in the cross-dressing community. A few are larger circulation medical journals or popular culture

magazines with a cover story on transgender issues. These periodicals do not contain a full run; most folders contain less than five issues of any one periodical. The periodicals are organized alphabetically.

The second series consists of conference and workshop materials, some of which Dallas Denny attended or presented at, and others which she did not appear to attend. Each folder contains the materials from one conference, including lists of speakers, events, and brochures. The folders are organized chronologically, by the date of the conference, from 1987-1997.

The third series consists of AEGIS materials, taken in original order from two large binders. These folders contain hundreds of articles on cross-dressing, sex reassignment surgery, and events in the transgender community. Many articles relate specifically to AEGIS; some are written by AEGIS members. This series also contains a small collection of photographs taken at an award ceremony for entertainer Caroline Cossey, and a folder of Ms. Denny's business correspondence.

The Shopping series contains catalogues, order forms, and directories for large-sized women's shoes, wigs, lingerie, sex toys, cosmetics, and erotic novels. The material is broken down into "mass circulation" catalogues, and catalogues marketed specifically to cross-dressers or transgendered individuals.

The Medical series is comprised of pamphlets and brochures on electrolysis, breast prosthetics, and hormones. Also included are descriptions of sex reassignment surgery, medical advisories, and a document on Standards of Care for transsexuals.

The last series consists of miscellaneous flyers and announcements from Atlanta, newsletters from local and national transgender groups, guides to transgender organizations,

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is organized in # series:

- Series 1. Periodicals
- Series 2. Conference and Workshop Materials
- Series 3. Aegis Materials
- Series 4. Shopping
- Series 5. Medical
- Series 6. Miscellaneous

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Transgender people

Periodicals 1962-1999 1991-1997

Box/ Folder 1/ 1	AEGIS News 1994-1996
Box/ Folder 1/ 2	Beyond Opression 1987
Box/ Folder 1/ 3	Bluegrass Belleview 1997
Box/ Folder 1/ 4	Butterflies 1994
Box/ Folder 1/ 5	The Cactus Flower 1994
Box/ Folder 1/ 6	The Chatter 1996
Box/ Folder 1/ 7	Confidential 1962
Box/ Folder 1/ 8	Crossroads 1996
Box/ Folder 1/ 9	Cruise Weekly 1981
Box/ Folder 1/ 10	Crude (cover story) 1995
Box/ Folder 1/ 11	Crysalis 1993-1997
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Box/ Folder 1/ 18	Femanine Undated
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Box/ Folder 1/ 23	Gender and Psychoanalysis 1997
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Box/ Folder 1/ 42	Pinnacle 1996-1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 1	Popcorn Undated
Box/ Folder 2/ 2	Renaissance News and Views 1991-1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 3	Rosebuds 1991-1995
Box/ Folder 2/ 4	San Antonio Marquis 1995
Box/ Folder 2/ 5	Sex Weekly 1995
Box/ Folder 2/ 6	The Southern Bell 1995-1996
Box/ Folder 2/ 7	The Sweetheart Connection 1993-1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 8	Tennessee Vals 1994-1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 9	TMT 1992
Box/ Folder 2/ 10	Transcript 1992
Box/ Folder 2/ 11	TV-TS Confidential 1994
Box/ Folder 2/ 12	Two Spirit News 1995-1996
Box/ Folder 2/ 13	Virginia's Secrets 1995-1996
Box/ Folder 2/ 14	Whatever Undated
Box/ Folder 2/ 15	XX Twenty 1994-1997
Box/ Folder 4/ 1	City Paper 1994
Box/ Folder 4/ 2	Frontiers Magazine 1996-1998
Box/ Folder 4/ 3	Interview 1998
Box/ Folder 4/ 4	Just Out 1996
Box/ Folder 4/ 5	San Francisco Bay Times 1995
Box/ Folder 4/ 6	Worcester Phoenix 1999
	Conference and Workshop Materials 1991-1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 16	International Foundation for Gender Education: 1st Annual Conference 1987
Box/ Folder 2/ 17	12th Annual Conference on Gender Dysphoria 1989
Box/ Folder 2/ 18	The Society for the Scientific Study of Sex: Eastern Region and Joint Annual Conferences 1991-1998
Box/ Folder 2/ 19	S.S.S.S. Membership Handbooks 1991-1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 20	2nd Annual New Woman Conference 1992
Box/ Folder 2/ 21	Coming Together, Working Together 1992
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Box/ Folder 2/ 23	Counseling Gender Dysphoria 1992
Box/ Folder 2/ 24	American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists: Conferences and Membership Directory 1992-1996
Box/ Folder 2/ 25	Mid America Gender Group Fall Harvest 1993
Box/ Folder 2/ 26	International Symposium on Gender Dysphoria 1993
Box/ Folder 2/ 27	Eurofantasia 1993
Box/ Folder 2/ 28	The European Network of Professionals on Transsexualism 1994

Box/ Folder 2/ 29	A Union of Spirits 1994
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Box/ Folder 2/ 33	National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: 8th Annual 'Creating Change' Meeting 1995
Box/ Folder 2/ 34	17th Annual Guelph Conference and Training on Sexuality 1995
Box/ Folder 2/ 35	Transgen '95 1995
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Box/ Folder 2/ 37	Southern Comfort 1995-1998
Box/ Folder 2/ 38	17th - 20th Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference 1995-1998
Box/ Folder 2/ 39	American Board of Sexology: Registry 1996
Box/ Folder 2/ 40	Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association Symposium 1997
Box/ Folder 2/ 41	2nd International Congress on Sex and Gender Issues 1997
	Aegis Materials 1991-1994
	AEGIS Documents I 1991-1992
Box / Folder 3/ 1	AEGIS Documents II 1992-1994
Box/ Folder 3/ 2	Correspondence 1991-1994
Box/ Folder 3/ 3	Photos Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 4	Shopping 1983, 1992
	Mass Circulation catalogues: shoes, wigs, lingerie Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 5	Advertisements and order forms: transgender and cross-dressing materials Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 6	Shopping guides/ catalogues: sex toys, clothes, accoutrements 1983, 1992
Box/ Folder 3/ 7	Ivan Stormgart Books: General Catalogues: 12, 14-15, 17, 28-65 Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 8	Medical 1989-1996
	Brochures 1989-1996
Box/ Folder 3/ 9	Electrolysis and Prosthetics Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 10	Hormones Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 11	Surgery and Standards of Care Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 12	Miscellaneous 1991-1997
	Newsletters, various 1994-1997
Box/ Folder 3/ 13	Flyers and Announcements Undated
Box/ Folder 3/ 14	Guides and Directories 1994, 1996-1997
Box/ Folder 3/ 15	Articles from mass circulation periodicals about transgender issues 1991-1997
Box/ Folder 3/ 16	Erotic Fiction Undated
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