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Abstract: The LGBT Center supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) students and employees by providing community-building, education, events and initiatives. During the summer, undergraduate and graduate students interview LGBTQIA alumni and current and former LGBTQIA staff and faculty to learn about their lives, particularly their experiences being LGBTQIA (out and not out) at Princeton, and their perceptions of the climate for LGBTQIA people at Princeton at different points in time.

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Biography/History

The Princeton LGBT Center grew from the work conducted by graduate students in the offices of the Dean of the Chapel and the Dean of Student Life beginning in 1989. In the early 2000s, Princeton professionalized the coordination of LGBT student activities by creating a LGBT Student Services Coordinator position. In 2006, the LGBT Center opened its doors and continues to support and empower lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual students and employees by providing community-building, education, events, and initiatives.

Description

The Princeton LGBTQIA Oral History Project launched in the summer of 2017 and is a partnership between the LGBT Center, Princeton Bisexual Transgender Gay and Lesbian Alumni/Fund for Reunion (BTGALA/FFR), Community-Based Learning Initiative, the Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the University Archives, with support from the Provost's Office's Princeton Histories Fund.

During the summer, undergraduate and graduate students interview lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) alumni and current and former LGBTQIA staff and faculty to learn about their lives, particularly their experiences being LGBTQIA (out and not out) at Princeton, and their perceptions of the climate for LGBTQIA people at Princeton at different points in time. Student interviewers participate in extensive oral history methods training as a requirement for participating in the project and are paid research assistants.

The project is coordinated by the LGBT Center and the Princeton LGBTQIA Oral History Project Advisory Board, whose members are: Suman Chakraborty ’97 (Board Co-Chair), Christina Chica ’15, Gill Frank (Visiting Fellow at P’s Center for the Study of Religion), Howard Gertler ’96, Lelabari Giwa-Ojuri ’14, Robert Gleason ’87, Judy Jarvis (LGBT Center Director, Board Co-Chair), Karen Krahulik ’91, Tobias Rodriguez ’11 and Ruby Nell Sales *75.

In addition to this collection, oral histories of LGBTQ Princetonians were collected as part of the 2013 Every Voice Conference which can be found here.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by last name.

Access and Use

Access

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Other Finding Aid(s)

To explore more oral histories about Princeton's LGBTQIA community please visit the Alumni Association Records Series 4A: Every Voice finding aid.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

This collection was transferred to the University Archives in October 2017, February 2018, and June 2018 by Judy Jarvis, the Director of the LGBT Center.

Appraisal

No materials were separated from this collection.

Processing and Other Information

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### Subject Headings

- Princeton University -- LGBT Center.
- Graduate students -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Sexual minorities -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Gay college students -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
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