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#### COLLECTION SUMMARY

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#### SUBJECT TERMS

*Subject Names:*

International Foundation for Gender Education

*Subject Topics:*

Gender identity—Massachusetts  
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), founded in 1987 in Massachusetts, is a leading advocate and educational organization for promoting the self-definition and free expression of individual gender identity. IFGE is not a support group, it is an information provider and clearinghouse for referrals about all things which are transgressive of established social gender norms. IFGE publishes a leading magazine, *Transgender Tapestry*, providing reasoned discussion of issues of gender expression and identity, including cross-dressing, transsexualism, FTM and MTF issues spanning health, family, medical, legal, workplace issues and more. [Excerpted from [ifge.org](http://ifge.org)]

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

### **Series I: IFGE Office Materials**

This series contains a 3-ring binder with the International Foundation for Gender Education Office Guide and Operating Procedures, dated 1992. There is an updated sheet on Telephone Answering Procedures dated 1997. The series also contains a folder of IFGE's Financial Statements booklets from 1997 and 2002-2006.

### **Series II: IFGE Publications**

This series includes various brochures produced by IFGE for educational purposes, including: "What is IFGE?" and "About Female-to-Male Transsexuals, Crossdressers, Transgenderists..." as well as a handout on "Gender Constructs" created by IFGE. There is a copy of the IFGE Catalog of Publications.

There are also a few copies of the IFGE journal *Transgender Tapestry*: Fall 1998 (2 copies), Spring 1999 (2 copies), Winter 2004 proofs (2 copies) (with envelopes for proofs), and Spring 2004 proofs.

### **Series III: Resource Booklets**

This series contains numerous resource booklets produced by various people, organizations, and institutions dealing with transgender themes.

### **Series IV: Media References**

This series contains an extensive reference of newspaper clippings and online article print outs regarding transgender news. It includes a large number of articles about the 2000 Charles 'Ebony' Horton child molestation case. Many of the articles are from the *Boston Globe* or *Boston Herald*, as well as other local and national news sources. The majority of the clippings are dated 1998 – 2010. There are also full copies of publications with articles about transgender issues, including issues of: *Bay Windows*, *In Newsweekly*, *The Boston Phoenix*, *Out in Asheville*, *Gay & Lesbian Times*, *Gay and Lesbian Medical Association*, *Equality*, *Z* (publication from Helsinki in Finnish), *Southern Voice*, *Echelon*, and the *Stonewall Library & Archives Report*.

### **Series V: Posters and Photographs**

This series contains one framed 15" x 12" color photograph labeled "Cover of *Tapestry* issue 61, 1991". There is a large printout of four event posters for IFGE sponsored events. There

are three posters with black and white photographs of people, with captions relating to the IFGE mission. There are also two copies of a poster with a drawing of an acrobatic woman with the caption: "If you're looking for a challenge".

**Series VI: Buttons**

This series contains thirteen buttons, eleven printed "What's Your Imperative?" and two printed "Gender Talk".

**Series VII: Games**

This series consists of a board game called "All Dressed Up: A Board Game for Crossdressers". There are also two books of fully intact paper dolls titled *Danny's Boys: A female impersonator paper doll by Tom Tierney*.

**Series VIII: Audio Cassettes**

This series consists of 20 audio cassettes, each 60 minutes in length, most labeled "Gender Talk". They are dated between June 28, 1995 and August 28, 1996.

**SERIES AND FOLDER LIST:**

**Series I: IFGE Office Materials**

- IFGE Office Guide and Operating Procedures. 1992.
- IFGE Financial Statements for years ending 1997, 2002-2006

**Series II: IFGE Publications**

- IFGE brochures:
  - "What is IFGE?"
  - "About Female-to-Male Transsexuals, Crossdressers, Transgenderists..."
- IFGE catalog of publications
- "Gender Constructs" handout
- *Transgender Tapestry*:
  - Fall 1998 (2 copies)
  - Spring 1999 (2 copies)
  - Winter 2004 proofs (2 copies) (with envelopes for proofs)
  - Spring 2004 proofs
- Three copies each of the following issues of the *IFGE Newsletter*:

Spring 1995	vol. 1 no. 1
Summer 1995	vol. 1, no. 2
Winter 1995	vol. 1 , no. 4
Spring 1996	vol. 3, no. 1
Fall 1997	vol. 3, no. 3
Summer 1998	vol. 4, no. 1
Summer 1999	vol. 5, no. 1
Summer 2000	vol. 6, no. 2
Fall 2000	vol. 6, no. 3
Spring/Summer 2001	vol. 7, no 1 & 2
Winter 2001/2002	vol. 7, no. 3

**Series III: Resource Booklets**

- Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSE. *Legal Aspects of Transsexualism*. San Juan Capistrano, CA: Education Resources Publications, 1990.
- Sagant, Elaine. *Creating a Feminine Carriage: Figure, Posture, Walk & Gestures*. Oakland, CA: Elaine Sagant. 1999.
- *Hot Roads: A Health and Resource Guide for Portland and Oregon, for folks assigned a female sex at birth who have strayed from that path*.
- *True Colors: A Sexual Minority Youth & Family Services of Connecticut Resource Guide*. 2004.
- Erin Brush. *From Mars to Venus: An Introduction to Transsexualism and the Role of the Therapist*.
- *Affirmations: The stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered associates at Hewitt and those who support them*. 2004.
- Southern Comfort Conference 2009.

**Series IV: Media References**

- See **Series IV** Description Above.

**Series V: Posters and Photographs**

- Framed (15" x 12") color photograph, labeled "Cover of [*Transgender*] *Tapestry* issue 61, 1991"
- Large (20" x 30") printout of four event posters
- 3 posters with a black and white photograph and a caption
- 2 copies of a poster with a drawing of an acrobatic woman with the caption: "If you're looking for a challenge"

**Series VI: Buttons**

- "What's Your Imperative?" (11)
- "GenderTalk" (2)

**Series VII: Games**

- Board game in a box: *All Dressed Up: A Board Game for Crossdressers*
- Two books of paper dolls: *Danny's Boys: A female impersonator paper doll* by Tom Tierney (dolls intact)

**Series VIII: Audio Cassettes**

- 20 Audio Cassettes, 60 min in length, most labeled "Gender Talk" and dated between 6/28/1995 and 8/28/1996