



## Archives and Records

### Finding Aid

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** Coll. #74  
Charles Shively Collection

#### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator(s):** Charles Shively  
**Title:** Papers of Charles Shively  
**Extent:** 9 linear feet  
**Date Span:** 1960 - 2008  
**Repository:** The History Project, Archives, and Records Department

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#### Biographical Note:

Charles Shively was born in 1937. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard in 1959, and his PhD in 1969. He began teaching at Boston State College in 1965. In 1982 when BSC closed their doors, UMass Boston agreed to take seven of their thirty history professors. Shively, while in the top running was thought of as having abandoned history for Gay Liberation and too radical for UMass. With the help and support of his friends, Charlie did manage to get hired by UMass where he was placed in a much small and less known program of Law and Justice. He later transferred to American Studies.

He was awarded three Fulbright Research and Teaching Grants over his lifetime. This first in 1991 when he was named a Senior Fulbright Lecturer in Mexico on sexually variant behavior. In 1996 his second Fulbright was awarded for a summer in Ecuador. In 2001 he traveled to Vietnam on his third grant, teaching American Studies.

Shively was one of the first scholars to publish in the new field of sexuality and gay studies that emerged in the 1970's and early 1980's. His writings and knowledge on Walt Whitman, led to his two books, *Calamus Lovers: Walt Whitman's Working Class Camerados* (1987) and *Drum Beats: Walt Whitman's Civil War Soldier Boy Lovers*, (1989) both published by Gay Sunshine Press are still contributing to scholarly debates to this day. An avid poet, he surrounded himself with some of the leading Boston poets and writers of his time, including, John Wieners, Michael Bronski, and John Mitzel. His collection contains two boxes of his own hand-written poetry along with an array of personal notes and poems from his wide circle of friends.

In 1971, Charley Shively along with John Mitzel, and Larry Martin formed the Fag Rag Collective and began publishing the Boston Gay Newspaper, *Fag Rag*, which ran until the early 1980's. During it's run *Fag Rag* became an important vehicle for incarcerated men to connect with one another. Charlie Shively along with Mike

Riegle began a prison correspondence program. The Charles Shively Collection, as well as the Mike Riegle Collection, contains hundreds of hand-written correspondences and letters of LGBTQ life while incarcerated.

Charlie Shively was often called, Mr. Gay Liberation by his friends. During the seventies and early eighties, he helped founded such organizations as The Gay Community News, The Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, and Fenway Community Health Center to name just a few.

**SUBJECT TERMS**

***People Names:***

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Maurice Anderson    | Lee Litif      |
| Reinaldo Arenas     | Clive Matson   |
| Walta Borowski      | Tede Matthews  |
| James Broughton     | Robert McAlmon |
| Anita Bryant        | Barry McGuire  |
| Gordon Copeland     | John Mitzel    |
| Cid Corman          | William Perry  |
| Hart Crane          | Jeremy Reed    |
| Countee Cullen      | Tom Reeves     |
| James Dickey        | Louise Rice    |
| Michael Dukakis     | Ann Robertson  |
| Salvatore Farinella | Igal Rodemko   |
| Antonio Giarraputo  | May Sarton     |
| Freddie Greenfield  | Matthew Tede   |
| Gary Guido          | Daniel Tsang   |
| Zoltan Haraszti     | Walt Whitman   |
| Harry Hay           | John Wieners   |
| Langston Hughes     | Carl Wittman   |
| Andrew Kopkind      | Luis Zapata    |

***Publication Index:***

Publication Name	Volume	Issue	Date
Alternate News	Vol. 8	No. 18	Mar-87
American Opinion			May-77
Among Friends	Vol. 2	No. 1	Jan-86
Annex Supplement		No. 1	1983
As We See It			
Assassin		No. 6	
Black Rose		No. 12	
Blackfire		No. 1	1992
Blackhearts		No. 3	
Bound and Gagged		No. 14	1990

Bulldozer		No. 8	1985
California State Poetry Quarterly	Vol. 12	No. 2	Summer 1985
Carve		No. 2	Winter 2004
Censorship Bulletin		No. 2	Jul-85
Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights			1992
Crossroads		No. 6	1998
Dispatch: Tom of Finland Foundation			2000
Empathy	Vol. 2	No. 1	1989
Gay Male S/M Activists Newsletter	Vol. 2	No. 2	Mar-84
Gentle Men		No. 2	
Gerbil		No. 9	Jul-98
Giorno Poetry Systems AIDS Treatment Project			1994
Holy Titclamps		N. 15	
Holy Titclamps		No. 16	
Instead of Magazine: The Lysander Spooner Society	Vol. 4	No. 27/28	Mar-84
International Gay and Lesbian Archives Bulletin			1994
Lesbian and Gay Studies Center Yale	Vol. 1	No. 2	Apr-88
Lucky Star	Vol. 3	No. 3	1988
Midnight Notes		No. 8	Aug-85

#### **Related Collections:**

- #01 – Mike Riegle Collection
- #12 – Fag Rag (Publications)
- #77 – John Mitzel Journals

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#### **Scope and Content Notes:**

The collection consists of 9 boxes that have been arranged topically based on Charlie Shively's organizational techniques and divided into fourteen series. The Shively collection contains a variety of printed media including newspaper articles, (original and photocopied,) poetry magazines, serials, and books. The collection also consists of academic course materials including employment reviews, teaching evaluations, and business

correspondence. Personal correspondence, speeches, and press releases from many of Boston's poetry readings are also part of his collection.

In order to aid in the discovery and research potential of this collection, an index has been created for the various rare and little known publications that Shively collected.

**Series I: Personal and Family**

**Box 1:**

- Folder 1: Schnebble Family Genealogy  
*Items from this folder have been digitized and can be found online here:*  
<https://historyproject.omeka.net/collections/show/43>
- Folder 2: Family Letters and Articles
- Folder 3: Charles Shively Photographs  
*Items from this folder have been digitized and can be found online here:*  
<https://historyproject.omeka.net/collections/show/43>
- Folder 4: Gordon Copeland Legal and Will, 1995
- Folder 5: Sympathy Cards, 1995
- Folder 6: Gordon Copeland Photos and Correspondence
- Folder 7: Charles Shively Birth Certificate
- Folder 8: Shively's Trip to Mexico, 1991
- Folder 9: Guardianship of Charley Shively, 2008

**Series II: Anarchy and Socialism**

**Box 1:**

- Folder 10: Western Tiller June 1, 1827
- Folder 11: The Filth Liberation Front, n.d.
- Folder 12: The New Communist Movement, 1975
- Folder 13: The Lavender and Red Union, 1974-1975
- Folder 14: Gay Socialist Caucus, 1975-1976
- Folder 15: Assassin, No. 2, 1976
- Folder 16: Circle A, Issue 14, 1985
- Folder 17: Redefining Revolution Solidarity Pamphlet
- Folder 18: Vortex Vol. 1 No. 4, 1981
- Folder 19: Emancipation Vol. 8 No. 4, 1985
- Folder 20: The Arrow: Bulletin of the MacKay Society, 1985-1986
- Folder 21: Feminism as An Anarchist Process – Elaine Leeder
- Folder 22: Anarchism and Gay Liberation – Charley Shively
- Folder 23: Josiah Warren: The First American Anarchist – Charley Shively

**Series III: Protests and Action Rallies**

**Box 1:**

- Folder 24: Sporters Café, 1976
- Folder 25: Circumcision, 1997
- Folder 26: Gay Foster Parents Rally, n.d.
- Folder 27: March on Washington, 1987
- Folder 28: Shively's Pride Speech, 1977
- Folder 29: Spirit of Stonewall Symposium, 1977
- Folder 30: Cambridge Anti-Pornography Law, 1985
- Folder 31: Canadian Book Banning Protest, 1987

- Folder 32: Staten Island Fairy Cruise, 1979
- Folder 33: Stonewall Riots, 1969

**Series IV: HIV/AIDS**

**Box 1:**

- Folder 34: Misinformation and Manipulation: Politics of AIDS, 1989
- Folder 35: AIDS and the Fate of Gay Liberation, 1989
- Folder 36: Nature vs. Nurture: The Politics of AIDS Organizing, 1988
- Folder 37: AIDS and Boston's Gay Community, 1983
- Folder 38: Act Up / Act Out, 1988-1990
- Folder 39: People with AIDS Coalition Newsletters, 1987
- Folder 40: AIDS Action Committee Newsletters, 1984-1990
- Folder 41: Impetus: San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 1987
- Folder 42: Pamphlets, Articles, Brochures, 1987-1997

**Series V: Organizations**

**Box 1:**

- Folder 43: Gay and Lesbian Advocated and Defenders, 1984
- Folder 44: Good Gay Poets, n.d.
- Folder 45: Encyclopedia Homophilica, 1990
- Folder 46: Gay and Lesbian Atheists, 1980-1990
- Folder 47: American Gay Atheists, 1989
- Folder 48: Fengay Meeting Minutes, 1974
- Folder 49: Boston Homophile Organizations, n.d.
- Folder 50: Outwrite, 1995
- Folder 51: Queer Nation, 1990
- Folder 52: Prime Timers Los Angeles, 1996
- Folder 53: Pan International Global Jack-Off, 1987
- Folder 54: Homophilics, 1990
- Folder 55: Homosexual Information Center, n.d.
- Folder 56: Glad Day Bookstore, 2000
- Folder 57: Gay Community News, 1984-1992
- Folder 58: One Institute, 1988-2005
- Folder 59: North American Man/Boy Love Association
- Folder 60: Gay Sunshine Press, 1989
- Folder 61: Harvard Gay and Lesbian Caucus
- Folder 62: Nudists and Naturalists, 1983
- Folder 63: National Coalition of Gay Organizations, n.d.
- Folder 64: Lesbian and Gay Business Guild
- Folder 65: James White Review, 1995-1996
- Folder 66: Radical Faeries: Wolf Creek Sanctuary

**Series VI: Academic**

**Box 2:**

- Folder 1: Student Yearly Planner, 1960-1961
- Folder 2: FBI Request, 1976
- Folder 3: Student Paper, 1960
- Folder 4: Student Course Work: History 166, 1968

- Folder 5: Teaching Materials: Espanol 364
- Folder 6: Teaching Materials: History of American Religion, 1972
- Folder 7: Teaching Materials: Sociology of Death, 1972
- Folder 8: Teaching Materials: History 201-23
- Folder 9: Teaching Materials: History 201
- Folder 10a: Teaching Packets: History 201
- Folder 10b: Teaching Packets: History 201
- Folder 11: Teaching Materials: History 202
- Folder 12a: Teaching Packets: History 202
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- Folder 16: The Internationalism of Josiah Warren, 1983
- Folder 17: Shively Harassment and Homophobia: UMass Boston, 1986-2000
- Folder 18: Personnel Action Forms, 1982-1997
- Folder 19: Annual Faculty Report, 1982-2000
- Folder 20: Departmental Correspondence, 1974-2000
- Folder 21: Academic Writings of Others
- Folder 22: American Historical Association: Committee on Gay Historians, 1974-75
- Folder 23: American Historical Association: Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, 1993-95
- Folder 24: Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, 1994-1995
- Folder 25: Gay and Lesbian Academic Study Seminar, 1989-1990
- Folder 26: Gay Academic Union, 1975-1988
- Folder 27: Radical Caucus, 1972-1974
- Folder 28: Lesbian and Gay Studies Conference, 1991
- Folder 29: Fulbright and Foundation Applications
- Folder 30: Boston State College Newspaper, 1978-1979
- Folder 31: Harvard Gay and Lesbian Publications, 1993-1995
- Folder 32: Lesbian and Gay Bibliographies, 1987
- Folder 33: Boston State College: Newsletters
- Folder 34: Boston State College: Correspondence, 1973-1974
- Folder 35: History of Indoctrination, n.d.

**Series VII: Correspondence**

**Box 3:**

- Folder 1: Address Book
- Folder 2a: Correspondence A-J
- Folder 2b: Correspondence A-J
- Folder 3: Correspondence K-P
- Folder 4: Correspondence Q-Z
- Folder 5: Correspondence, Unknown

**Series VIII: People**

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- Folder 6: GLBT People of Boston, 1965-1975
- Folder 7: Anderson, Maurice
- Folder 8: Arenas, Reinaldo
- Folder 9: Borawski, Walta

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Folder 19a: Greenfield, Freddie  
Folder 19b: Greenfield, Freddie  
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Folder 22: Hay, Harry  
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Folder 27: McAlmon, Robert  
Folder 28: Manuel, Puig  
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Folder 33: Perry, William  
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Folder 35: Robertson, Anne  
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Folder 38: Sarton, Mary  
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Folder 42: Wittman, Carl  
Folder 43: Zapata, Luis

**Series IX: Writings and Poetry by Charles Shively**

**Box 4:**

Folder 1: Charles Shively Notebooks, n.d.  
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Folder 4: Poetry Readings and Book Events, 1985-2006  
Folder 5: Wieners Behind the State Capital, n.d.  
Folder 6: George Washington's Gay Mess, 1992  
Folder 7: Shively on Harry Hay, n.d.  
Folder 8: The CIA CDC AIDS Political Alliance  
Folder 9: Prescott Townsend  
Folder 10: Anarchism and Gay Liberation  
Folder 11: The Repression of the Repression Hypothesis, 1997  
Folder 12: Constructionism Deconstructed, 1987  
Folder 13: African Journal, 1973  
Folder 14: Beast, 1994

Folder 15: Boy Lover Bakunin, 1988  
Folder 16: Thoughts on William Cahn's Browning, 1964  
Folder 17: Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Writers, 2000  
Folder 18: The JFK Assassination: Nightmare on Elm Street, 1995  
Folder 19: Was the Father of Our Country a Queen?, n.d.  
Folder 20: Spirit of Stonewall: Press Statement, 1994  
Folder 21: Keeping the Canon Linen Clean, n.d.  
Folder 22: Freedom to be Academic, n.d.  
Folder 23: Desire, 1960  
Folder 24: Johnsong's, n.d.  
Folder 25: Johnsong's Edits, n.d.  
Folder 26: Neustra Senora de los Dolores, 1975  
Folder 27: Admitting Room, n.d.  
Folder 28: Cuauhtemoc's Waiting, n.d.  
Folder 29: Songs for Forever Summer, n.d.  
Folder 30: Never Lingering aka Shining Martyrs, n.d.  
Folder 31: Time Broken Hands, n.d.  
Folder 32: Jokersongs, n.d.  
Folder 33a: Stonelick, n.d.  
Folder 33b: Stonelick, n.d.  
Folder 34: Joan of Arc: Transvestite and Heretic, n.d.  
Folder 35: Electronic Media: Poetry Files, 1998  
Folder 36: Poetry, undated

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#### **Series 10: Fag Rag**

##### **Box 6:**

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Folder 3: Business Correspondence, 1984-1994  
Folder 4: Subscriptions  
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Folder 6: Fag Rag Anthology  
Folder 7a: Witchcraft and the Gay Counterculture Manuscript  
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Folder 8a: Prisoner Correspondence, 1986-2002  
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Folder 8c: Prisoner Correspondence, 1986-2002

#### **Series 11: Audio/Visual**

##### **Box 6:**

Folder 9: Assassin 5: Hot Lunch, 45 rpm album  
Folder 10: Barry McGuire, 45 rpm album  
Folder 11: James Broughton Reads: Graffiti for the Johns of Heaven  
Folder 12: Matthew Tede: KPEA 7-23-93, cassette  
Folder 13: Jonathan Ellissand: Alone with Death, DVD

#### **Series 12: Poetry Serials/Publications**

##### **Box 7:**

- Folder 1: Wiggansnatch, 1984
- Folder 2: Realities Literary Magazine, n.d.
- Folder 3: Gay Opinion, June 1980
- Folder 4: Guardian, Summer 1989
- Folder 5: The Polished Knob, 1994
- Folder 6: Metropolitan Artists and Poets Assembly Press
- Folder 7: Committee on Lesbian and Gay History Newsletters, 1987
- Folder 8: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Newsletters
- Folder 9: One In Ten: Phoenix, 1998
- Folder 10: Gay and Lesbian Naturists Newsletters
- Folder 11: Esplanade, 1982
- Folder 12: Harvard Gay and Lesbian Newsletters
- Folder 13: Fuck Newsletters
- Folder 14: The Lambda Update
- Folder 15: Walt Whitman Quarterly Review 1992-1994
- Folder 16: Walt Whitman Quarterly Review 1995 – 1997
- Folder 17: Walt Whitman Quarterly Review 1999 – 2000
- Folder 18: Perra! La Revista 1995 – 1996
- Folder 19: Radical America Volume 24 & 25
- Folder 20: Publications, A-B
- Folder 21: Publications, C-I
- Folder 22: Publications, J-S
- Folder 23: Publications, T-Z
- Folder 24: Book Lists and Catalogs
- Folder 25: Essays on Gay Rights, 1990-1993
- Folder 26: Various Clippings and Brochures

### **Series 13: Poetry Books**

#### **Box 8:**

- Folder 1: West Battery: New York Book Fair, 1975
- Folder 2: Who Are the Gay People? John Burnside, 1989
- Folder 3: Gays on Campus, 1975
- Folder 4: Walt Whitman: Racista Imperialista, 1971
- Folder 5: Understanding the Black Mountain Poets, Edward Foster, 1995
- Folder 6: Space Age, Clive Matson, 1969
- Folder 7: Equal in Desire, Clive Matson, 1982-1983
- Folder 8: To the Mainline Heart, Clive Matson, 1966
- Folder 9: Behind the State Capitol, John Wieners, 1975
- Folder 10: Mayan Letters, Charles Olson, 1968
- Folder 11: Here We Are: Eleven Poems, Kirby Congdon, 1989
- Folder 12: Bend Over and Live, Gordie Agar, 1986
- Folder 13: Blackrobe, Maurice Kenny, 1982
- Folder 14: MenU, Steven Finch, 1985
- Folder 15: Quarantines and Death, 1989
- Folder 16: A Pen is Like a Piece, Gary Hicks, 1997
- Folder 17: Directory of Homosexual Organizations, 1977
- Folder 18: How Can You Come Out..., Donald Vining, 1986
- Folder 19: God, Please Save Me, Sister Mary Rose McGeady, 1998
- Folder 20: Gay Movement History and Goals, Jim Kepner, 1985
- Folder 21: Coming Out to Your Parents, 1984
- Folder 22: The Glass Tower and Other Poems, Will Bennett, 1976
- Folder 23: Living Space, Ron Schreiber
- Folder 24: Little Sermons of the Big Joy, James Broughton, 1994
- Folder 25: The Life of the Theatre, Julian Beck, 1974
- Folder 26: Pros in Poetry, 1981

- Folder 27: Revolutionary Communist Party (Drafts for Discussion), 1980
- Folder 28: Were You Always a Criminal? Freddie Greenfield, 1989
- Folder 29: Autobiography, Tony Towle, 1977
- Folder 30: Making History, Will Roscoe, 1984
- Folder 31: Don Slater: 1923 – 1997
- Folder 32: A Few Doors West of Hope, Joseph Hanson, 1998
- Folder 33: Living Theatre Poems, 1968

**Series 14: Oversized**

**Box 9:**

- Folder 1: Axon Dendron Tree: Robert Kelly, 1967
- Folder 2: Fuck You: A Magazine of the Arts Vol. 6 No. 5, 1964
- Folder 3: Equitable Commerce, 1849
- Folder 4: Signorelli: Virgin and Child, n.d.
- Folder 5: Herbert E. Huncke 1915-1996
- Folder 6: Charlie Shively Photographs, n.d.
- Folder 7: Pornography Workshop for Women, 1984
- Folder 8: The World: New York Literary Magazine, No. 3, 1967
- Folder 9: Round Dances, Robert Kelly, 1964
- Folder 10: Money Honey, Freddie Greenfield, n.d.