



Archives and Records

Finding Aid

ACCESSION NUMBER: 73

TITLE: Joyce Crowder Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY:

Creator: Joyce Crowder
Title: Joyce Crowder Collection
Extent: 1 linear foot
Date Span: c. 1980 - 2010
Repository: The History Project, Archives, and Records Department

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joyce Crowder (September 4, 1935 – April 4, 2010) was a nurse and ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. She worked to protect the rights of gay and lesbian nurses through her membership in the Gay Nurses' Alliance and as secretary for the Massachusetts Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. She was one of two nurses to join what would later be known as the AIDS Action Committee. She was a board member for Bay Windows and co-founder of the South Shore Sisterhood. In 1994 she obtained her Masters of Divinity (MDiv) from Harvard Divinity School. She was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC) the following year at Church of the Covenant, Boston.

SUBJECT TERMS

People Names:

William Canfield
Joyce Crowder
Frederick Shepler
Eric Rofes
Harvard Divinity School

Organization Names:

AIDS Action Committee
Bay Windows
Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Caucus

Boston Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Daughters of Bilitis
Dignity Boston
Dorchester GALA
Emergency Food Committee
Evergreen Social Group
Farnsworth House
Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus
Gay Nurses' Alliance
Gay Nurses International Alliance
Golden Threads
Harvard Gay & Lesbian Advocates
Massachusetts Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus
Montessori School, Milton, MA
Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ)
South Shore Sisterhood

Subject Topics:

Lesbianism—United States
Lesbian Activists—United States
Gay Liberation Movement— Massachusetts— Boston Gay Rights

Related Collections:

Coll. 57 Above and Beyond
Coll. 72 Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ)

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of two boxes that have been arranged topically. Crowder's collection contains a variety of printed media, including newspaper and magazine articles (originals and photocopied), whole newspapers, magazines, and newsletters. Correspondence is sparse, but includes some letters related to a dispute in her home church and journals related to her training and hospice work. Also included are personal photographs. Most

HIV/AIDS related material from Joyce Crowder has been moved to the Above and Beyond Collection. Materials are also found in Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ).

BOX AND SERIES LIST

Box 1

Series I: Academic

- Folder 1: Term Papers
- Folder 2: Articles and Course Reading
- Folder 3: Bible Readings
- Folder 4: Thesis
- Folder 5: Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate & Harvard Divinity diploma
- Folder 6: Administrative Paperwork
- Folder 7: Dissertation. *Coming Out: Identity congruence and the attainment of adult female sexuality*. Laura Nemeyer. 1970.
- Folder 8: Dissertation. *The Formation of Lesbian Identity During the "Coming Out" Process*. Elaine C. Spaulding. 1982.
- Folder 9: Certificate of Ordination
- Folder 10: Events
- Folder 11: Prayer Book with Markers

Series II: People

- Folder 1: Eric Rofes 1985-2006
- Folder 2: Address Book
- Folder 3: Obituaries and Memorial Pamphlets
- Folder 4: Phyllis Bertholtz
- Folder 5: Frederick Shepler

Series III: Correspondence

- Folder 1: Personal Correspondence and Journal Entries
- Folder 2: Crowder Obituary / Correspondence
- Folder 3: Professional Correspondence

Series IV: Writing

- Folder 1: Early Writing
- Folder 2: Articles by Joyce Crowder
- Folder 3: Articles about Joyce Crowder Written by Others

Series V: Areas of Interest

- Folder 1: LGBTQ Youth
- Folder 2: Human Rights Campaign
- Folder 3: Gay Rights Bill & Politics, MA
- Folder 4: Gay Nurses Alliance (GNA) 1977-1984 MAP HealthLink
- Folder 5: Counseling Resources
- Folder 6: Articles on Nursing, Medicine & Genetics

- Folder 7: Bi-Sexual Resources
- Folder 8: New England Resources
- Folder 9: South Shore Sisters
- Folder 10: Transgender Resources
- Folder 11: Lesbian & Women
- Folder 12: Marches & Parades
- Folder 13: LGBTQ Religious
- Folder 14: LGBTQ Elder Care
- Folder 15: The History Project
- Folder 16: Anti-Gay Violence
- Folder 17: GLBTQ People of Color
- Folder 18: LGBTQ Dorchester
- Folder 19: Gay in the Workplace

Series VI: Photographs

- Folder 1: Photographs of Harvard Divinity School Graduation and Ordination with graduation program
- Folder 2: Signed Photo Bobbie Callicoatte
- Folder 3: Personal Photographs
- Folder 4: Pride Parade, NY c. 1980
- Folder 5: Pride, Boston c. 1987
- Folder 6: Daughters of Bilitis Marching at Washington D.C. March, c. 1987
- Folder 7: Personal Photos Provincetown, c. 2001 & 2006
- Folder 8: Misc. Photos
- Folder 9: Human Rights Campaign Fundraiser
- Folder 10: Historical Photographs – note: Bertha Labreque 204 Jefferson Ave. Salem, MA
- Folder 11: Frederick Shepler