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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jehan Agrama collection on the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA)

Dates: 1989-2001.

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1991-1993).

Collection number: Coll2008-049

Creator: Agrama, Jehan

Collection Size: 2 records boxes + 1 archive carton + 1 archive half-carton + 1 oversized box.4 linear feet.

Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

Abstract: Correspondence, agendas, notes, minutes, programs, reports, and materials collected by Jehan Agrama in her role as Co-President and as member of the Board of Directors of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA), 1989-1994. The collection includes documents related to the formation of GLAAD/USA, GLAAD Media Awards programs, 1994-2000; and documents outreach to the Los Angeles Unified School District and Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Biography

Jehan Agrama was born in Cairo, Egypt, and attended school in Rome, Italy. In 1976, she came to the United States to attend college. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Pomona College, Claremont, and an Honors M.B.A. from the Presidential Key Executive Program of Pepperdine University. Agrama went on to work in the entertainment industry, where she rose to the position of Chief Operating Officer of Harmony Gold, an international television production and distribution company with ancillary merchandising and music divisions.

Agrama was a founder of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA), serving as the first female co-president in 1989; she was re-elected in 1990 and 1991. Agrama also contributed to the creation and production of the Annual GLAAD Media Awards and served as the Co-Chair of the 10th Annual event in 1999. She represented GLAAD/LA on the Executive Committee of the Mayor's Los Angeles Coalition (formerly Coalition of 100), the Media Image Coalition of Minorities and Women, and the Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force of Rebuild LA (RLA). Until 1994, she served on the GLAAD/LA board as Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee. She was elected to the first Emerita position on the board.

In 1992, the Gay & Lesbian Arab Society of Los Angeles honored Agrama with the Knights of the Middle East Award. In 1993, the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center honored her with their Community Service Award, and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund honored her with their Liberty Award. In the same year she also served as a Community Grand Marshall of the Christopher Street West (CSW) Pride. She currently (2008) lives with her spouse of over 25 years, Dwora Fried.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Jehan Agrama Collection on Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA) consists of six series. The series are related to her role as Co-President, member of the Board of Directors, and Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee. The collection includes documents related to the formation of GLAAD/USA, outreach to the Los Angeles Unified School District, and her representation of GLAAD on the Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force. Also included are GLAAD Media Awards Show programs, 1994-2000, and a sample of GLAAD publications, 1989-2001.

Arrangement

The basic arrangement reflects the order in which the files were found, with the board of director files consolidated into one chronological series.

Indexing Terms

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

Agrama, Jehan

Discrimination--United States

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Hate crimes--United States--Prevention

Hate speech--United States

Homophobia--United States--Prevention

Homosexuality--Law and legislation--United States

Mass media and gays--United States

Mass media--Social aspects--United States

Mass media--Political aspects--United States

Minorities in mass media

Prejudices--United States

Toleration--Study and teaching

Separated Material

Guides:

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. *Media Guide to the Lesbian and Gay Community*. New York City: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, 1990.

Lesbian Visibility Resource Guide. Open Enterprises, Inc. 1990.

Magazines and Newsletters:

GLAAD Bulletin (New York City) - August/September 1989, October/November 1989, January/February 1990.

GLAAD Dispatch - Volume 3, issue number 8 (August 1996).

GLAAD Images - May/June 1996.

GLAAD Newsletter (New York City) - Fall 1989, Winter 1990, Summer 1990.

GLAAD Notes - Volume 2, number 4 (Winter 2000).

GLAAD Rag (Washington, D.C.) - July 1990, August 1990, September 1990.

Programs:

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center (GLCSC) programs - 1991, 1992, 1993.

Lesbian And Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA), Second Annual Community Service Award program, 2001.

Series 1. Chapter correspondence and press releases 1989-1994

Physical Description: 11 folders.

Series Scope and Content

The series consists of correspondence from local chapters and the national chapter, including correspondence on the creation of the national federation, GLAAD/USA. The series also includes press releases from the GLAAD/LA office.

- Box 1 : 1-1 : 2 **GLAAD/USA 1990-1993**
- Box 1 : 3 **GLAAD/Los Angeles. Letters to the editor 1992**
- Box 1 : 4 **GLAAD/Los Angeles. Spanish speaking media 1991-1992**
- Box 1 : 5 **GLAAD/New York City 1989-1990**
- Box 1 : 6 **GLAAD/Orange County, California 1991**
- Box 1 : 7 **GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area 1990-1992**
- Box 1 : 8 **GLAAD/other chapters 1991-1992**
- Box 1 : 9-1 : 10 **GLAAD/National 1989-1993**
- Box 1 : 11 **Miscellaneous 1990-1994**
 Los Angeles City Task Force on Family Diversity , submitted by Diane Himes, David Link, Linda Povernny
 May 20, 1987
 Rockefeller, Kirwin, *Film and Dream Imagery in Personal Mythology: A Pilot Study Using the Mythic Method*
 June 1992
 Rockefeller, Kirwin, *Psychoneuroimmunology and Biopsychological Cofactors of HIV-Spectrum Disease*
 and *Long-Term Survivors: A Review of the Literature* September 1992
- Box 1 : 12 **Press releases 1990-1994**

Series 2. **GLAAD/LA Board of Directors 1989-1995**

Physical Description: 28 folders.

Series Scope and Content

The GLAAD/LA Board of Directors series contains meeting agendas and minutes, job descriptions, letters of understanding, self-appraisals, and retreat materials. The retreat folders included materials for the development of a cohesive and enduring organization.

Box 1 : 13	By-laws 1989-1990
Box 1 : 14	Board nominations 1990-1991
Box 1 : 15	Co-President 1990-1991
Box 1 : 16	Board general information 1990-1992
Box 1 : 17	Executive director search 1990-1992
Box 1 : 18	Board job-descriptions 1990-1992
Box 1 : 19	Board development 1990-1992
Box 1 : 20-1 : 21	Board retreats 1990-1993
Box 4 : 4	Contact information 1990-1995
Box 1 : 22	Board profiles 1991
Box 1 : 23	Board letters of understanding 1991-1992
Box 1 : 24	Board self-appraisals 1991-1992
Box 1 : 25-2 : 1	Board meeting minutes 1991-1992
Box 2 : 2	Board application 1991-1993
Box 2 : 3	Executive committee 1992
Box 2 : 4	Steering committee 1992-1994
Box 2 : 5	Organizational structure circa 1992
Box 2 : 6-2 : 9	Board meeting minutes 1993
Box 2 : 10-2 : 12	Board meeting minutes 1994
Box 4 : 5, 5 : 2	Clippings 1988-1994

Series 3. **GLAAD/LA Outreach 1989-1994**

Physical Description: 10 folders.

Series Scope and Content

Agrama served as Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee, which provides sensitivity training and meets with media executives. The series contains sensitivity training information, agendas, notes, and minutes, along with related outreach information to the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force.

Box 2 : 13	Los Angeles Office of Education 1989-1991
Box 2 : 14	Education sub-committee minutes 1991-1993
Box 2 : 15	Education sub-committee miscellaneous 1991-1993
Box 2 : 16-2 : 17	Outreach committee 1990-1993
Box 2 : 18	Media Outreach miscellaneous 1991-1993
Box 2 : 19	Media Outreach sensitivity training 1992-1993
Box 2 : 20	Sensitivity training: request for qualifications 1993
Box 2 : 21	Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) background information 1992-1993
Box 2 : 22	Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) committee materials 1992-1993

Series 4. **Lift the Ban on Gays and Lesbians in the Military 1993**

Physical Description: 7 folders.

Series Scope and Content

In 1993, President Bill Clinton attempted to honor his promise to allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the United States military. The series documents GLAAD's efforts in support of lifting the ban; the series consists of statements, press releases, and event planning documents.

Box 2 : 23	Celebrity resolutions 1993
Box 2 : 24	Video press conference, <i>To Support and Defend</i> 1993
Box 2 : 25	Military press 1993
Box 2 : 26	Lift the ban poster 1993
Box 2 : 27	Lesbians in the military 1993
Box 2 : 28	Military resolution 1993
Box 3 : 1	Military meetings 1993

Series 5. Awards and Recognition Programs 1994-2000

Physical Description: 10 folders.

Series Scope and Content

Agrama participated in the creation and production of the GLAAD Media Awards. This series primarily contains programs from the 1994-2000 Media Awards. The series also contains a draft script of the 1997 Los Angeles Media Awards show, written by Agrama and Michael B. Keegan, and a copy of *Daily Variety Gotham* celebrating the 10th anniversary of the GLAAD Media Awards. Other programs include the 2nd Annual GLAAD Fairness Awards, and the program from Congregation Kol Ami celebration honoring Peter W. Kraus, MD, Jehan Agrama, and Judge Stephen M. Lachs.

GLAAD Awards Script and Programs 1994-2000

Box 3 : 2	Draft of script to Los Angeles awards show by Jehan Agrama and Michael B. Keegan 1997
Box 3 : 3	5th Annual Los Angeles Awards program 1994
Box 3 : 4	6th Annual Los Angeles Awards programs 1995
Box 3 : 5	7th Annual Los Angeles, New York Awards program 1996
Box 3 : 6	8th Annual USA and Los Angeles Awards programs 1997
Box 3 : 7	9th Annual USA and Los Angeles Awards programs 1998
Box 3 : 8	10th Annual Los Angeles Awards program 1999
Box 5 : 1	<i>Daily Variety Gotham</i> April 16, 1999
Box 3 : 9	11th Annual Los Angeles Awards program 2000
Box 3 : 10	2nd Annual Fairness Awards in Los Angeles program 1999
Box 3 : 11	Congregation Kol Ami Celebrates: Flying Toward a Brighter Future, Honoring Peter W. Kraus, MD, Jehan Agrama, and Judge Stephen M. Lachs program 1999

Series 6. **GLAAD Publications 1989-2001**

Physical Description: 5 folders.

Series Scope and Content

The series consists of a sample of GLAAD publications including guides, reports, brochures, and flyers created to promote its goal of accurate and inclusive representations of people and events in the media.

Box 3 : 12	<i>Homophobia Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation 1989 1991</i>
Box 3 : 13	<i>Lesbian and Gay Images: An Entertainment Media Resource 1995</i>
Box 4 : 1	National Media Center Project executive summary 1996
Box 4 : 2	Annual report 2000
Box 4 : 3	Brochures, flyers, and newsletters 1990-2001