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Descriptive Summary

Title: Judd Marmor papers

Dates: 1943-1998

Collection number: Coll2007-009

Creator: Marmor, Judd, 1910-2003

Collection Size: 4 archive boxes.1.7 linear feet.

Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

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Abstract: Correspondence, journal articles, drafts, speeches, notes, legal papers, and subject files created by Los Angeles psychiatrist Judd Marmor (1910-2003), a leader in the successful movement to remove homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, in the course of his research on homosexuality. Materials include several handwritten letters from Evelyn Hooker, as well as legal affidavits, testimony, and other materials documenting Marmor's role as an expert witness on behalf of gay plaintiffs--most often to counter the testimony of Charles W. Socarides, Paul Cameron, and Harold M. Voth--in several legal cases, most importantly Baker v. Wade in Texas, and Evans v. Romer in Colorado. The collection also includes several photographs of Marmor, together with leading activists Barbara Gittings and Frank Kameny, and masked gay psychiatrist "Dr. H. Anonymous" at the May 1972 annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Biography

Judd Marmor was born in London, England, in 1910, the son of a Yiddish scholar. He grew up in Chicago, and later moved to New York, where he supported himself through Columbia College with odd jobs and debating scholarships. He earned his medical degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1933, and went into private psychiatric practice in New York. In 1946, after serving in the Navy during World War II, he moved to Los Angeles, where he gained prominence as an analyst to Hollywood celebrities. He was also widely respected as an analyst and scholar, publishing more than 350 papers and writing or editing six books, including the classic text *Modern Psychoanalysis*, first published in 1968. He served as director of the psychiatry division at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center from 1965 to 1972. From 1972 to 1980 he was Franz Alexander Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Southern California, and from 1980 to 1985 adjunct professor of psychiatry at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Marmor had begun to treat homosexual patients who wanted to change their orientation in the 1940s. Although he originally held the belief that homosexuality was an illness, his clinical experiences with gay patients and later his social interactions with gays who were happy with their lives and emotionally well-adjusted convinced him that homosexuality was not pathological. His view was supported and influenced by the Evelyn Hooker's groundbreaking study, published in 1957, which found no measurable psychological difference between heterosexual and homosexual men. Marmor asked Hooker to write a chapter for his first book on homosexuality, *Sexual Inversion*, published in 1965; she in turn recruited him for the National Institute of Mental Health Task Force on Homosexuality in 1969. The two became close colleagues and friends, often lecturing together.

The evolution of Marmor's view of homosexuality as a normal condition coincided with the growth of gay and lesbian activism. At the 1972 annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association in Dallas, Marmor, then Vice President of the organization, participated in a dramatic presentation with fellow psychiatrist Robert Seidenburg, gay activist Franklin Kameny, lesbian activist Barbara Gittings, and a gay psychiatrist wearing a mask and identifying himself as "Dr. H. Anonymous". The following year, Marmor played a critical role in the campaign to remove homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. The issue was so controversial that it was placed before the full membership, which adopted the resolution to remove homosexuality from the Manual in a split vote in December 1973. The removal of homosexuality from the list of mental disorders was one of the single most important events in the modern history of the gay movement, and by taking away part of the basis for disparaging and belittling gays and lesbians was crucial in breaking down other barriers.

Marmor continued to see patients until shortly before his death. He also served for many years as advisor to Abigail Van Buren, who wrote the "Dear Abby" newspaper column and was one of the first national figures to support gay rights. He and his wife were also serious collectors of art, lending and giving many artworks to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. He died in Los Angeles at the age of 93, on December 16, 2003, a day after the 30th anniversary of the American Psychiatric Association's vote to remove homosexuality from its Diagnostic Manual.

Source: Obituary by Elaine Woo, *Los Angeles Times*, December 20, 2003, p. B20.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection comprises correspondence, journal articles, drafts, speeches, notes, legal papers, and subject files created by Marmor in the course of his research on homosexuality. The majority of Marmor's publications represented in the collection date from the early 1970s, when he was a leader in the successful movement to remove homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The correspondence includes several handwritten letters from his colleague and friend, Evelyn Hooker, as well as offprints of several of her pioneering articles. The collection also contains legal affidavits, testimony, correspondence, and other materials documenting Marmor's role as an expert witness on behalf of gay plaintiffs--most often to counter the testimony of Charles W. Socarides, Paul Cameron, and Harold M. Voth--in several legal cases, most importantly Baker v. Wade in Texas, and Evans v. Romer in Colorado. The collection includes several photographs of Marmor, together with leading activists Barbara Gittings and Frank Kameny, and

masked gay psychiatrist "Dr. H. Anonymous" at the May 1972 annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association.

Indexing Terms

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

Actions and defenses--Baker v. Wade

Actions and defenses--Evans v. Romer

Baker v. Wade

Cameron, Paul (Paul M.)

Evans v. Romer

Homosexuality--Law and legislation--Colorado

Homosexuality--Law and legislation--Texas

Homosexuality--Law and legislation--United States

Homosexuality--Psychological aspects

Homosexuality--Research

Homosexuality--Social Aspects

Hooker, Evelyn Caldwell

Marmor, Judd, 1910-2003

Socarides, Charles W., 1922-

Box 1 : 1 - 15 Series 1. Research 1955-1998

Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet

Series Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence, offprints, drafts, notes, journal articles, and newspaper clippings relating to Marmor's research on homosexuality. Marmor's correspondents include longtime lesbian activist Barbara Gittings and researcher Charlotte C. Taylor; his correspondence with Evelyn Hooker, which includes offprints of several of her articles from the 1950s, several handwritten letters from Hooker from the 1990s, and materials relating to her obituary and memorial service in 1996, forms a separate file. Most of the articles and reviews date from the early 1970s, when Marmor was a leader in the movement to remove homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic Manual. Several of the articles contain strong rebuttals of the work of Charles W. Socarides and Paul Cameron, in particular. The files include drafts, and photocopies of sources Marmor used. The series also includes a file of several speeches, two sets of handwritten notes by Marmor, and a file of journal and newspaper clippings containing references to Marmor (journal and newspaper articles by and about Marmor are in the "Short Articles and Reviews" folder).

Box 1 : 1 - 2 **Correspondence 1955-1997**
 Box 1 : 1 **General 1966-1994**
 Box 1 : 2 **Evelyn Hooker 1955-1997**
 Box 1 : 3 - 11 **Publications 1969-1998**
 Box 1 : 3 **NIMH Task Force on Homosexuality 1969-1972**
 Box 1 : 4 **Homosexuality and objectivity. *SIECUS* [Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S.], vol. 6, no. 2 December 1970**
 Box 1 : 5 **Homosexuality in males. *Psychiatric Annals*, vol. 1, no. 4 December 1971**
 Box 1 : 6 **Homosexuality--mental illness or moral dilemma? *International Journal of Psychiatry* , vol. 10, no. 1 1972**
 Box 1 : 7 **Etiological roots of male homosexuality [draft] circa 1983**
 Box 1 : 8 **Homosexuality: nature vs nurture. *Harvard Medical School Mental Health Letter* October 1985**
 Box 1 : 9 **Homosexuality: is etiology really important? *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy* , vol. 2, no. 4 1998**
 Box 1 : 10 **Reply to Review by D'Elia. Draft no date**
 Box 1 : 11 **Short Articles and Reviews 1972-1980**
 Box 1 : 12 **Speeches 1964-1987**
 Box 1 : 13 **Symposia programs 1982 1987**
 Box 1 : 14 **Handwritten Notes no date 1987**
 Box 1 : 15 **References to Marmor 1972-1982**

 Box 1 : 16 - 3 : 1 Series 2. Legal Consulting 1972-1993
Physical Description: 0.8 linear feet**Series Scope and Content**

This series, which comprises half the collection, consists of correspondence and legal papers relating to Marmor's role as an expert witness on behalf of gay plaintiffs in several legal cases. The most prominent cases are Baker v. Wade (1980-1984), a challenge to Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which prohibited sodomy and oral sex between people of the same sex, and Evans v. Romer (1993), a challenge to Amendment 2 to the Colorado State Constitution, enacted in 1992, that prohibited state and local governments from enacting any law, regulation, or policy that would, in effect, protect the civil rights of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Marmor appeared as an expert witness for the plaintiff in both cases, in the first to refute the testimony of Paul Cameron, and in the second, of Charles W. Socarides and Harold M. Voth. The papers include Marmor's correspondence with plaintiffs' counsel, affidavits and transcripts of testimony of defendants' expert witnesses (often with Marmor's notes), and transcripts of Marmor's own testimony and detailed affidavits.

Box 1 : 16 - 17 **Allan Lewis Rock 1972-1973**
 Box 1 : 16 **Correspondence 1972-1973**
 Box 1 : 17 **Testimony December 6, 1972**
 Box 1 : 1 - 10 **Baker v. Wade 1980-1984**
 Box 2 : 1 **Correspondence and legal papers 1980-1981**
 Box 2 : 2 **Memorandum of opinion August 17, 1982**
 Box 2 : 3 **Paul Cameron testimony (Exhibit 8) November 1982**
 Box 2 : 4 **Motion and brief in support of motion to set aside final judgment April 1983**
 Box 2 : 5 **Affidavit of Judd Marmor May 10, 1983**
 Box 2 : 6 **Exhibits 5 and 6 May 19, 1982 May 20, 1983**
 Box 2 : 7 **Defendant's reply to plaintiff's brief in opposition to motion to set aside final judgment June 8, 1983**
 Box 2 : 8 **Affidavit of Paul Cameron and affidavit of Judd Marmor July 5, 1983**
 Box 2 : 9 **Correspondence August, 1983**
 Box 2 : 10 **Supplemental opinion April, 1984**
 Box 2 : 11 **Morales 1990**
 Box 2 : 12 - 16 **Curran v Mt. Diablo Council of the Boy Scouts of America 1990**
 Box 2 : 12 **Correspondence 1990**
 Box 2 : 13 **Expert witness declarations July, 1990**
 Box 2 : 14 **Deposition of Judd Marmor August 10, 1990**
 Box 2 : 15 **Statement of decision November 6, 1990**
 Box 2 : 16 **Transcript of proceedings, volume 4 December 13, 1990**
 Box 2 : 17 - 3 : 12 **Evans v Romer 1993**
 Box 2 : 17 **Correspondence August 12, 1993**
 Box 2 : 18 **Certificates of disclosure--plaintiffs August-September, 1993**
 Box 3 : 1 **Certificates of disclosure--defendants August, 1993**
 Box 3 : 2 **Expert witness summaries and resumes. Broadus-Knight 1993**
 Box 3 : 3 **Expert witness summaries and resumes. Paul Cameron 1993**
 Box 3 : 4 **Expert witness summaries and resumes: MacMullen-Woodard 1993**
 Box 3 : 5 **Brief for defendants September 27, 1993**
 Box 3 : 6 **Deposition of Edward Eichel October 7, 1993**
 Box 3 : 7 **Affidavit of Anthony A. Falzarano October, 1993**
 Box 3 : 8 **Deposition of Robert H. Knight October 7, 1993**
 Box 3 : 9 **Affidavit of Charles W. Socarides October 8, 1993**
 Box 3 : 10 **Affidavit of Charles W. Socarides. Exhibits A-C October 8, 1993**
 Box 3 : 11 **Affidavit of Harold M. Voth October 8, 1993**
 Box 3 : 12 **Affidavit of Harold M. Voth. Attachments C-D October 8, 1993**

Box 4:1-8 Series 3. **Subject Files 1943-1997**

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Series Scope and Content

This series comprises subject files compiled by Marmor in the course of his research on homosexuality. The materials consist of journal and newsletter articles, convention/symposium presentations, and clippings from newspapers and popular periodicals. The series retains the titles used by Marmor; the papers in each file are arranged chronologically.

Box 4 : 1 **Homosexuality--general 1943-1959**
Box 4 : 2 **Homosexuality--general 1960-1969**
Box 4 : 3 **Homosexuality--general 1970-1979**
Box 4 : 4 **Homosexuality--general 1980-1989**
Box 4 : 5 **Homosexuality--general 1990-1997**
Box 4 : 6 **Homosexuality--female 1962-1982**
Box 4 : 7 **Transexualism/transvestism 1955-1982**
Box 4 : 8 **Magazines 1966-1968**

Box 4 : 9 Series 4. **Photographs 1972-1998**

Physical Description: 10 photographs

Series Scope and Content

This series comprises four photographs from the 1972 American Psychiatric Association convention at Dallas, showing Marmor, Barbara Gittings, Franklin Kameny, and the masked "Dr. H. Anonymous", and two sets of three photographs from 1998 showing Marmor with John O'Brien and Theodore Lee McEvoy.

Box 4 : 9 **Photographs 1972 1998**