
Guide to the National Transgender Library collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Finding aid of the National Transgender Library

Dates: 1962-1999

Bulk Dates: 1983-1999

Collection number: 2001-15

Collection Size: 4 boxes

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94105

Abstract: Dallas Denny, an Atlanta-based activist and writer organized the National Transgender Library and Archives in the early 1980s. In 1990 she founded the American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS) to make referrals and disseminate information on gender dysphoria. This is a small but rich collection documenting various aspects of transgender life.

Physical location: Stored at the Archives of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, California

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Julie Herrada, on behalf of the University of Michigan, donated this collection on March 27, 2001. The collection is a small part of the National Transgender Library, which was organized by Dallas Denny and donated in its entirety to the University of Michigan; the GLBTHS collection consists of duplicates and materials not of interest to the University of Michigan.

Biography / Administrative History

The National Transgender Library was the project of Dallas Denny, an Atlanta-based activist, writer, and organizer in the transgender community. She began compiling materials for the library in the early eighties, adding to her personal files;

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains a wide range of transgender material, from popular representations of transgendered individuals, to medical reports, to advertisements for

This collection has six series. The first series, and the largest, consists of periodicals specifically related to transgender issues and cross-dressing. Most are small Atlanta based journals that deal with some topic (such as performance technique, acceptance, spirituality) in the cross-dressing community. A few are larger circulation medical journals or popular culture magazines with a cover story on transgender issues. These periodicals do not contain a full run; most folders contain less than five issues of any one periodical. The periodicals are organized alphabetically.

The second series consists of conference and workshop materials, some of which Dallas Denny attended or presented at, and others which she did not appear to attend. Each folder contains the materials from one conference, including lists of speakers, events, and brochures. The folders are organized chronologically, by the date of the conference, from 1987-1997.

The third series consists of AEGIS materials, taken in original order from two large binders. These folders contain hundreds of articles on cross-dressing, sex reassignment surgery, and events in the transgender community. Many articles relate specifically to AEGIS; some are written by AEGIS members. This series also contains a small collection of photographs taken at an award ceremony for entertainer Caroline Cossey, and a folder of Ms. Denny's business correspondence.

The Shopping series contains catalogues, order forms, and directories for large-sized women's shoes, wigs, lingerie, sex toys, cosmetics, and erotic novels. The material is broken down into "mass circulation" catalogues, and catalogues marketed specifically to cross-dressers or transgendered individuals.

The Medical series is comprised of pamphlets and brochures on electrolysis, breast prosthetics, and hormones. Also included are descriptions of sex reassignment surgery, medical advisories, and a document on Standards of Care for transsexuals.

The last series consists of miscellaneous flyers and announcements from Atlanta, newsletters from local and national transgender groups, guides to transgender organizations,

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is organized in # series:

- Series 1. Periodicals
- Series 2. Conference and Workshop Materials
- Series 3. Aegis Materials
- Series 4. Shopping
- Series 5. Medical
- Series 6. Miscellaneous

Indexing Terms

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

Transgender people

Periodicals 1962-1999 1991-1997

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 Box/ Folder 1/ 3 **Bluegrass Belleview 1997**
 Box/ Folder 1/ 4 **Butterflies 1994**
 Box/ Folder 1/ 5 **The Cactus Flower 1994**
 Box/ Folder 1/ 6 **The Chatter 1996**
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 Box/ Folder 2/ 5 **Sex Weekly 1995**
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 Box/ Folder 2/ 8 **Tennessee Vals 1994-1997**
 Box/ Folder 2/ 9 **TMT 1992**
 Box/ Folder 2/ 10 **Transcript 1992**
 Box/ Folder 2/ 11 **TV-TS Confidential 1994**
 Box/ Folder 2/ 12 **Two Spirit News 1995-1996**
 Box/ Folder 2/ 13 **Virginia's Secrets 1995-1996**

Box/ Folder 2/ 14 **Whatever Undated**
Box/ Folder 2/ 15 **XX Twenty 1994-1997**
Box/ Folder 4/ 1 **City Paper 1994**
Box/ Folder 4/ 2 **Frontiers Magazine 1996-1998**
Box/ Folder 4/ 3 **Interview 1998**
Box/ Folder 4/ 4 **Just Out 1996**
Box/ Folder 4/ 5 **San Francisco Bay Times 1995**
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Conference and Workshop Materials 1991-1997

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- Box/ Folder 2/ 17 **12th Annual Conference on Gender Dysphoria 1989**
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- Box/ Folder 2/ 19 **S.S.S.S. Membership Handbooks 1991-1997**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 20 **2nd Annual New Woman Conference 1992**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 21 **Coming Together, Working Together 1992**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 22 **Gender Identity Conference 1992**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 23 **Counseling Gender Dysphoria 1992**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 24 **American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists: Conferences and Membership Directory 1992-1996**

- Box/ Folder 2/ 25 **Mid America Gender Group Fall Harvest 1993**
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- Box/ Folder 2/ 27 **Eurofantasia 1993**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 28 **The European Network of Professionals on Transsexualism 1994**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 29 **A Union of Spirits 1994**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 30 **Splendor of Gender Workshop Series 1994**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 31 **Texas 'T' Party 1994**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 32 **International Foundation of Gender Education: Atlanta Action 1995**
- Box/ Folder 2/ 33 **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: 8th Annual 'Creating Change' Meeting 1995**
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- Box/ Folder 2/ 40 **Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association Symposium 1997**
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Aegis Materials 1991-1994

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Box/ Folder 3/ 3 **Correspondence 1991-1994**
Box/ Folder 3/ 4 **Photos Undated**

Shopping 1983, 1992

- Box/ Folder 3/ 5 **Mass Circulation catalogues: shoes, wigs, lingerie Undated**
- Box/ Folder 3/ 6 **Advertisements and order forms: transgender and cross-dressing materials Undated**
- Box/ Folder 3/ 7 **Shopping guides/ catalogues: sex toys, clothes, accoutrements 1983, 1992**
- Box/ Folder 3/ 8 **Ivan Stormgart Books: General Catalogues: 12, 14-15, 17, 28-65 Undated**

Medical 1989-1996

Box/ Folder 3/ 9 **Brochures 1989-1996**
Box/ Folder 3/ 10 **Electrolysis and Prosthetics Undated**
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Box/ Folder 3/ 12 **Surgery and Standards of Care Undated**

Miscellaneous 1991-1997

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- Box/ Folder 3/ 14 **Flyers and Announcements Undated**
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- Box/ Folder 3/ 16 **Articles from mass circulation periodicals about transgender issues 1991-1997**
- Box/ Folder 3/ 17 **Erotic Fiction Undated**
- Box/ Folder 3/ 18 **Other Undated**