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## Finding aid of the Lillene H. Fifield Papers

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Lillene H. Fifield papers

**Dates:** 1973-2003

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1973-1987)

**Collection number:** Coll2007-014

**Creator:** Fifield, Lillene H., 1941-

**Collection Size:** 9 archive cartons + 1 oversize box + 1 oversize flat(3.4 linear feet).

**Repository:** ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Los Angeles, California 90007

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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### Acquisition Information

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## Biography

Lillene Henrietta Fifield, social worker, psychotherapist, and lesbian activist, was born in Los Angeles on October 28, 1941, and spent many of her early years in Kansas City, Missouri. Active in civil rights issues since high school, she became active in the gay and lesbian movement after coming out at age 19. She earned her B.A. with honors from California State University Los Angeles in 1971, and her MSW with honors from the University of Southern California, where she was the first openly lesbian student, in 1973. Fifield served as research associate at the Regional Research Institute in Social Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Southern California, from 1972 to 1975, the year her pioneering research on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community was published. After maintaining a private practice in clinical social work from 1976 to 1979, Fifield moved in 1980 to Roseburg, Oregon, where she was a psychiatric social worker for Douglas County Mental Health. Fifield became involved with the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles in November 1971, becoming its principal grant writer; and serving as Vice-Chairman of its Board of Directors in 1974/1975. She also served as first co-chairwoman of the California Women's Commission on Alcoholism, and on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Alcoholism Advisory Board, the California Institute for Human Sexuality, and the California Alcoholism Foundation. She was named Woman of the Year by the Los Angeles gay community in 1978, and delivered keynote speeches at the National Council on Alcoholism Annual Forum in Seattle in 1980, at the San Francisco Conference on Alcoholism in the Gay Community in 1985, at and the second National Conference of the National Association of Lesbian & Gay Alcoholism Professionals at Chicago in 1987.

## Scope and Content of Collection

The collection comprises reports, drafts, notes, publications, correspondence, research files, audio and videotapes, and other materials documenting the career of social worker, psychotherapist, and lesbian activist Lillene H. Fifield (born 1941), relating in particular to her studies of alcoholism in the Los Angeles gay and lesbian community, her involvement with the establishment and early years of both the Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center (now the L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center) and the Alcoholism Center for Women, and her participation in the International Women's Year and the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977. The collection also contains several videotapes documenting the life and career of gay activist Morris Kight (1919-2003); a pocket diary/appointment calendar, several open reel audio tapes of Lesbian music, and other materials relating to Fifield's lover and fellow lesbian activist, Daphne Hatfield (1937-2006); and a cartoon of gay actor and activist Justin Smith (1921-1986). The collection is divided into 10 series: (1) Writings; (2) Alcoholism; (3) Gay Community Services Center; (4) Research; (5) International Women's Year; (6) Daphne Hatfield; (7) Photographs; (8) Printed Materials; (9) Audio and Video Materials; and (10) Ephemera, Memorabilia, and Artwork.

## Indexing Terms

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

Alcoholism Center for Women (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Alcoholism counseling

Community health services--California

Fifield, Lillene H., 1941-

Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Gay Community Services Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Gays--Alcohol use

Hatfield, Daphne, 1937-2006

Kight, Morris, 1919-2003

L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center

Lesbians--Alcohol use

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center

Smith, Justin, 1921-1986

Social work with lesbians

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**Related Material**

L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center Records, Coll2007-010, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

Box 1 : 1 - 12 Series 1. **Writings 1975-1987**

**Physical Description:** 12 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

The bulk of this series consists of Fifield's published study of alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community, *On My Way to Nowhere* (1975); a condensed edition, *Alcoholism and the Gay Community* (1977); several conference papers derived from the study; and several speeches on alcoholism given by Fifield between 1980 and 1987.

Box 1 : 1 - 4 **Fifield, Lillene. *On my way to nowhere; alienated, isolated, drunk. An analysis of gay alcohol abuse & an evaluation of alcoholism rehabilitation services for the Los Angeles gay community* July 10, 1975**

Box 1 : 1 - 2 **Copy 1 (annotated) July 10, 1975**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Box 1 : 3 - 4 **Copy 2 July 10, 1975**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Box 1 : 5 **Fifield, Lillene, and Latham, J. David. *Alcoholism and the gay community* (preliminary draft). Paper presented at California State Psychological Association Convention, Los Angeles March 1977**

Box 1 : 6 **Fifield, Lillene. *Alcoholism and the gay community* (preliminary draft). Paper presented at the National Drug Abuse Conference, San Francisco 1977**

Box 1 : 7 - 8 **Fifield, Lillene; Latham, J. David; Phillips, Christopher. *Alcoholism in the gay community. The price of alienation, isolation, & oppression*. Los Angeles: Gay Community Services Center 1977**

Box 1 : 7 **Printed edition 1977**

Box 1 : 8 **Typescript edition 1977**

Box 1 : 9 **Fifield, Lillene; DeCresenzo, Teresa A.; Latham, J. David. *Alcoholism and the gay community. Journal of Homosexuality* 1978**

Box 1 : 10 **Alcoholism chapter for book No date**

Box 1 : 11 **Miscellaneous writings No date**

Box 1 : 12 **Speeches 1980, 1985, 1987**

Box 2 : 1 - 3 : 7 ; Series 2. Alcoholism 1974-1984, 2003

1 - 3 (oversize)

**Physical Description:** 22 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of reports, drafts, conference and workshop materials, correspondence, photocopies, and other materials created and acquired by Fifield in the course of her research on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community. Of particular interest are materials relating to Fifield's work on the California Women's Commission on Alcoholism, 1974-1977, and her work with the Gay Community Services Center's Alcoholism Program for Women (APW), which later became the independent Alcoholism Center for Women.

Box 2 : 1 - 2           **Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) 1983-1984**

Box 2 : 1               **Miscellaneous 1983-1984**

Box 2 : 2               **Jael Greenleaf seminar 1983**

Box 7 : 1 (oversize) **Alcoholism in the gay community -- California 1976-1980**

Box 2 : 3 - 5           **Articles No date**

Box 2 : 3               **Alcoholism No date**

Box 2 : 4               **Alcoholism in the gay community No date**

Box 2 : 5               **Women & alcoholism No date**

Box 2 : 6               **Benton County Alcoholism Treatment Program No date**

Box 2 : 7               **California Alcoholism Foundation (CAF) 1974**

Box 2 : 8 - 9 ; 7 : 2   **California Women's Commission on Alcoholism 1974-1977**  
(oversize)

Box 2 : 8               **Miscellaneous 1974**

Box 2 : 9 ; 7 : 2       ***The treatment needs of the woman alcoholic: a survey of alcoholism agencies in California 1977***  
(oversize)

Box 2 : 9               **Draft 1977**

Box 7 : 2 (oversize)   **Final 1977**

Box 2 : 10              **Correspondence 2003**

Box 2 : 11 - 3 : 3 ; 7 : **Gay Community Services Center 1975-1981**

3 (oversize)

Box 2 : 11              **Alcoholism Needs Assessment Project (ANA) 1975**

Box 2 : 12 - 3 : 3 ; 7 : **Comprehensive Program of Community Services for Alcoholic Women (APW, later Alcoholism Center for Women) 1974-1981**

Box 2 : 12              **Miscellaneous 1974-1981**

Box 3 : 1 - 3           **Funding proposal (United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare) February 26, 1974**

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

Box 3 : 1 - 2           **Copy 1 February 26, 1974**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Box 3 : 3               **Copy 2 (annotated) February 26, 1974**

Box 7 : 3 (oversize)   **Forms circa 1974-1975**

Box 3 : 4               **Los Angeles County Alcoholism Advisory Board 1976-1977**

Box 3 : 5               **National Association of Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NAGAP) 1980**

Box 3 : 6               **National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism. *Alcohol Abuse & Women: A Guide to Getting Help* 1978**

Box 3 : 7               **Replication study. Morales/Graves, *Substance Abuse: Patterns & Barriers to treatment for gay men & lesbians in San Francisco* 1983**

Box 3 : 8 - 4 : 2 ; Series 3. Gay Community Services Center 1972-1996

4 - 5 (oversize)

**Physical Description:** 7 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of materials relating to Fifield's work with the Gay Community Services Center outside its alcoholism program. The bulk of the materials consists of funding proposals submitted to Los Angeles County healthcare agencies. Other documents include Fifield's 1983 evaluation of the Center's Community Employment Services program, and flyers and other materials relating to the Center's early history. The Miscellaneous folder also contains an article published in Lesbian News in 1996, describing Fifield's pivotal role in the early years of the Center.

Box 7 : 4

**Miscellaneous 1972-1974, 1992, 1996**

Box 7 : 5

**Background & introduction 1973**

Box 3 : 8

**Revenue Sharing proposal (not identified) after July 1973**

**Physical Description:** vol. 2 of 2

Box 3 : 9

**Los Angeles gay community drug abuse services, 1974-1975. Proposal submitted to the Los Angeles County Department of health Services September 1973**

Box 3 : 10

**Staffing grant proposal (National Institute of Mental Health) March 15, 1974**

Box 4 : 1

**Primary prevention in drug abuse: a pioneering program for gay people. Funding proposal to the Los Angeles County Central Health Services Region October 29, 1976**

Box 4 : 2

**Community Employment Services (CES). Evaluation Report 1983**

Box 4 : 3 - 10 ; 7 : 6 Series 4. Research circa 1974-1995

11 (oversize)

**Physical Description:** 14 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of notes, workshop materials, photocopied articles, and other materials collected by Fifield in the course of her work, but, with one exception, not related to her work on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community.

Box 4 : 3 ; 7 : 6 **Articles No date**

(oversize)

Box 4 : 3 **Feminist No date**

Box 7 : 6 **Gay No date**

Box 4 : 4 **Articles of incorporation, bylaws 1984**

Box 7 : 7 - 8 **Bibliography No date**

(oversize)

Box 7 : 7 (oversize) **Gay No date**

Box 7 : 8 (oversize) **Women & lesbians No date**

Box 4 : 5 **Computer data processing code book design No date**

Box 4 : 6 **Content analysis No date**

Box 4 : 7 ; 7 : 9 **Evaluation component 1974, No date**

(oversize)

Box 7 : 9 (oversize) **Gay Community Services Center. Comprehensive community services for alcoholic women (APW, later Alcoholism Center for Women) 1974**

Box 4 : 7 **General No date**

Box 7 : 10 (oversize) **Evaluation materials -- Proposal aids No date**

Box 7 : 11 (oversize) **Evaluation workshop No date**

Box 4 : 8 - 9 **Homosexuality: A comprehensive bibliographic search of *Psychological Abstracts* 1979**

**Physical Description:** 2 folders

Box 4 : 10 **Institute of Gay & Lesbian Education 1994-1995**

Box 4 : 11 - 5 : 7 Series 5. International Women's Year 1977

(oversize)

**Physical Description:** 10 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of notes, planning documents, clippings from newspapers and the popular press, conference packets, and other materials relating to Fifield's participation in the International Women's Year California State Meeting in June 1977, and the California delegation's activities at the National Women's Conference in Houston in November 1977.

Box 4 : 11 - 12      **International Women's Year California State Meeting June 16-19, 1977**

Box 4 : 11            **Miscellaneous June 16-19, 1977**

Box 4 : 12            **Final report June 16-19, 1977**

Box 4 : 13            **National Organization of Women (NOW) 1977**

Box 5 : 1 - 7 ; 8      **National Women's Conference. Houston November 18-21, 1977**

(rolled)

Box 5 : 1            **Papers November 18-21, 1977**

Box 5 : 2            **Binder materials November 18-21, 1977**

Box 5 : 3            **California delegation November 18-21, 1977**

Box 5 : 4            **Daily Breakthrough November 18-21, 1977**

Box 8                **Lillene Fifield planning sheet 1977**

**Note**

Rolled.

Box 5 : 5            **Miscellaneous November 18-21, 1977**

Box 5 : 6            **Newspaper clippings November 18-21, 1977**

Box 5 : 7            **Time / New York Times Magazine November-December 1977**

Box 5 : 8 - 9 ; 7 : 3 Series 6. **Daphne Hatfield 1973-circa 1980**

(oversize)

**Physical Description:** 3 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

This series comprises a small number of items, including an award plaque and pocket calendar/appointment book for 1973, relating to the work of Fifield's partner, Daphne Hatfield, with the Gay Community Services Center.

Box 5 : 8 **Award plaque from Gay Community Services Center circa 1975**

Box 7 : 12 (oversize) **Miscellaneous No date**

Box 5 : 9 **Pocket calendar/appointment book 1973**

Box 8            **Series 7. Photographs 1977, undated**

**Physical Description:** 2 photographs (rolled)

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of two rolled items: (1) an undated color photocopy of a photograph, marked "LAWCC", and (2) a photograph taken at the National Women's Conference at Houston in November 1977.

Box 8            **LAWCC No date**

**Note**

Rolled.

Box 8            **National Women's Conference. Houston November 1977**

**Note**

Rolled.

Box 6 : 1 - 10 Series 8. Printed Materials 1969-2003

**Physical Description:** 10 folders

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists primarily of a small number of Lesbian newsletters, zines, and literary publications. The newspaper clippings comprise several stories of gay and lesbian interest from 1977, and an obituary of Morris Kight, 2003.

Box 6 : 1 **Newspaper clippings 1977, 2003**

Box 6 : 2 **Amie. *The Hourglass* 1978**

**Note**

Poetry.

Box 6 : 3 **Benston, Margaret. The political economy of women's liberation. *Monthly Review* September 1969**

Box 6 : 4 ***Come out comix* (Mary Wings) 1977**

Box 6 : 5 ***Dynamite damsels* (Roberta Gregory) 1976**

Box 6 : 6 **Grahn, Judy; Cadden, Wendy. *The common woman* No date**

Box 6 : 7 ***Lesbian voices*, vol. 2, no. 1 Winter 1975/76**

Box 6 : 8 ***Ms. mystic*, nos. 1-3 1987-1988**

Box 6 : 9 ***Own newsletter*, vol. 3, no. 4 Winter 1979**

Box 6 : 10 ***Prickly pear* [California State College, San Bernardino]. Poems & stories by: 11 + 12 = 1978**

**Note**

Signed by Charlene Hoskins.

Box 9 Series 9. Audio & Visual Materials 1973-2001

**Physical Description:** 1 archive carton

**Series Scope and Content**

This series consists of audio tapes, most if not all from the collection of Daphne Hatfield, of lesbian music, and of videotapes on the 1987 March on Washington and on the life of Morris Kight (including interviews with Kight and Torrie Osborn).

Box 9 **Audio 1973-1974**

Box 9 **Daphne Hatfield, Tape 1: "Tapdance"; "Beautiful woman"; "Service station"; "Best friend"; "House". KPFK April 23, 1973**

**Physical Description:** 1 7-inch, open reel audio tape

Box 9 **Gay Liberation -- Out of the Closet interview. KNBC; Gay Songs July 1, 1973**

**Physical Description:** 1 audio cassette

Box 9 **Vicki Randle, music by Margie Adam: "You took me for a ride"; "Images"; "The time has come"; "Prepare for landing" November 24-25, 1973**

**Physical Description:** 1 7-inch, open reel audio tape

Box 9 **Margie Adam, Songs, Part 2: "Hey in there"; "Something just begun"; "Lost in inner space"; "Come out, come out, wherever you are!"; "Woman of my heart". KPFK April 28, 1974**

**Physical Description:** 1 7-inch, open reel audio tape

Box 9 **Daphne [Hatfield]. Gay Community Services Center circa 1974**

**Physical Description:** 1 7-inch, open reel audio tape

Box 9 **Video 1974-2001**

Box 9 **It takes all kinds -- Men. CBS 1974**

**Physical Description:** 1 1-inch, open reel video tape

Box 9 **It takes all kinds -- Women. CBS 1974**

**Physical Description:** 1 1-inch, open reel video tape

Box 9 **Historic march on Washington. Lifestyle Update Productions October 1987**

**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette

Box 9 **Part of the USA! National march on Washington for lesbian & gay rights; the official videotape October 11, 1987**

**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette

Box 9 **Life and times profile: Torrie Osborn & Morris Kight No date**

**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette

Box 9 **Morris Kite [sic] & Torrie Osborn interviews (VHS) No date**

**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette

Box 9 **Morris Kite [sic] interview No date**

**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette, marked NBA #6

- Box 9                    **Personal best with Morris Kight March 19, 2001**  
**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette
- Box 9                    **Life and times of Morris Kight--Liberator No date**  
**Physical Description:** 1 VHS video cassette

Box 10 Series 10. Ephemera, Memorabilia, and Artwork circa 1975-1978

**Physical Description:** 1 archive carton

**Series Scope and Content**

This series contains 2 mugs; buttons, a bumper sticker, ribbons and armbands, and a t-shirt relating to the Women's National Convention at Houston in 1977; a t-shirt from Christopher Street West, 1975; and two additional t-shirts on Lesbian themes. The series includes a cartoon of Justin Smith from early January 1978, given by Smith to Fifield before his death in 1986.

Box 10 **Bumper Sticker: "A Dollar A Woman To HOUSTON" 1977**

Box 10 **4 buttons: (1) "California Women / Houston IWY 1977"; (2) "..to form a more perfect union" (1977); (3-4) "Pro Plan / Keep Agenda Moving / Let Every Issue Be Heard" 1977, No date**

Box 11 **Cartoon of Justin Smith (1921-1986) January 1978**

**Note**

Given by Smith to Fifield before his death and given by Fifield to ONE, October 22, 2005.

Box 10 **2 mugs (1 blue, 1 crimson) for Artemis Café No date**

Box 10 **Ribbons, armbands, ID, International Women's Year / Women's National Convention, Houston 1977**

Box 10 **T-shirt: "It's A Gay, Gay World" (Christopher Street West) 1975**

Box 10 **T-shirt: "Women On The Move" (International Women's Year logo) 1977**

Box 10 **T-shirt: "Lesbian National Forest" No date**

Box 10 **T-shirt (athletic, ribbed): "Califia Community" No date**