Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940

THE LARGEST DIGITAL PRIMARY SOURCE PROGRAMME SUPPORTING SEXUALITY & GENDER STUDIES

Gale’s milestone digital programme Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940 connects students, educators and researchers to the rich history of sexuality and gender. With over three million pages of fully-searchable, rare and unique sources, users can delve deeper and make new connections in subjects such as Cultural Studies, Queer Studies, Sociology, Policy Studies, Women’s Studies, Politics, Law, Human Rights and Gender Studies.

Drawn from hundreds of institutions and organisations, from major international bodies to local grassroots initiatives, the documents in Archives of Sexuality & Gender: LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940 illuminate the experiences of LGBTQ individuals and groups of different races, ethnicities, ages, religions, political orientations and geographical locations. There is also significant coverage of feminism and women’s rights campaigns and concerns during this period.

As well as influential, widely-distributed sources such as prominent periodicals, government reports, newsletters and advertisements, the archive contains oral history transcripts, diaries, intimate correspondence and interviews that provide a deeply personal interpretation of the LGBTQ experience, putting a human face on the history of sexuality and gender.

Though most materials are in English, the archive is truly global in scope, featuring historical documents created in over 35 countries, with 29 languages represented, including Polish, Russian, Japanese, Hebrew and Indonesian.

WHY IS THIS ARCHIVE IMPORTANT?

• It offers a cross-cultural perspective on the study of sexuality & gender;
• Provides multiple perspectives on LGBTQ communities and experiences in the latter half of the twentieth century and beyond;
• Offers detailed coverage of key figures, movements and events in LGBTQ history;
• And makes rare and hard-to-find materials (often only accessible at the source library) easily available, 24/7.

TOPICS AND CONCEPTS EXPLORED INCLUDE:

• Gendered law, policy and citizenship
• Global social movements, gender and intersectionality
• Gender and sexuality in the media
• Gendered structures and practices of agency
• Civil rights campaign movements
• The politics of identity

SOURCED FROM NOTABLE LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

Material for this ground-breaking programme comes from a variety of international sources such as local and national governments, pan-national and self-determined NGOs and LGBTQ charities. Some collections come from some seemingly unlikely sources; the Papers of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, Gay Activism in Britain from 1958 and the Papers of Vera “Jack” Holme, for example, were sourced from the London School of Economics Library, whilst much of the material comes from some of the most well-known institutions for LGBTQ issues worldwide, such as:

• ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
• GLBT Historical Society, San Francisco, California
• Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation, Inc., Brooklyn, New York
• Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives, Toronto, Ontario

Other notable source libraries include:

• Women’s Energy Bank, Tampa, Florida
• New York Public Library, New York City
• The National Archives, Kew, London
• National Library of Medicine and National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland
• Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
• Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
• Lambda Archives, San Diego, California

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PART I

Part I brings together approximately 1.5 million pages of primary sources from nineteen individual collections on issues which have impacted LGBTQ communities around the world in the twentieth century and beyond. Part I also includes a significant quantity of material related to feminism and women’s rights, such as documents surrounding Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin’s groundbreaking book on domestic violence and their work with the National Organization for Women (NOW). Many of the subject files from the Lesbian Herstory Archives also concern the women’s liberation movement, the British wing of which is documented in the collection Sexual Politics in Britain.

Amongst other sources, researchers can explore:

- Records of both the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis – the earliest US gay and lesbian rights organisations.
- Files of the Albany Trust – which document the gay rights movement emerging in Britain in the 1950s and ‘60s.
- Papers of more militant groups – such as the Gay Activists Alliance, founded after the 1969 Stonewall riots and ACT UP, founded in 1987 in response to the AIDS crisis.
- Records of the Committee for Homosexual Equality – the largest British LGBTQ rights groups during the 1970s.
- Government and medical responses to the AIDS epidemic – documented in three collections, they offer an exhaustive review of the political, social, medical and economic effects of AIDS worldwide.

A particular highlight of the archive is the unparalleled assemblage of newsletters, newspapers and periodicals by, for, and about, gays and lesbians. This includes rare publications from now-defunct groups such as the spiritually oriented Q Spirit forum, as well as periodicals from countries such as Latvia and Zimbabwe. These holdings reveal the many functions printed media held, and still hold, for LGBTQ individuals: creating and fostering community; entertainment; sharing news; advertising meetings and demonstrations; and showcasing LGBTQ-friendly businesses.

PART II

LGBTQ organisations have become increasingly vocal since the 1940s, fighting to make LGBTQ voices heard worldwide, fighting for equality. Yet some groups have never been as well represented as more ‘mainstream’ lesbians and gays. These more marginalised, ‘unusual’ or niche LGBTQ groups include Jewish and Christian LGBTQ communities, transvestites, bisexuals and transgender communities, lesbian and gay youth groups, Two-Spirit people and groups such as Native American gay communities. LGBTQ History and Culture Since 1940 Part II adds greater depth and context to the programme as a whole, and provides particular insight into the experiences of these marginalised groups. Highlighting underrepresented communities provides fresh perspectives on a diverse community, and allows researchers to make new connections in the development of LGBTQ culture and activism.

Part II contains over 1.5 million pages of content – almost all digitised for the very first time. Some interesting highlights include:

- The fascinating life of Vera "Jack" Holme – her activities as a suffragette; her work during the First World War and relief work in Serbia and Yugoslavia; her personal life and friendships, including with her girlfriend Evelina Haverfield.
- Dr. J David Latham’s psychological surveys and research papers – examining homosexuality within heterosexual marriages.
- Papers of the Gay Christian Movement – founded in 1976 to support gay Christians, and help the Church re-examine its understanding of sexuality.
- The gay liberation movement in Mexico – including interview transcripts, correspondence and ephemera from groups such as Frente Homosexual de Acción Revolucionaria, Grupo Lambda, and Lesbianas comunistas Feministas.
- Allan Bérubé’s writings and research files – on the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, a labour union that in the 1930’s was left-wing, multi-racial and gay-friendly.
- Research on the persecution of homosexuals during the Holocaust – from the CLGA International Vertical Files and the Twice Blessed Collection.
- Papers of Keshet Shalom – a national US organisation that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life.
- Legislation and court cases – including sources on conversion therapy, gays in the military, and from the Departmental Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution, including the Wolfenden Report.

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The PL2 Report (2012) is part of a growing body of research undertaken at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society. The research spans a decade of change in the legal rights and social recognition of LGBT people in Australia.
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This comprehensive, academic-level archival resource, Women’s Studies Archive: Women’s Issues and Identities, focuses on the social, political, and professional achievements of women throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century. Pulling primary sources from manuscripts, newspapers, periodicals, and more, it captures the foundation of women’s movements, struggles and triumphs – tracing the path of women’s issues from past to present. It offers approximately one million, never-before-digitised pages of primary source material covering important topics, such as:

- The history of feminist theory and activism
- Women in industry
- Female sexuality and gender expression
- Women’s education
- Domestic culture
- Women’s health, mental health and the control of their bodies
- Women and law
- Women’s roles and interactions within society

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WOMEN’S STUDIES ARCHIVE: WOMEN’S ISSUES AND IDENTITIES

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Integrating legal and historical documents with literature, particularly from an emerging crime fiction genre, newspaper reports, and more, the archive helps users explore the links between fact and fiction. With content in more than eight languages, this unique, international collection helps researchers explore the causes and effects of the rise in crime during the Industrial Revolution, the development of metropolitan police departments, and the public’s fascination with increasingly sensational accounts of crime in newspapers and fiction, enhancing understanding of the intersection of law and society during a pivotal era of social change.

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