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Veronica Drake Collection, 1989 – 1995

Accession Number: 1997-8

Fonds/Provenance: **Veronica Drake**

Series Number: -

Title: **Veronica Drake Collection**

Date Range: 1989 – 1995

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Location: K1C (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf C)

Collection History:

A filed accession form indicates that Veronica Drake served as a Gerber/Hart Board of Directors member for three years. She reportedly founded Lesbian Chicago, helped organize the March on Washington, and worked with the Lambda Force at Columbia College as an advisor.

Custodial History:

A donation from Veronica Drake, received on 26 March 1997. Russell Kracke prepared the collection, describing its condition as “fair.”

Scope and Content:

Collection includes letters, notes, minutes, and newsletters associated with Lesbian Chicago, Lambda Force, and Gerber/Hart.

Arrangement:

Organized into two series with one series per folder. Folders are labeled, describing their contents.

Series:

1 Lambda Force

2 Veronica Drake Papers

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. Lambda Force

- 1.1 Lambda Force flyer, undated. 1 page, ripped in the center.
- 1.2 Lambda Force flyer, undated. 1 page, multi-colored.
- 1.3 Calvin Klein ad/Coming Out U.S.A. Jean Day, undated. 1 poster, black-and-white.
- 1.4 Calvin Klein ad (front), Lambda Force (back), dated 21 April 1995. 1 postcard.
- 1.5 Party flyer, dated 22 April 1995. 1 page, black-and-white.
- 1.6 Party flyer, undated. 1 page, black-and-white.
- 1.7 OutArt Exhibition, dated 1995. 2 pages, including a postcard, stapled.
- 1.8 Letters to the Editor, undated. 2 pages, including a news clipping, stapled.
- 1.9 Letters to the Editor, dated 8 May 1995. 1 broadsheet.
- 1.10 Lambda Force Out Week, dated 17-21 April 1995. 1 poster, black-and-white.
- 1.11 Lambda Force flyer, undated. 1 page, multi-colored.
- 1.12 Outweek '95 program, dated 21 April 1995. 1 page, folded, front and back.
- 1.13 Lambda Force pamphlet, dated 3 May, 1996. 4 orange pages, folder, front and back.
- 1.14 Dress To Kiss (front), Lambda Force (back), dated 21 April 1995. 1 postcard.
- 1.15 Gerber/Hart minutes, dated 10 May 1995. 4 pages, stapled.
- 1.16 Gerber/Hart email Correspondence, dated 14 June 1995. 1 page.
- 1.17 Gerber/Hart balance Sheet, dated 14 June 1995. 4 pages, stapled.
- 1.18 Gerber/Hart flyer, dated 20 June. 1 green page.

2. Veronica Drake Papers

- 2.1 Lesbian Chicago letter, dated 23 October 1992. 2 pages, stapled.
- 2.2 Hand-written event list (front), Lesbian Chicago Socials (back), dated 6 January, 3 February, 2 March. 1 purple page.
- 2.3 Letter "Dear Woman Friend," dated 19 September 1989. 3 pages, stapled.
- 2.4 Gerber/Hart memo, dated 3 February 1991. 1 typed and hand-written page.
- 2.5 Gerber/Hart "Dear Members of the Board," dated 14 March 1991. 2 separated pages.
- 2.6 A Brief History of Gerber/Hart, undated. 7 pages.
- 2.7 Gerber/Hart, dated 29 June 1992. 2 stapled pages.
- 2.8 Resignation letter to GH Board, dated 2 September 1992. 3 separated pages.
- 2.9 Hand-written correspondence, dated 17 August 1992. 1 page.
- 2.10 Gerber/Hart volunteer flyer, undated. 1 page.
- 2.11 Chicago Tribune, dated July 2002. 1 page.
- 2.12 Gay/Lesbian Archives and Libraries, undated. 4 pages, stapled.
- 2.13 Gerber/Hart newsletter, dated November 1990. 3 purple pages, double-sided.
- 2.14 Gerber/Hart newsletter, dated March 1991. 2 pages, double-sided.
- 2.15 Gerber/Hart newsletter, Vol. 2. No. 3, dated Autumn 1992. 2 pages, double-sided.

- 2.16 Gerber/Hart Board of Directors, dated January 1991. 1 separated page.
- 2.17 Gerber/Hart newsletter, dated June-August. 4 purple pages, stapled, double-sided.
- 2.18 Gerber/Hart newsletter, dated November 1990. 4 pages.
- 2.19 Gerber/Hart letter, dated 28 June 1991. 2 pages, stapled.
- 2.20 Gerber/Hart membership meeting, dated 18 November 1992. 1 page.
- 2.21 Gerber/Hart mission statement, undated. 1 page.
- 2.22 Gerber/Hart summary of strategic planning, dated 16 February 1992. 32 pages, binder-clipped.

Separations:

- Gerber/Hart Board Member List, undated. 1 page, 3-hole punched.
- Gerber/Hart confidential-internal memo, undated. 1 page.
- Resignation letter to GH Board, dated 1 July 1992. 1 page.
- Resignation letter to GH Board, dated 3 May 1992. 1 page.

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H “Confidentiality Agreement” for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

Gerber/Hart

Subject Headings:

- Bisexual Students
- Bisexual Women
- Gay Libraries
- Lesbian Activists
- Lesbian College Students
- Lesbian Community
- Lesbian Culture

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