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David Bell Collection, 1988 – 1992

Accession Number: 1991-4

Fonds/Provenance: John Tudor/David Bell

Series Number: -

Title: **David Bell Collection**

Date Range: 1988 – 1992

Extent: 1 linear foot (1 box)

Location: C2G (Row C, Bay 2, Shelf G)

Collection History:

Born in 1956, David Brian Bell originally worked in the music business in Chicago and co-founded the house label Persona Records. After he was diagnosed with AIDS in the mid-1980s, he became active in HIV/AIDS activism in Chicago. He worked with Howard Brown Memorial Clinic on their speakers bureau and as a volunteer at their PWA drop-in center. He co-founded the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Persons With AIDS. The chapter marched in the 1987 March on Washington, where he also helped organized a direct action protest against the Supreme Court.

He was also active in the Chicago chapter of the NAMES Project, Dykes and Gay Men Against Repression (DAGMAR), Chicago for Our Rights (C-FOR), Chicago for AIDS Rights (C-FAR), ACT NOW, and ACTUP/Chicago. He participated in the August 1987 protest against proposed mandatory AIDS tracing legislation where activists chained themselves to Governor James R. Thompson's residence in Chicago.

He died in 1989.

Custodial History:

The collection was donated by Bell's lover, John Tudor, in the autumn of 1991. The original donation included a box of unrelated material that was de-accessioned in 2000 (see Accession Form).

Scope and Content:

Materials include 1988 editions of the San Francisco-based *AIDS Weekly Reader*, HIV/AIDS education and awareness program information, publications from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) National AIDS Clearinghouse and other reports.

Arrangement:

The collection remains in original order.

Series:

1 AIDS Weekly Reader [Periodicals] | Date Range: April, 1988 – December, 1988

2 Miscellaneous AIDS-related documents and papers | Date Range: n.d.

Container List:

BOX 1 [Wholly relocated to Periodicals]

0. Finding Aid

1. *AIDS Weekly Reader*

1. March 28 – April 3, 1988
2. April 18 – April 24, 1988
3. April 25 – May 1, 1988
4. May 2 – May 8, 1988
5. May 9 – May 15, 1988
6. May 16 – May 22, 1988
7. June 20 – June 26, 1988
8. July 11 – July 17, 1988
9. July 24 – July 31, 1988
10. August 15 – August 21, 1988
11. August 22 – August 28, 1988
12. August 29 – September 4, 1988
13. September 5 – September 11, 1988
14. September 26 – October 2, 1988
15. October 10 – October 16, 1988
16. October 31 – November 6, 1988
17. November 7 – November 14, 1988
18. November 28 – December 4, 1988

BOX 2 [in original order]

2. Miscellaneous AIDS-related documents and papers

Separations:

One (1) Box of periodicals relocated to Gerber/Hart periodicals.

Restrictions:

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

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

AIDS (Disease)--Patients

HIV-positive persons--United States

HIV-positive persons--Care--United States

Preferred Citation:

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