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## Chicago Gay Liberation Memorabilia Collection, 1970s – 1980s

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Title: **Chicago Gay Liberation Memorabilia Collection**

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### Collection History:

“Inspired by the Stonewall riots in New York, Henry Weimhoff, a former University of Chicago student, spearheaded the organization of the University of Chicago Gay Liberation Front. By February of 1970, Chicago Gay Liberation had absorbed the campus organization, organized a dance with over six hundred participants, and marched in an antiwar demonstration giving the group important media exposure. In June of that year the Chicago Gay Liberation worked with other groups to organize Chicago's first Gay Pride Parade.

Over the course of the next two decades, the early activism of both Mattachine Midwest and Chicago Gay Liberation would lead to important political victories for gay men and lesbians in Chicago. In the late 1980s, a group of lesbian and gay business owners and activists—including Jon-Henri Damski, Lana Hostetler, Art Johnston, Rick Garcia, and Kit Duffy—led a successful lobbying effort which persuaded the city council in 1988 to pass the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance protecting lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodation. In the wake of this successful campaign, the leaders formalized their partnership in the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, which became Equality Illinois. Equality Illinois successfully lobbied at the county level to extend protection against discrimination for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals to all of Cook County in 1993. In 1997, Evanston became the first city in Illinois to provide this protection to transgender individuals, signaling new directions for civil rights movements based on sexual identity. Five years later, transgender activists in Chicago successfully lobbied to add gender identity to the list of protections provided by the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance.” - “Gay and Lesbian Rights Movements.” Encyclopedia of Chicago, [www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/508.html](http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/508.html).

#### Custodial History:

The collection was mailed to Gerber/Hart on August 10, 1991 by Paul C. Stensland.

#### Scope and Content:

The collection includes fliers, articles, press releases, planning documents, newspapers, and some correspondence from Chicago and national gay liberation and gay rights organizations during the 1970s and 1980s.

#### Arrangement:

The collection is arranged by topic.

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11 “The Boys in the Band”

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13 The Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago – Fliers | 1978

14 “The Faggot’s International Revolutionary Movement”

15 Gay Activists Alliance – Questionnaire for Political Figures | Undated

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21 Gay House – Pamphlet for Gay House, Minneapolis, MN | Undated

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24 Gay Rights: A Libertarian Approach by Ralph Raico | Undated

25 Introducing HOPE (Homosexuals Organized for Political Education), Chicago, IL | [1971?]

26 Illinois Gay Rights Task Force – Meeting Flier and Trip Plan to State Capitol in Support of Gay 27 Rights Legislation | 1980 – 1981

28 International March for Lesbian and Gay Freedom

29 Killer Dyke

30 Lavender Left – Working Papers, Fliers, Press Statements, and Newsletter | 1986

31 Lesbians and Gays Against U.S. Intervention in Nicaragua and El Salvador | 1984  
 32 Midwest Homophile Conference  
 33 New Gay Way – Consciousness-Raising Group Flier | Undated  
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 35 Police Harassment – Gay Solidarity for the DC-12 Flier | 1971  
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 37 Political – Miscellaneous Fliers and Pamphlets for National and Local General Politics and Gay Rights | 1971 – 1987  
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  2. II – Personal Notes, Chicago Gay Alliance Meeting Notes, Fliers and Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, 1973 – 1975
  3. III – Gay Pride Week Church Service Materials and blank Gay Horizons stationary, 1979
  4. IV – Miscellaneous Gay Newspapers, 1974 – 1975
21. **Gay House – Pamphlet for Gay House, Minneapolis, MN, Undated**
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2. Miscellaneous Articles on International and National Gay Issues, Rights and Protests, 1971 – 1986
3. Miscellaneous Articles on Gay Issues and Local and International Politics and Police Brutality, 1971 – 1986

**47. Miscellaneous – Gay May Benefit for Good Shepherd Parish Announcement, 1977**

Separations:

*Chicago Gay Pride*

1971

*Chicago Gay Pride – CGA Newsletter*

Vol. 2, No. 1, February 1972

Vol. 2, No. 2, March 1972

*Chicago Gay Alliance Newsletter*

Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1971

Vol. 1, No. 2, December 1970, 2 copies

Vol. 1, No. 3, January 1971, 2 copies

Vol. 1, No. 4, February 1971

Vol. 1, No. 5, March 1971

Vol. 1, No. 6, April 1971, 2 copies

Vol. 1, No. 7, May 1971

Vol. 1, No. 8, July – August 1971

Vol. 1, No. 9, October 1971, 2 copies

Vol. 1, No. 10, November 1971

Vol. 1, No. 11, December 1971, 2 copies

*The Chicago Gay Crusader*

No. 1, May 1973

No. 2, June 1973

No. 3, July 1973

No. 4, August 1973

No. 5, September 1973

No. 6, October 1973

No. 7, November 1973

No. 8, December 1973

No. 10, February 1974

No. 11, March – April 1974

No. 12, May 1974

No. 15, July 1974 (Issue Number Misprint)

No. 14, August 1974 (Issue Number Misprint)

*Chicago Gay Liberation Newsletter*

No. 1, February 1970, 2 copies, Original Title *The Gay Liberation Newsletter*

No. 5, May 1970

No. 8, September 1970

*The Detroit Liberator*

Vol. 1, No. 1, April 24, 1970

Vol. 1, No. 3, July 1970  
*Fag Rag* (Separated from "Gay Alliance..." From Rev. Bill Krick)  
No. 13, Summer 1975  
*Gay Blade* (Separated from "Gay Alliance..." From Rev. Bill Krick)  
October 1975  
Gay Liberation Front, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Newsletter (Untitled)  
Issue 1, June 26, 1974  
*GPU News*, Milwaukee, WI (Separated from "Gay Alliance..." From Rev. Bill Krick)  
February/March 1974  
October 1974  
September 1975  
*Lavender Woman: A Lesbian Newspaper*, Chicago Lesbian Liberation  
Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1971  
Vol. 1, No. 2, December 1971  
Vol. 1, No. 3, May 1972  
Vol. [1?], No. 2, October 1974 (Separated from "Gay Alliance..." From Rev. Bill Krick)  
*Mattachine Midwest Newsletter*  
April 1970  
May 1970  
August 1970  
September 1970  
November 1970  
December 1970/January 1971  
February 1971  
March 1971  
April 1971  
November 1971

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Chicago Gay Alliance  
Gay Horizons  
Paul Stensland; **1992-3**  
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