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Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame

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Title: **Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, 1991**

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Collection History:

Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame was created in 1991 to honor individuals or groups that have made significant contributions to the LGBT community in Chicago. In 2016 the name was changed to the "LGBT Hall of Fame" (*Wikipedia*).

Custodial History:

Collection accessioned on 26 October 1991 in excellent condition, arranged alphabetically by last name of inductee.

Scope and Content:

News clippings, biographical summaries, letters, personal papers and data, certificates, pamphlets, annual report booklet, photocopies of articles, CV, church service leaflet/program.

Arrangement:

Original order

Series:

1 Summaries | Date: Range

Description:

2 Alderson, Ortez | Date: 1990-1991

- 3 Damski, Jon-Henri | Date: 1981-1991
- 4 Flint, James W. | Date: 1983-1991
- 5 Gay Chicago Magazine | Date: 1991
- 6 Hanover, Renee C. | Date: 1991
- 7 Howard Brown Memorial Clinic | Date: 1990
- 8 Johns, Judith Spinner | Date: 1990-1991
- 9 Johnson, Carol A.
- 10 Kelley, William B.
- 11 Kuda, Marie Jayne
- 12 Renslow, Charles (Chuck)
- 13 Smith, Adrienne J.
- 14 Smith, Maxsonn C.
- 15 Turner, Richard

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. SUMMARIES

- 1.1 Biography for Ortez Alderson, no date.
- 1.2 Biography for Jon-Henri Damski, no date.
- 1.3 Biography for James W. Flint, no date.
- 1.4 Biography for Gay Chicago Magazine, no date.
- 1.5 Biography for Renee C. Hanover, no date.
- 1.6 Biography for Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, no date.
- 1.7 Biography for Judith S. Johns, no date.
- 1.8 Biography for Carol A. Johnson, no date
- 1.9 Biography for William B. Kelley, no date.
- 1.10 Biography for Marie J. Kuda, no date.
- 1.11 Biography for Charles “Chuck” Renslow, no date.
- 1.12 Biography for Adrienne J. Smith, no date.

- 1.13 Biography for Maxsonn “Max” C. Smith, no date.
- 1.14 Biography for Richard B. Turner, no date.

2. ALDERSON, ORTEZ

- 2.1 Letter, dated 24 May 1991.
- 2.2 Nomination form from the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, no date.
- 2.3 Nomination Criteria and Guidelines form, no date.
- 2.4 Nominee data for Ortez Alderson, 2 pages. No date.
- 2.5 Press release, dated for release 9 June 1990.
- 2.6 Informational booklet regarding Alderson’s criminal charges, no date.
- 2.7 Service program for Alderson’s memorial service, dated 30 December 1990.
- 2.8 Resume for Alderson, no date.
- 2.9 Actor’s resume for Alderson, no date.

3. DAMSKI, JON-HENRI

- 3.1 Letter from Arthur Johnson, dated 23 May 1991.
- 3.2 Nomination data for Jon-Henri Damski, 2 pages. No date.
- 3.3 Letter of nomination from People Like Us, dated 21 May 1991.
- 3.4 Nomination form from the Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, no date.
- 3.5 Nomination Criteria and Guidelines form, no date.
- 3.6 Nomination data for Jon-Henri Damski, 2 pages. Signatures dated 14 May 1991 on page 2.
- 3.7 Scanned newspaper article from Crain’s Chicago Business describing Damski’s work as an activist for gay rights, vol. 12, no. 1. 3 pages. Dated week of 2-8 January 1989.
- 3.8 Scanned newspaper clipping acknowledging rights activists receiving honors for their work to pass the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance in 1988. Dated 2 May 1989.
- 3.9 Clipping from Windy City Times concerning Human Rights Ordinance awards ceremony. Dated 25 January 1990.
- 3.10 Clipping from Windy City Times showcasing Jon-Henri Damski’s column, dated 25 January 1990.
- 3.11 Gay Life vol. 7 no. 12, titled “Getting personal with Jon-Henri Damski,” dated 4 September 1981.
- 3.12 Newspaper clipping from Chicago’s Gay and Lesbian Newsweekly regarding Damski’s and other activists’ receipt of Human relations Award, vol. 5 no. 19, dated 25 January 1990.

4. FLINT, JAMES W.

- 4.1 Nomination data, no attachment as cited on document. No date.
- 4.2 Signature sheet of individuals responsible for Flint’s nomination. No date.
- 4.3 List of Flint’s Outstanding Contributions and Recognitions, 2 pages. No date.
- 4.4 Resume for Flint, no date.
- 4.5 Scanned recognition form commending Flint for his work as the curator of Miss Gay Continental U.S.A. Beauty Pageant by Senator Milton Marks. No date.
- 4.6 Scanned plaque (?) recognizing Flint for his work with the New Miss California Continental Beauty Pageant, presented by the Board of Directors for the pageant. Dated 1987.

- 4.7 Scanned certificate of honor for Flint's work with the gay community as well as Miss Continental U.S.A. for the state of California, signed and dated 17 August 1987.
- 4.8 Scanned certificate of honor for Flint's work and participation with various events and organizations within the gay community in San Francisco. Dated 18 July 1988.
- 4.9 Scanned photograph of an award commemorating Flint's actions for Chicago House, dated 1 December 1985.
- 4.10 Scanned certificate of recognition for Flint's work with the Miss Continental U.S.A. pageant, no date.
- 4.11 Letter expressing gratitude from AID Atlanta, for Flint's work benefiting the community. Dated 30 January 1983.
- 4.12 Letter expressing gratitude from Alderman Burton Natarus, dated 22 February 1983.
- 4.13 Scanned plaque thanking Flint for his work with Miss Latina Continental, dated 1990.
- 4.14 Scanned plaque expressing appreciation for Flint's work with The Northside Concerned Citizens of Uptown and Greater Edgewater. Dated 1985-1986? at base of plaque.
- 4.15 Letter from Mayor Harold Washington congratulating Flint on his campaign for Cook County Board. Dated 10 March 1986.
- 4.16 Scanned Chicago Sun-Times article describing the candidates running for Cook County Board, with Flint listed as one of those on the ballot. No date.
- 4.17 Letter from NARAL of Illinois PAC, dated February 1986.
- 4.18 News article clipping from Chicago Sun-Times about Flint's 1986 Cook County Board race, no date.
- 4.19 Promotional print-out for Flint's Cook County Board campaign. No date.
- 4.20 Newspaper clipping from People and Business Pictorial (?), dated February 1986.
- 4.21 Newspaper clipping from Lerner-Lincoln (Paste?) Booster, dated February 25-26 (1986?).
- 4.22 Windy City Athletic Association pamphlet featuring a letter from James Flint inside as Director of the Softball Division. Pamphlet dated 1987.
- 4.23 Two photographs of James Flint in medium-close portrait. No dates.

5. GAY CHICAGO MAGAZINE

- 5.1 Letter from Gay Chicago Magazine nominating Ralph Paul Gernhardt and Dan DiLeo, under the "Organization" category, as Gernhardt is the founder of Gay Chicago Magazine. Dated 24 May 1991.
- 5.2 Nomination data for Dan DiLeo, two pages. No date.
- 5.3 Nomination data for Ralph Paul Gernhardt, three pages. No date.
- 5.4 Enlarged photograph of Dan DiLeo and Ralph Paul Gernhardt receiving Howard Brown Memorial Clinic's Friend for Life Award (per description on back). No date.

6. HANOVER, RENEE C.

- 6.1 Letter from William B. Kelley nominating Renee C. Hanover to the Hall of Fame. Dated 23 May 1991.
- 6.2 Nomination data for Hanover, 2 pages. Signature date 22-23 May 1991.
- 6.3 List of Hanover's organizational involvements, 8 pages. No date.

7. HOWARD BROWN MEMORIAL CLINIC

7.1 Nomination data for Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, 2 pages. Original and final copies included. No date.

7.2 1990 Annual Report for Howard Brown Memorial Clinic for fiscal period ending September 30, 1990. 26 pages.

8. JOHNS, JUDITH SPINNER

8.1 Nomination data for Judith Spinner Johns, 2 pages. Original and final copies included. Signature date 23 May 1991.

8.2 Letter from Howard Brown Memorial Clinic, nominating Johns for the 1991 Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Awards under the social services category. 2 pages. Dated 2 October 1990.

8.3 Resume for Johns, 3 pages. no date.

9. JOHNSON, CAROL A.

9.1 Letter from The Literary Exchange nominating Johnson for the Hall of Fame. Dated 22 May 1990.

9.2 Nomination data for Carol A. Johnson, 2 pages (double-sided). Signature date 22 May 1991.

9.3 Resume for Johnson, 1 page (double-sided). No date.

9.4 Alternate resume for Johnson, 2 pages. No date.

9.5 Professional training resume, 3 pages. No date.

9.6 Letter from AIDS Foundation of Chicago nominating Johnson for the Hall of Fame, dated 17 May 1990.

9.7 Letter of thanks from ACT UP Chicago, dated 4 June 1990.

9.8 Scanned article from Outlines magazine, dated December 1989.

9.9 Scanned page from Outlines magazine, dated February 1990.

9.10 Scanned article from Metro magazine, no date.

9.11 Scanned article from Metro magazine, no date.

9.12 Scanned page from Out Week NYC magazine, dated 27 June 1990.

9.13 Scanned article from Outlines, dated July 1990.

9.14 Scanned article from Outlines, dated February 1991.

10. KELLEY, WILLIAM B.

10.1 Letter nominating William B. Kelley for Hall of Fame, dated 23 May 1991.

10.2 Nomination data, 2 pages. Dated 23 May 1991.

10.3 Resume for Kelley, 5 pages. No date.

11. KUDA, MARIE JAYNE

11.1 Letter nominating Marie Jayne Kuda, dated 19 May 1991.

11.2 Description of photograph of Kuda at Gay/Lesbian Pride Rally, also featuring William B. Kelley, dated 1980. Photograph missing.

11.3 Nomination data for Kuda, signature dated 21 May 1991.

11.4 Resume for Kuda, 4 pages. No date.

- 11.5 Letter from mayor Harold Washington, recognizing Kuda's contributions to the Lesbian and Gay Communities of Chicago. Dated 20 June 1987.
- 11.6 Scanned clipping from GayLife, dated 23 March 1979.
- 11.7 Article about Kuda, no date.
- 11.8 Scanned clippings from Chicago Outlines dated 25 June 1987 and 2 July 1987.
- 11.9 Scanned clippings from Chicago Daily News dated 1976 and Chicago Tribune dated 4 February 1976.
- 11.10 Letter from State of Illinois Department of Insurance, with attached memo to Kuda, both dated 8 April 1976.

12. RENSLOW, CHARLES (CHUCK)

- 12.1 Nomination data for Renslow, 2 pages. Signature dated 20 May 1991.
- 12.2 "Attachment A," description of Renslow's life and activism within the LGBTQ+ community. 2 pages, no date.
- 12.3 "Attachment B," Biographical data – resume. 2 pages, no date.

13. SMITH, ADRIENNE J.

- 13.1 Nomination data for Smith, 2 pages. Signature dated 23 May 1991.
- 13.2 Biographical data, 2 pages. No date.
- 13.3 Curriculum vitae, honors and awards, professionally-related activities, list of publications. 6 pages, no date.
- 13.4 Presidential address to Division 44 of the APA, 15 pages, dated August 1991.
- 13.5 Essay on lesbian break-ups, 8 pages. No date.
- 13.6 Article about intersectional Jewish lesbian identity written by Smith, 4 pages double-sided, dated 1991.

14. SMITH, MAXSONN C.

- 14.1 Letter of nomination for Smith by The Committee to Increase Black Gay and Lesbian Awareness, dated 22 May 1990.
- 14.2 Nomination data for Smith, 2 pages. Signature dated 23 May 1991.
- 14.3 Resume for Smith, no date.
- 14.4 Scanned article from Outlines magazine, featuring a profile on Smith. Dated February 1991.
- 14.5 Essay regarding black church leaders and congregations that became involved with the gay community, possibly written by Smith, unsigned and undated.
- 14.6 Church service pamphlet for United Faith Affinitas Church, featuring Smith as a reader. Dated 24 March 1991.
- 14.7 Church service pamphlet for United Faith Affinitas Church, dated 30 January 1983.

15. TURNER, RICHARD

- 15.1 Nomination data for Turner, 2 pages. Signature dated 23 May 1991.
- 15.2 Original copy of nomination data form, 2 pages.
- 15.3 Biographical data on Turner, 2 pages. No date.

15.4 Resume for Turner, no date.

Separations: None.

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

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