
Accession Number: 97-11
Fonds/Provenance:

Series Number:
Title: Melissa Ann Merry Collection
Extent: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)
Location: B1G (Row B, Bay 1, Shelf G)

Collection History:
Melissa Ann Merry, born in Canton, Ohio in 1963, was bisexual activist and performer in Chicago during the late 1980s and 1990s. She was the regional representative of BiNet, a co-founding member and group advisor of BiChicago, a co-founding member of the Bisexual Political Action Committee (BiPac) and a member of Queer Nation Chicago and Coalition Against Bashing. She also co-chaired the Illinois chapter of the 1993 March on Washington and co-chaired the Illinois chapter and acted as the Bisexual Constituency representative to the National Steering committee of the 1994 Stonewall 25 commemoration.

Custodial History:
[No accession information available.]

Scope and Content:
The collection contains both papers and physical objects and memorabilia, such as t-shirts, stickers, pins, nametags, photographs, and audiovisual cassettes, from the 1993 March on Washington, the 1994 Stonewall 25 commemoration, and with general bisexual or broader LGBT themes. Her papers contain organizational notes, press releases, photographs, fliers, newsletters, and endorsements from elected officials, organizations and individuals.

Arrangement:
Box 1 contains physical objects and memorabilia grouped by item type. Box 2 are papers organized by subject and organization, and subdivided by year when necessary.
Series:
1 Stickers | Undated
2 Pins | Undated
3 LGBT-Themed T-Shirts | Undated
4 Nametags | 1993 – 1994
5 Stonewall 25 International March & Rally Memorabilia | June 26, 1994
6 “Because It’s Our Country Too – DC in ‘93” Dog Tag
7 Audio Cassette – Colin J. Williams Interview, WLS Radio, Chicago, IL | February 11, 1994
8 Compact Video Cassette – BiNet USA Meeting, NGLTF Practice, Fritz Klein/Victor Raymon | Undated
9 3 ½ Floppy Diskettes | Undated
10 Photographs | 1991 – 1994
12 Melissa Merry Resume | [1994?]
13 Correspondence and “Bi Politics, CNN-Style” by Loraine Hutchins | Undated and 1992 – 1995
14 Correspondence, Email and Internet Discussion Groups/Mailing Lists | 1991 – 1995
16 BiNet USA | 1990 – 1995
17 National Bisexual Conference Program | June 20 – 24, 1990
20 NGLTF Fight the Right Action Kit | 1993
21 March on Washington | 1993
22 National Conference Celebrating Bisexuality Packet and Miscellaneous Articles | 1992 -1993

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24 Building an Anti-Racist Community within the Bisexual Community Workshop at International Conference Celebrating Bisexuality | 1989 – 1994

25 Bi Goods Catalog | 1993

26 Dual Attraction: Understanding Bisexuality Book Promotional Materials, 1994

27 Certificates of Special Recognition for Bisexual Visibility and Support, 1994


29 Fliers and Miscellaneous | Undated and 1990 – 1995


31 Assorted Clippings | Undated and 1963 – 1994


34 North Bi Northwest, Seattle Bisexual Women’s Network | June/July 1991 – April/May 1994


36 Valley Women’s Voice and Valley Bisexual Network Newsletter and Notes, University of Massachusetts, Amherst | September 1983 – April 1990


Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. Stickers
   1. March on Washington ‘93 bumper sticker
   2. Bisexual-themed stickers
   3. Queer Nation and miscellaneous LGBT-themed stickers
   4. Crackel Barrel protest stickers
   5. Miscellaneous stickers

2. Pins
1. Bisexual-themed pins
2. LGBT-themed pins
3. LGBT-themed pins
4. LGBT-themed and miscellaneous pins

3. LGBT-Themed T-Shirts

4. Nametags
1. NGLTF Creating Change ‘94 Nametag and Pin
2. Stonewall 25 International March & Rally

5. Stonewall 25 International March & Rally Memorabilia, June 26, 1994
1. Handkerchiefs
2. Baseball Cap
3. Woven Bracelet
4. Red Ribbon
5. Key Chain

6. “Because It’s Our Country Too – DC in ‘93” Dog Tag

7. Audio Cassette – Colin J. Williams Interview, WLS Radio, Chicago, IL, February 11, 1994

8. Compact Video Cassette – BiNet USA Meeting, NGLTF Practice, Fritz Klein/Victor Raymond, Undated

9. 3 ½ Floppy Diskettes

10. Photographs
1. Robyn Ochs, Bisexual/Lesbian Women Discussion and Evening Presentation, University of Chicago, Undated
2. Bisexual group at March on Washington, 1993
4. Safe Sex Panel and Poetry Reading/Bi Gathering at NGLTF, North Carolina, [1994?]
5. Loraine Hutchins, Linda Bubon, Mel Merry, Discussion, [1991?]
6. Bisexuals at Pride Rally – Chicago [1993?]
7. Coalition Against Bashing
9. Joan Jett Blakk at Pro-Choice Rally


BOX 2

12. Melissa Merry Resume, [1994?]


14. Correspondence, Email and Internet Discussion Groups/Mailing Lists, 1991 – 1995

1. First ACGLI Meeting, November 15, 1995
3. Stonewall 25 and Miscellaneous, 1993

16. BiNet USA


19. NGLTF Creating Change Conference
1. Packet, November 13 – 15, 1992  
2. Packet, Programs and Materials, November 12 – 14, 1993  
3. Packet and Notes, November 9 – 14, 1994  

20. **NGLTF Fight the Right Action Kit, 1993**  

21. **March on Washington, 1993**  
2. Program Guide, 1993  
3. Events and Publications, 1993  
4. Miscellaneous Materials, 1993  

22. **National Conference Celebrating Bisexuality Packet, April 24, 1993 and Miscellaneous Articles, 1992**  

1. U.S. Organizing & Outreach Kit, December 15, 1993  
2. Illinois Chapter Press Packet, 1994  


25. **Bi Goods Catalog, 1993**  


27. **Certificates of Special Recognition for Bisexual Visibility and Support, 1994**  


29. **Fliers and Miscellaneous, Undated and 1990 – 1995**  


34. **North Bi Northwest, Seattle Bisexual Women’s Network, June/July 1991 – April/May 1994, 16 issues**  


36. **Valley Women’s Voice and Valley Bisexual Network Newsletter and Notes, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September 1983 – April 1990**  


1. **Bi-Lines, BiAtlanta, January 1994**  
3. **Biways, Western Australian Bisexual Network, 1992**  
5. **Bi-Way, Long Beach, CA, 1993**  
6. **BiAngles, Poulsbo, WA, 1993**  
8. **BiFocus, Philadelphia, PA, 1992**
Separations:

*ACT UP Chicago*
  Summer 1992

*Anything That Moves*
  Issue #4, 1992
  Issue #5, 1993
  Issue #6, 1993
  Issue #7, Spring 1994
  Issue #8, Summer 1994

*Bi Chicago News*
  Volume 2, Issue 1, January/February 1995

*Bi-Lines, Action Bi Women, Chicago, IL*
  Winter 1989
  Summer 1989
  Spring 1990 (2 copies)
  Summer 1990

*Bi-Lines Newsletter (Bi? Shy? Why?, Madison, WI)*
  November/December 1992
  February/March 1993
  April/May 1993

*The Bi Monthly Newsletter (The Champaign-Urbana Bisexual Network)*
  Volume 1, Issue 2, March 1992
  Volume 1, Issue 4, May 1992
  Volume 1, Issue 5, June 1992
  Volume 1, Issue 7, August 1992
  Volume 1, Issue 8, September 1992
  Volume 1, Issue 9, October 1992 (2 copies)
  Volume 2, Issue 1, December 1992/January 1993
  Volume 2, Issue 2, February 1993
  Volume 2, Issue 2, February 1993
  Volume 2, Issue 3, March 1993
  Volume 2, Issue 5, May 1993

*Chicago Gay and Lesbian Pride Booklets*
  *Together in Pride*, 1991
  *Celebrations!*, 1994

*Chicago Tribune Magazine*
  February 7, 1993
  March 28, 1993

*Deneuve*
  Volume 4, Number 3, June 1994
  Volume 5, Number 1, February 1995

*Gay Chicago Magazine*
  Volume 16, Number 10, March 11, 1993

*The Washington Post*
  Volume 116, Number 142, April 26, 1993
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