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85% Coalition Collection, 1999 – 2005, bulk 2001 – 2005

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Fonds/Provenance: Meg Milner

Series Number: -

Title: **85% Coalition Collection**

Date Range: 1999 – 2005, bulk 2001 – 2005

Extent: 2 linear feet (2 boxes)

Location: C2F (Row C, Bay 2, Shelf F)

Collection History:

The 85% Coalition was founded in 1999 in Champaign-Urbana, IL by Kimberlie Kranich and Mary Lee Sargent. Taking their name from a 1998 Illinois survey conducted by the University of Illinois at Springfield where 85% of respondents answered affirmatively with the question “Do you think there should or should not be equal rights for gay and lesbian people in terms of job opportunities and housing?”, they used direct action organizing to raising awareness of discrimination against LGBT people and to pass LGBT rights legislation.

The coalition initially began with the fight to include “sexual orientation” to the Illinois Human Rights Acts. While demonstrating in support of House Bill 101, several members were arrested and faced misdemeanor charges, though the charges were ultimately dismissed. The coalition also worked in support of Lynn Sprout, a nurse who filed a complaint before the Urbana Human Rights Council after being fired for coming out at her job with the Carle Foundation Hospital. The 85% Coalition also worked for marriage equality and on other local and national politics.

Custodial History:

The collection was donated by two members of the Coalition. Mary Lee Sargent donated materials from 1999 – 2001 on June 7, 2009. The remainder was sent by Meg Miner on June 12, 2010. The condition was good and largely arranged in manila envelopes by subject.

Scope and Content:

The bulk of the collection is made up of emails from the main 85% Coalition listserv and two specialized listservs, Equality at Carle and C-U At the Altar. The collection also includes photographs, songs used at protests, news clippings, correspondence, fliers, and legislative documents.

Arrangement:

Materials were originally grouped by topic and contained in manila envelopes. The original grouping is preserved, but series are further broken down chronologically.

Series:

Mary Lee Sargent Resume | 2009

Demonstration Photographs | 1999 – 2001

85% Coalition Documents – CD-RW | Copied 2010

Songs and Chants | 2000

Thank You Card from University of Illinois Class Social Work 100 Talk

by Kim Kranich and Meg Miner | 2001

Forms and Correspondence on House Bill 101 Capitol Demonstration Permits | 2000 – 2001

House Bill 101 Fact Sheets | 2000

Press Releases, Fliers, and Press Contact Information and Correspondence | 2000 – 2002

Media Coverage – News Clippings | 1999 – 2001

Capitol Demonstration – Statement Read and Correspondence about Filed Misdemeanor Charges | 2001

Emails | 2001 – 2005

Newspaper Articles on 85% Coalition and LGBT Rights | 1999 – 2005

Correspondence with Legislators about LGBT Rights Bills | 2001 – 2004

Correspondence Regarding Demonstration Arrests and Expungement Process | 2002

Miscellaneous Documents on LGBT Rights Legislation – Legislative Schedules, Proposed Bills, Articles, and Miscellaneous | 2001 – 2004

Miscellaneous Documents on Fundraising and Correspondence with Other Organizations | 2002 – 2003

HB101 Fact Sheet – Research and Final Copy | 2001

Title 71 (Public Use of the Capitol Complex Facilities) – Text and Correspondence | 2001

Miscellaneous – Song Chant Lyrics, Handwritten Notes, Correspondence, Legislative Matters, and Miscellaneous | Undated

Equality at Carle – Hearings and Support for Lynn Sprout, Nurse Fired from Carle Foundation Hospital for Being a Lesbian – Emails, Articles, Rally Sign-Up Forms | 2002 – 2005

C-U At the Altar – Marriage Equality – Emails | 2004 – 2005

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2. Demonstration Photographs, 1999 – 2001

1. State Capitol Demonstrations, November 1999, February 2000, and November 2000
2. Anti-Johnson Protests, January 2000 and February 2000
3. Senate Hearing Demonstration, May 10, 2001

3. 85% Coalition Documents – CD-RW, Copied 2010

4. Songs and Chants, 2000

5. Thank You Card from University of Illinois Class Social Work 100 Talk

by Kim Kranich and Meg Miner, 2001

6. **Forms and Correspondence on House Bill 101 Capitol Demonstration Permits, 2000 – 2001**
7. **House Bill 101 Fact Sheets, 2000**
8. **Press Releases, Fliers, and Press Contact Information and Correspondence, 2000 – 2002**
9. **Media Coverage – News Clippings, 1999 – 2001**
10. **Capitol Demonstration – Statement Read and Correspondence about Filed Misdemeanor Charges, 2001**
11. **Emails, 2001 – 2005**
 1. May 2001 and Loose Handwritten Notes
 2. June 2001 – August 2001
 3. September 2001 – October 2001
 4. November 2001 – December 2001
 5. January 2002
 6. February 1 – 16, 2002
 7. February 17 – 28, 2002
 8. March 2002
 9. April 2002
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 15. November 2002 – February 2003
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25. August 2004 – September 2004
26. November 2004
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28. February 2005 – May 2005
29. June 2005 – October 2005
12. **Newspaper Articles on 85% Coalition and LGBT Rights, 1999 – 2005**
 1. Originals, 2000 – 2004
 2. Photocopies, 1999 – 2005
13. **Correspondence with Legislators about LGBT Rights Bills, 2001 – 2004**
14. **Correspondence Regarding Demonstration Arrests and Expungement Process, 2002**
15. **Miscellaneous Documents on LGBT Rights Legislation – Legislative Schedules, Proposed Bills, Articles, and Miscellaneous, 2001 – 2004**

- 16. Miscellaneous Documents on Fundraising and Correspondence with Other Organizations, 2002 – 2003**
- 17. HB101 Fact Sheet – Research and Final Copy, 2001**
- 18. Title 71 (Public Use of the Capitol Complex Facilities) – Text and Correspondence, 2001**
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- 20. Equality at Carle – Hearings and Support for Lynn Sprout, Nurse Fired from Carle Foundation Hospital for Being a Lesbian – Emails, Articles, Rally Sign-Up Forms, 2002 – 2005**
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 2. July 2002 – August 2002
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 6. July 2004 – April 2005
- 21. C-U At the Altar – Marriage Equality – Emails, 2004 – 2005**
 1. May 2004 – June 2004
 2. July 2004
 3. August 1, 2004 – August 15, 2004
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 6. November 2004 – December 2004
 7. January 2005 – March 2005
 8. April 2005 – July 2005
 9. August 2005 – October 2005

Separations:

None.

Restrictions:

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

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

Direct Action

Discrimination in employment

Gay Rights

Gay Rights—Gay men—Legal status, laws, etc.

Gay Rights—Lesbians—Legal status, laws, etc.

Same sex marriage

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