Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen Collection, 1964 – 2007

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Fonds/Provenance: Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen

Series Number: -
Title: Barbara Gittings and Kay Tobin Lahusen Collection
Date Range: 1964 – 2007
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Collection History:
The papers document the work of two pioneers in the gay and lesbian rights movement. Activist, editor and writer, Barbara Gittings was an active member of the LGBT rights movement from the 1960s until her death. She organized the New York chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) from 1958 to 1963 and edited the national DOB magazine, The Ladder: A Lesbian Review, from 1963-1966. In 1972 Gittings was instrumental in lobbying the American Psychiatric Association to declassify homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses. Gittings also worked with the library community for the inclusion of books by and for gays in library collections. Her partner, Kay Tobin Lahusen, is known as the first openly gay American woman photojournalist and is responsible for many famous pre-Stonewall photographs. In addition, she helped to found the original Gay Activist Alliance (GAA) in 1970, contributed to the New York-based newspaper Gay Newsweekly, and co-authored Gay Crusaders.

Custodial History:
Following Barbara Gittings’ death in 2007, Kay Tobin Lahusen donated duplicate materials from their archives to various LGBT archives around the country. Their original papers are held at the New York Public Library. Material in this collection was received at Gerber-Hart on May 23, 2007.

Scope and Content:
The original donation contained a large number of LGBT-themed periodicals that were separated out. The remaining material contains fliers, newsletters, brochures, publications, videotapes, and programs from Gittings’ funeral and memorial.

Arrangement:
Material is arranged into series based on topic or organization.

Series:

Conference on Sexual Orientation and the Law, University of Chicago | April 11, 1987
Barbara Gittings – Funeral/Memorial Programs, Articles, and Collection Donation Letter | 2007
“A Tribute to Barbara Gittings” at Gerber Hart | 2007
Barbara Gittings – Statements, Speeches, News Articles, and Appearances | 1966 – 2003
Reviews, Booklists, Bibliographies, and Syllabies on LGBT, Women’s, and Miscellaneous Issues | 1969 – 1988
Gay and Lesbian Teachers and Professors and LGBT issues in Education – Articles, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous | 1969 – 1976
Religion and Gays and Lesbians – Pamphlets, Fliers, Correspondence, and Articles | 1966 – 1974
Psychiatry and Homosexuality – Articles, Papers, Booklists, and Resolutions | 1965 – 1989
Gay Activists Alliance, Philadelphia and New York Chapters | [1973?]
Gay Liberation Front | [1970?]
Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations | 1968 – 1970
North American Conference of Homophile Organizations | Undated
American Civil Liberties Union | 1964 – 1975
Gay Academic Union | 1974 – 1975
Homophile Action League | 1969 – 1971
Society for Individual Rights | Undated
Mattachine Society of Washington, DC | 1962 – 1969
Student Homophile League – | 1968
Kameny for Congress | 1971
Miscellaneous Organizations | 1965 – 1975
General Pamphlets, Articles, Fliers, and Miscellaneous | 1965 – 1985

Container List:

BOX 1

0. Finding Aid
1. Conference on Sexual Orientation and the Law, University of Chicago, April 11, 1987
   1. 4 VHS Tapes
   2. 4 DVDs
2. Barbara Gittings – Funeral/Memorial Programs, Articles, and Collection Donation Letter, 2007
7. Gay and Lesbian Teachers and Professors and LGBT issues in Education – Articles, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, 1969 – 1976
8. Religion and Gays and Lesbians – Pamphlets, Fliers, Correspondence, and Articles, 1966 – 1974
13. Gay Activists Alliance, Philadelphia and New York Chapters – Fliers Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, [1973?]
21. Society for Individual Rights – Pamphlets, Undated
24. Kameny for Congress – Bumper-sticker, Fliers, Pamphlet, and Miscellaneous, 1971
25. Miscellaneous Organizations – Pamphlets, Fliers, Articles, Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, 1965 – 1975

Separations:
*The Advocate*
  July 9, 1981
  January 21, 2003

Capitol Hill: The Newsletter of the Gay Rights National Lobby
    Volume 1, Number 3, 2 copies

The Chicago Gay Crusader
    January 1974

Connexion
    May 1973, 2 copies

Daughters of Bilitis Newsletter, Philadelphia Chapter
    May 1968, 2 copies

Eastern Mattachine Magazine
    March 1965
    May 1965 – August 1965, 2 copies
    September/October – November/December 1965

Echo ’65, “The Homosexual Citizen in the Great Society”, 2 copies

Everything Gay Men Know About Gay Women, Society for Individual Rights

Essays on Homosexuality, Society for Individual Rights
    The Armed Services & Homosexuality, Essay No. 1, 4 copies
    Homosexuals & Employment, Essay No. 4

The Gay Alternative
    Volume 1, Number 1, December 1972, 2 copies
    Number 2, 1973
    Number 4, 1973, 2 copies
    Number 5, 1973


The Gay Blade
    Volume 1, Number 3, December 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 4, January 1970, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 5, February 1970, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 6, March 1970, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 10, August – September 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 11, October 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 2, Number 1, November – December 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 2, Number 2, January – February 1970, 2 copies
    Volume 2, Number 3, March – April 1970, 2 copies

The Gay Crusaders by Kay Tobin and Randy Wicker, 2 copies

Gay People and Mental Health: A Monthly Bulletin
    Volume 1, Number 2, November 1972
    Volume 1, Number 4, [1973?]
    Volume 1, Number 5, [1973?]
    Volume 1, Number 6, [1973?]

Gay Pioneers VHS, 2 copies

Gay Teachers Association Newsletter
    Volume 1, Number 6, June 1978

Homophile Action League Newsletter
    Volume 1, Number 3, January 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 6, April 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 7, May 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 8, June 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 10, August – September 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 1, Number 11, October 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 2, Number 1, November – December 1969, 2 copies
    Volume 2, Number 2, January – February 1970, 2 copies
    Volume 2, Number 3, March – April 1970, 2 copies
Volume 2, Number 4, May – June 1970, 2 copies
Volume 3, Number 1, September 25, 1970, 2 copies
Volume 3, Number 2, November 26, 1970, 2 copies
Volume 3, Number 4, January 26, 1971
Volume 3, Number 5, April 10, 1971

Homosexual Counseling Journal
Editorials, Charter Volume No. 1 – 4, 1974, 2 copies

Homosexuality: Lesbians and Gay Men in Society, History and Literature, 2 copies

Homosexuality and the Church: Special Section, New York Mattachine Newsletter, December 1964

Homosexuality and the Sickness Theory: A Critique, Louis Crompton, 1969, 2 copies

Interchange, National Gay Student Center
Volume 2, Issue 1, March – April 1974, 3 copies
Volume 2, Issue 2, Summer 1974, 3 copies

It's Time: Newsletter of the National Gay Task Force
Volume 5, Number 6, June – July 1978, 2 copies

The Ladder
September 1959
December 1959, 2 copies
February 1960, 2 copies
July 1960
September 1960
April 1961 – May 1961
January 1962 – June 1962
August 1962 – December 1962
January 1963 – March 1963
April 1963, 2 copies
May 1963
June 1963, 2 copies
July 1963 – November 1963
December 1963, 2 copies
January 1964 – May 1964, 2 copies
June 1964
July 1964 – August 1964, 2 copies
September 1964 – November 1964
December 1964, 3 copies
January 1965 – February/March 1965, 2 copies
April 1965
May 1965 – December 1965, 2 copies
January 1966 – May 1966
June 1966, 2 copies
July 1966

Mattachine Midwest
July 1967
July & August 1968

Mattachine Midwest Newsletter
November 1970
December 1970/January 1971
March 1971
[October?] 1971
November 1971
December 1971
June 1972 – April 1973
July 1973
October [1973?]

Motive
  Volume 32, Number 1, 1972, Lesbian/Feminist Issue, 2 copies
  Volume 32, Number 2, 1972, Gay Men’s Liberation, 2 copies

New Gay Life
  July 1977

New York Mattachine Newsletter
  October 1964, 3 copies
  November 1964
  December 1964, 3 copies
  January 1965, 3 copies

One-to-One: A Lesbian/Feminist Journal of Communication
  Volume 1, Number 1, Winter 1973

Philadelphia Gay News
  Volume 23, Number 18, February 19 – 25, 1999
  Volume 25, Number 9, March 2 – 8, 2001, 2 copies
  Volume 26, Number 20, May 17 – 23, 2002
  Volume 29, Number 27, July 8 – 14, 2005

The Phoenix
  May 1967
  June 1967
  July 1967, 2 copies
  August 1967

Social Action
  “Civil Liberties and Homosexuality: An Issue in Christian Responsibility”, December 1967, 2 copies

Trends
  July/August 1973, 2 copies

20 Questions about Homosexuality: A Political Primer, Gay Activists Alliance, 2 copies

Understanding Homosexuality, by John J. Kane, 1966

Vision Today
  Fall 2001, 2 copies

The Weekly Gayzette
  May 2 – 9, 1975, 2 copies
  May 9 – 16, 1975, 3 copies
  May 16 – 23, 1975, 2 copies
  May 23 – 30, 1975, 2 copies
  May 30 – June 6, 1975, 2 copies
  June 6 – 13, 1975, 2 copies
  [1976?] Newsprint, 2 copies
  May 7 – 14, 1976, 2 copies, 2 copies
August 27 – September 3, 1976, 2 copies
October 1 – 8, 1976, 2 copies
October 8 – 15, 1976, 2 copies
October 29 – November 5, 1976, 2 copies
November 5 – 12, 1976, 2 copies

Women, A Selected Bibliography, Maryland Library Association Junior Members Round Table

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Gay rights
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Lesbians
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