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Bruce Johnson Papers, 1983 - 2000; (bulk) 1983 - 1995

Accession Number: 1996-10

Fonds/Provenance: Bruce Johnson

Series Number: -

Title: **Bruce Johnson Papers**

Date Range: 1983 - 2000; (bulk) 1983 - 1995

Extent: 1 linear foot (1 box)

Location: C5A (Row C, Bay 5, Shelf A)

Collection History:

Heavily connected to ACT-UP Chicago, as is evidenced by his papers, Johnson was an active AIDS advocate from the 80s onward. Documented by his collection, he participated in, and had organizational records of, civil disobedience demonstrations that took place in Chicago in the late 80s. Johnson's collection also includes several folders filled with research and materials related to his Northwestern Masters thesis, comparing "coming out cohorts to birth cohorts." His collection also has some scattered inclusions of materials from the leather community in the late-80s, early-90s.

Custodial History:

The collection was donated by Bruce Johnson on April 14th, 1996 with its condition listed by the consulting archivist, Diane Shannon, as "mostly fair." Although, it was noted that some items were "really bent & torn." Upon donation, several documents and periodicals were separated and placed in other more applicable Gerber/Hart accessible collections. Those materials are listed in full under the *Separations* section of this finding aid.

Scope and Content:

Bruce Johnson's collection is comprised of research papers from his master's thesis, notes from early ACT-UP precursor meetings, civil disobedience ACT-UP files for a 1989 demonstration, ACT-UP ephemera including stickers and posters, research papers from Johnson's master's thesis, and HIV-related education materials and periodicals.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into several archivist-organized folders by content and document type, in addition to several folders already having been processed and organized (see; "Original Order Folders"). The latter group of folders has less internal organization than the former. Within each archivist-organized folder, the documents are (mostly, and to the best of ability) further organized from oldest to youngest, with undated documents included at the end.

Series:

- 1 Newspaper Clippings and Copies
- 2 AIDS Research-related Documents
- 3 ACT-UP-related Documents
- 4 Booklets/Pamphlets
- 5 Miscellaneous Publications
- 6 Miscellaneous Documents
- 7 Original Order Folders

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

- 1. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND COPIES**
- 2. AIDS RESEARCH-RELATED DOCUMENTS**
- 3. ACT-UP-RELATED DOCUMENTS**
- 4. BOOKLETS/PAMPHLETS**
- 5. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS**
- 7. ORIGINAL ORDER FOLDERS**

1.01 "Kimmel, D.C. Adult Development and Aging: A Gay Perspective"

1.02 "Epstein, Sr Gay Politics, Ethnic Identity, The Limits of Social Constructionism"

- 1.03 "Blackwood, E. Sexuality Gender in Certain Native American Tribes: The Case of Cross-Gender Females"
- 1.04 "Ponse, B. The Problematic Meaning of 'Lesbian'"
- 1.05 "Epple, Carolyn Native American Gay Identity BIBLIO."
- 1.06 [Unnamed folder]
- 1.07 "ACT UP, 1989"
- 1.08 [Unnamed]
- 1.09 "AIDS"
- 1.10 "Callender, C. and L.M. Kochems The North American Berdache"
- 1.11 "Costello, J. Love, Sex and War"
- 1.12 "Chauncy, C. Christian Brotherhood on Sexual Perersion? Homosexual Identities and the Construction of Sexual Boundaries in the World War One Era"
- 1.13 CAS, V.C. Homosexual Identity Formulation: A Theoretical Model"
- 1.14 "ACT UP"

Separations:

- 1995 calendar of leathermen
- Oct 11-17, 1995 issues of "Babble"
- Oct 18-24, 1995 issues of "Gab"
- Fall, 1989 & Summer, 1990 issues of "Outlook"
- May, 1993 issue of "Out"
- July/August 1993 issue of "Deneuve"
- May, 1991 issue of "New Art Examiner"
- Spring, 1996; "P Form: A journal of interdisciplinary and performance art"
- 1993 issues of "TV/TS Tapestry Journal"
- Issues of "CUIR"
- Issue of "Wilde"
- Issues of "The Leather Journal"
- [Several] ACT-UP posters

Restrictions:

No donor restriction noted. One archivist-weeded folder with personal identifying membership information -- restricted:

- 1.15 "ACT UP Civil Disobedience Participants 1989?" [*Archivist note written on folder: "weeded 03-30-00"]

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

ACT UP (Organization)--History
 AIDS Activists--United States--Illinois--Chicago

Homosexuality--Research--Social aspects.
Homosexuality--United States--Illinois--Chicago
Homosexuality--United States--Societies

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