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William B. Kelley and Chen K. Ooi Collection, 1955 - 2015

Accession Number: 2016-1

Fonds/Provenance: **William B. Kelley and Chen K. Ooi**

Series Number: 1 - 8

Title: William B. Kelley and Chen K. Ooi Collection

Date Range: 1955 - 2015

Extent: 288 lf

Location: A1A - A8G / B3A - B6G

Collection History:

William B. Kelley was a pioneering gay rights activist for over 50 years. He was an early member of the Mattachine Midwest chapter writing and editing its newsletter. In addition, Kelley organized the first National Gay and Lesbian Conferences (1966), co-founded the Chicago Gay Crusader newspaper and Illinois Gays for Legislative Action (early 1970s), attended the first White House gay rights meeting (1977), co-chaired the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force (late 1970s), and co-founded the National Lesbian Law Association (1988).

Custodial History:

The full extent of the collection was donated to Gerber/Hart over a number of months/years. After an official agreement was mediated and signed on August 3, 2015, a team of Gerber/Hart staff and employees collected donated boxes from several locations. The team then facilitated a sorting and processing stage, after which the bulk of the collection was moved to its current location in Gerber/Harts archival storage. On January 27, 2017 an accession form was filled out and an additional donation of 9 total items (8 assorted boxed materials and a cassette case carrier) were donated and housed in the archive.

Scope and Content:

The extensive collection includes meeting minutes, agendas, bylaws, financial records, correspondence, photographs, newsletters, publications, programs, brochures, flyers, press clippings, and assorted ephemera.

Arrangement:

Organized into 7 series where 1 series can be contained within multiple boxes. Subseries of each series are separated by individual box content and also by general content/document type, in which the general content/document types are arranged within multiple boxes. Folders within each box are labeled descriptively and by year, some of which maintain original order.

Series:

- 1 Correspondence | Date Range: ----
- 2 Legal | Date Range: ----
- 3 Organizations | Date Range: ----
- 4 Subject | Date Range: ----
- 5 Reference and Annotated Periodicals | Date Range: ----
- 6 Audio / Visual Materials | Date Range: ----
- 7 Oversize / Nontraditional Format | Date Range: ----
- 8 Separations | Date Range: ----

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.1 General
- 1.2 Social / Personal

2. LEGAL

- 2.1 General
- 2.2 LGBT Law
- 2.3 1977 White House Meeting
- 2.4 Commission on Human Rights
- 2.5 Law School
- 2.6 Appellate Court
- 2.7 M & V
- 2.8 City Council 1988
- 2.9 NLGNA Lavender Law

- 2.10 Chi Personnel Board
- 2.11 Cases
- 2.12 Dept Admin Meetings
- 2.13 Dockets

3. ORGANIZATIONS

- 3.1 AARP - ACLU
- 3.2 ACLU - American Veterans for Equal Rights
- 3.3 ACLU - NLGNA
- 3.4 Commission on Human Relations
- 3.5 Commission on Human Relations - ACLGBTI
- 3.6 ACLGBTI
- 3.7 ACGLI
- 3.8 Asians + Friends*
- 3.11 CA - Chi Area Gay + Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (CAGLCoC)
- 3.12 Chi AIDS Orgs - Chi Misc. Magazines
- 3.13 Chi Access Corporation*
- 3.15 Chi Access
- 3.16 Chi Mayor - C (End)*
- 3.18 Chi Gay Alliance
- 3.19 Chi Gay + Lesbian Hall of Fame*
- 3.23 D - G
- 3.24 Gay Life Insert Orders
- 3.25 H
- 3.26 I - K
- 3.27 Illinois Gay Rights Task Force (IGRTF)*
- 3.31 L - M
- 3.32 LAGBAC
- 3.33 Mattachine Midwest / Nacho / Illinois Gays for Legislative Action
- 3.34 Mattachine Midwest*
- 3.38 N
- 3.39 National Gay + Lesbian Law Association
- 3.40 O - Z
- 3.41 Misc Chicago Org Ephemera and Documents*

4. SUBJECT

- 4.1 Law School
- 4.2 Job Search
- 4.3 Photos + negatives
- 4.4 Travel / Netherlands / Etc.
- 4.5 Childhood
- 4.6 Awards / Diplomas

5. REFERENCE AND ANNOTATED PERIODICALS

- 5.1 Alphabetized
- 5.2 Oversized
- 5.3 Annotated
- 5.4 Misc. / Not alphabetized

6. AUDIO / VISUAL MATERIALS

7. OVERSIZE / NONTRADITIONAL FORMAT

8. SEPARATIONS

Separations:

Separations encompass roughly 35 linear feet and include, but are not limited to, printed books, copies of periodicals, copies of magazines, erotica, and other miscellaneous documents. Pieces were separated for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to: items needing to be cataloged for special collections, bound books being put into library circulation, and item condition.

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

Subject Headings:

Homosexuality--Social aspects
Homosexuality--Societies, etc

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Note(s): *The William B. Kelley and Chen K. Ooi Collection is one of the largest holdings at Gerber/Hart. This Finding Aid is being published in an effort to allow for a higher level of*

immediate accessibility towards this valued and extensive collection. The Finding Aid is in flux as of August, 2021, and will be updated as holdings are further cataloged. If you have any questions regarding the content of this collection, please reach out to Gerber/Hart via email at info@gerberhart.org.