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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

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

AARP (American Association of Retired Peoples) – 2 *folders*
“AASP and Unmarried America (American Association of Single People)”
ABA (American Bar Association) – 2 *folders*
“ABA - “The Promised Land””
“Acapulco”
ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) – 9 *folders*

3.2 ACLU - American Veterans for Equal Rights

ACLU – 6 *folders*
“ACLU—Gay Rights Chapter”
“ACLU of Illinois”
“ACLU/LGRC” (American Civil Liberties Union/Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter)
Advocate (magazine) – 3 *folders*
“AIDS Foundation”
AIDS Foundation of Chicago – 4 *folders*
“AIDS Legal Council”
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago – 2 *folders*
“AIDS Remembrance Project”
Alliance to End Repression – 2 *folders*
“American Foundation for AIDS Research”
American Veterans for Equal Rights – 2 *folders*
“Americans United for Separation of Church and State”

3.3 ACLU - NLGNA

3.4 Commission on Human Relations

Chicago Commission on Human Relations – 10 *folders*

3.5 Commission on Human Relations – ACLGBTI

“William B. Kelley”
Chicago Commission on Human Relations
ACLGBTI (Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues) – 14 *folders*

3.6 ACLGBTI – 13 *folders*

3.7 ACLGBT[I]

3.8 - 3.10 Asians + Friends

3.8
Asians + Friends – 3 *folders*
Asians + Friends – Chicago – 10 *folders*
“AFC (Asians + Friends – Chicago) Agenda Minutes”

3.9

“Asians + Friends – Chicago – 1985 Annual Election and Nominating Committee”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – 1986 Annual Election”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – 1987 Annual Election and Nominating Committee”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – 1988 Annual Election”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Audit of Jim Barr”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Board minutes, agendas documents”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Bylaws”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Clippings (of Asian interest of with development program ideas) and leaflets”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Have a Heart”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Membership”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Miscellaneous”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Misc. publications and articles from other organizations”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – Newsletter”
“Asians + Friends – Chicago – 1988 Nominating Committee”
“AFC Party and Special Event Document”
“Asians + Friends – Int’l Frdshp. Weekend 1991”
“False Arrest”
“Feb 86 Valentine’s Benefit Party”
“Program Newsletter”

3.10

“Newsletters”

3.11 CA - Chi Area Gay + Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (CAGLCoC)

“Bolerium Books”
“Berwyn United Neighborhood Gay and Lesbian Organization”
“California”
“Catalogues[sic]”
“The Center” (Horizons community Services, Inc.)
“The Chamber” (Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce)
“Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy – Beat 2311”
Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commers – *11 folders*
“CAGLOC – Advertising Specialties” (Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce)

3.12 Chi AIDS Orgs - Chi Misc. Magazines

Chicago AIDS Organizations – *2 folders*
“Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy”
Chicago Bar Association – *2 folders*
“Chicago Bar Association, Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men”
“Chicago Council on Urban Affairs”
“Chicago Cultural Center, Friends of the”
CGA (Chicago Gay Alliance) – *4 folders*
CGA – Community Relations Committee – *2 folders*
“CGA – Constitution”

“CGA – Development”
CGA – Jobs and Housing Committee – 2 *folders*
“CGA – Public Relations Committee”
“CGA – Religions Committee”
“CGA vs. Public Building Community of Chicago”
Chicago Gay Crusader – 2 *folders*
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – 1995”
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – My Induction”
“Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus”
Chicago House and Social Service Agency, Inc. – 5 *folders*
“Chicago Magazine – Guidebook project 3/88 Dan Sartow”

3.13 - 3.14 Chi Access Corporation

3.13
“CAC (Chicago Access Corporation)”
Kelley, William – 2 *folders*
Unlabeled – 4 *folders*

3.14
Full box of loose documents

3.15 Chi Access

Chicago Access Corporation – 5 *folders*
“CAC”
“CAC 10/89 cleanup”
Kelley, William – 5 *folders*
“Cable Television – Freedom of Expression”
“Cable Television – Gay programs”
Unlabeled – 12 *folders*

3.16 - 3.17 Chi Mayor - C (End)

3.16
“CCCHR (Cook County Commission on Human Rights)”
“CCSA/TFLGI (Cook County State’s Attorney Office/Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Issues)”
“CCSA/TFLGICJS”
“CCSA/TFLGI – Mark Loveless”
“CCSA/TFLGI Pol. & Legis. Comm. (Cook County State’s Attorney Office/ Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Issues – Political and Legislative Committee)”
Chicago Police Department, 23rd district gay and lesbian advisory group – 2 *folders*
“Chicago Police Department – clippings”
“City Bill”
“City & Org Mailings”
“Committee on Lesbian and Gay History, American Historical Association”
“Contests”
Cook County – 2 *folders*
“Cook County Commission on Women’s Issues”

“Cook County Human Rights Ordinance”
“Cook County Human Rights Ordinance – Misc. materials from drafting and lobbying stage”
“Cook County President, Phelan, Richard J. Executive Order on Discrimination”
Cook County State’s Atty. Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues – *6 folders*
“Culture”

3.17

“Cook County Commission on Human Rights”

3.18 Chi Gay Alliance

3.19 - 3.22 Chi Gay + Lesbian Hall of Fame

3.19

Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – *3 folders*
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – Website”
“Friends of the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame”
“Hall of Fame – Misc.”
“HOF – 1998”
Hall of Fame – 1999 – *2 folders*
“Hall of Fame – 2003”
HOF – 2004 – *2 folders*
“Hall of Fame – 2008”
Hall of Fame – 2010 – *2 folders*
“Hall of Fame – 2011”
“HOF”
Unlabeled – *2 folders*

3.20

Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – *5 folders*
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – 1995”
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – 1996”
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – 1997”
“City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations”
“GQFIDB”
“Hall of Fame – 1998 nominees”
“HOF – 1990-91 memos, clippings, and other materials”
“Steve Ochoa Daley Center Rm. 243”
William B. Kelley, Esq. [*redacted by Archivist*] – *3 folders*
“William B. Kelley [*redacted by Archivist*]”
Unlabeled – *2 folders*

3.21

“Chicago ACGLI – Hall of Fame 1991”
“Hall of Fame – 2006”
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame”

“LGBT Hall of Fame Tax Exempt Status”
“An outline History of Gerber/Library and Archives”
“Airborne Express”
“Chicago.CHR.ACGLI – Hall of Fame – 1992”
Unlabeled – 6 *folders*

3.22

“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – My induction”
“Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame – 1995”
“H of F 2012”
“HOF 501(c)(3) Project”
“Hall of Fame”
Loose documents

3.23 D – G

“Department of Defense, Gay and Lesbian Exclusion from Service”
“Department of Human Rights”
“Dorame, Henry Michael”
“DHR Commissions Selection – Criteria and Resumes”
“Equality Illinois”
“Eye”
“James Flint”
“Free Spirit Fellowship”
“Gay and Lesbian Celtic Culture Guild”
“Gay and Lesbian Press Association”
“Gay Law Students Association”
Gay and Lesbian Town Meeting – 2 *folders*
GLAAD/Chicago – 2 *folders*
“Gay Life – memos + corres + clips – Found in 4730 in 4730 study 9/25/1995”
“Gay Life”
“Gay rights – Illinois - 80th G.A., H.B. 547-577”
“General Midwest”
“Geber/Hart”
GLAAD – 3 *folders*
“Girth + Mirth Chi”
“GLBVA [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America] Newsletter”
Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America – 4 *folders*
“GLBVA”
“GLSEN [Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network]”
Gay Pride Chicago – 3 *folders*

3.24 Gay Life Insert Orders [Receipts]

“#45”
“#44”
“#43”
“#42”

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“#5”

3.25 H

“ACLU of Illinois, legislative committee”
“AIDS Legal Council of Chicago”
“Greater Chicago Gay and Lesbian Democrats”
“HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Programs”
“Hope in 1970”
“Horizons/Center on Halsted”
“Howard Brown”
“Howard Brown Health Center”
“Howard Brown Health Center – Elder Services Center”
Howard Brown Memorial Clinic – 4 *folders*
Human Rights Campaign – 3 *folders*
Human Rights Campaign (fund) – 4 *folders*

3.26 I – K

“44th Ward 1978 – IGLA”
“Clerkship – Illinois supreme court”
IGLTF [Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force]– 2 *folders*
“IIT Chicago Kent”

“IL Department Human Rights Advisory Committee”
“IL Department Human Rights. Implementation Committee. Legislative Subcommittee”
Illinois Federation for Human Rights – 2 *folders*
Illinois Gays for Legislative Action – 2 *folders*
Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force – 4 *folders*
Impact – 6 *folders*
“Impact. Ethics committee”
“Independent Voters of Illinois – Independent Precinct Organization – Lesbian and Gay
Caucus”
Integrity – 6 *folders*
Integrity/Chicago – 2 *folders*
“Internation Lesbian and Gay Association”
“Kauahi, Norman Wendall”
“Kraus, Suzanne”
“William Kelley, Cook County Commissioner on Human Rights”

3.27 - 3.30 Illinois Gay Rights Task Force (IGRTF)

3.27
“Cuban Refugees”
“Receipts”
Unlabeled – 2 *folders*
Loose documents

3.28
“Homosexual Homicide – Gay Case”
Unlabeled – 8 *folders*
Loose documents

3.29
“ILGRTF [Illinois Gay Rights Task Force] Bylaws”
“ILGRTF – Embezzlement”
“IGRTF Minutes + Agendas”
“IL Gay Rights Task Force”
“Arrest Records”
“Chicago Commission on Human Relations”
“1980 City Budget and Commission on Human Relations”
“Enland Award Picket”
“Correspondence – Out”
“‘Communications Act of 1978’ – H.R. 13015”
“Hearings and Meetings Participated In”
“Illinois Dept. of Conservation”
“Library and Resource Center”
“Masters”
“Glotkowski, Tim”
“Briggs Disclosure”
“Alliance To End Repression – ILL. Gay Rights Task Force – 1978 Primary Candidates’
Questionnaire”

3.30

Full box of loose documents

3.31 L – M

Lakeview Citizens Council – 3 *folders*

“Lakeview Action Coalition”

“Lam, Thomas (Peter Kui)”

“Lambda Legal”

“Lambda LDEF [Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund]”

“Lambda Legal Defense Fund”

“Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund”

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. - 2 *folders*

“LLEDF”

“Lambda Resource Center For The Blind”

“Lavender Woman”

Legacy – 2 *folders*

“Legislative Action Project”

“Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago”

“Lesbian and Gay Issues and the Criminal Justice System Task Force”

“Lesbian and Gay Prog Dem Org”

“Lettuce Entertain You”

“LGBT Archives Organizations”

“LGPDO”

“Magnolia-Malden Neighbors”

“March on Washington – 1987”

“Margolis & Velasco”

“Mattachine WA”

“Mattachine FL”

“Maturity”

“Larry McKeon”

“The Men’s Page”

3.32 LAGBAC

“Lesbian and Gay Bar Association”

“L+G Bar Association Chi”

LAGBAC [Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago]– 11 *folders*

“LAGBAC 1993-ca. 1994”

“LAGBAC – IDPH AIDS Rules Project”

“LAGBAC (newsletter)”

“Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chi”

Unlabeled – 1 *folder*

3.33 Mattachine Midwest / Nacho / Illinois Gays for Legislative Action

“Richard Inman Letter to Barbara Grier Feb 2 1996 (copy)”

“Chicago Committee on Gay People and the Law”

“Gay Press Association”

“Havley, Joseph”
 “Mattachine Midwest”
 “Organization to Promote Equality Now (OPEN)”
 “Gunnison, Foster, Jr.”
 “Institute of Social Ethics”
 “National Coalition of Gay Organizations”
 “NCGO [National Coalition of Gay Organizations]”
 National Legal Defense Fund - 2 *folders*
 “NPCHO [National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations]: Credentials
 Committee”
 “NPCHO – 1966, San Francisco”
 “NPCHO – 1966, Kansas City”
 “NPCHO – 1967, Washington”
 “NPCHO – Eastern Regional Conference”
 NPCHO – NACHO [North American Conference of Homophile Organizations]
 “NACHO”
 “NACHO – Agenda Items, Projects, Etc.”
 “NACHO – 1970 Convention, San Francisco”
 “NACHO – Clearinghouse”
 NACHO – Credentials Committee – 2 *folders*
 “NACHO – Credentials Committee – 1967”
 “NACHO – Credentials Committee – 1968”
 “NACHO – Credentials Committee – 1969/70”
 “NACHO – Federal Govt. Committee”
 “NACHO – Project Possibilities”
 “NACHO – Radicalization”
 “NACHO – Religious Committee”
 “WCHO [Western Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations]”
 Unlabeled – 2 *folders*

3.34 - 3.37 Mattachine Midwest

3.34
 “NACHO”
 “Illinois Gays for Legislative Action”
Loose documents

3.35
 “Mattachine Midwest”
 “Con-Con”
 “Homophilia – Hold – July, ‘69”
 “MM [Mattachine Midwest] – Religious Concerns”
 “MM – Secretary – Corresp. Copies, etc.”
 “MM – Program Committee”
 “MM – Public Relations”
 “MM – Public Relations – Press Release List”
 “MM – Stationery”
 “MM – Telephone”

“MM – Publications”
“Newsletter – June 1971”
“NEWSLETTER: Single copy File”
“Newsletter excerpt clips”
“Newsletter Raw Material – Sept. ‘70 (#2)”
“Newsletter Raw Material – Apr. 1971”
“Old Press Clippings”
“Mattachine Midwest, etc., et al., ads. Frisch, etc.”
“MM and Black Panther Party”
“Newsletter Raw Material – Sept. 1970”
“Newsletter – Dec. 1970 Raw”
“Newsletter Raw – July 1971”
“Newsletter Nov. 1969”
Unlabeled – 22 *folders*

3.36

“MM Stationary”
“NPCHO”
“Stationary”
Unlabeled – 17 *folders*
Loose notepad

3.37

“Correspondence”
Mattachine Midwest – 2 *folders*
“Mattachine Midwest Newsletter”
“Mattachine”
“Mattachine Midwest 20th Anniversary Celebration”
Unlabeled – 4 *folders*
Loose documents

3.38 N

“Names Project”
“NATL Gay + Lesbian Task Force”
“NATL Gay Rights Advocate”
“National Gay Rights Advocates”
“National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA)”
“NATL Gay Task force”
“National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties”
“National Gay Speakers Bureau”
“NCSCSL [National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties]”
“Gary Nepon 13th Legislative District”
“New York”
“New York – G + M [Girth + Mirth]”
“Mattachine NY”
“NGTF [National Gay Task Force]”
“NGLTF [National Gay and Lesbian Task Force]”

NLGLA [National Lesbian and Gay Law Association] – 5 *folders*
“NNLGO [National Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials] – Chicago, 1993”
“North Lakeshore GLC”
“North Lakeshore Gay + Lesbian”
“Northshore Gay and Lesbian Community Org”
Unlabeled – 3 *folders*
Loose documents

3.39 National Gay + Lesbian Law Association

“Lav Law 1988”
“Lavender Law – 1988 - “Attorneys’ Network”
“NGLGA [National Gay and Lesbian Law Association]”
“NGLGA – 1991”
“NGLGA – 1993”
“NGLGA – C-span”
“NGLGA – Expenses”
“NGLGA – Lavender Law 3 Chicago 11/92”
Unlabeled – 3 *folders*
Loose documents

3.40 O – Z

One – 3 *folders*
One Inc. - 3 *folders*
“Open”
“Out & Proud in Chicago (WTTW)”
“Phelan – Cook County Human Rights Ordinance”
“1978 Primary”
Pride Chicago – 4 *folders*
“Pride Chi”
“Race & Anti-Racism Organizations”
Sage – 2 *folders*
“Search Sub Committee”
“Sheridan Park Neighbor’s Association”
“1978 Special Aldermanic - 46th and 48th Wards – 5/16/78”
“TF on L+G Issues – Cook Co. State’s Attorney”
“Theater and Arts Organizations”
“Travel – Misc.”
“Unemployment Compensation – Documentation of Job Search”
“Unarmed America”
“Various Dates + Subjects”
“44th Ward 1978”
“Warner, Arthur C.”
“WNIB WNIZ”
“WTTW”
“Youth Against War + Fascism”

4. 3.41 - 3.44 Misc Chicago Org Ephemera and Documents

3.41

Full box of loose documents

3.42

“D.C.”

“Misc. Cultural”

“Misc. Political Correspondence + Mailings”

“Misc. Contact Info”

“Misc. Politics”

“Misc. AIDS”

“Misc. Clippings Political”

“Unknown”

Unlabeled – 1 folder

3.43

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3.44

“Letters to Editors – Chi”

Loose documents

5. **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

6. **REFERENCE AND ANNOTATED PERIODICALS**

5.1 Alphabetized

5.2 Over-sized

5.3 Annotated

5.4 Misc. / Not alphabetized

7. **AUDIO / VISUAL MATERIALS**

8. **OVERSIZE / NONTRADITIONAL FORMAT**

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

Related Fonds/Series:

Barbara Grier & Donna McBride Papers, **xxxx-5**
Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, **1991-7**
Girth + Mirth Records, **2012-3**
Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, **1988-2; 1996-7**
Integrity, Inc. Records, **1993-2**
Maturity Archives, **1998-3**
Mattachine Midwest, **1993-4**

Subject Headings:

Gay Rights
Gay Rights—Gay men—Legal status, laws, etc.
Gay Rights—Lesbians—Legal status, laws, etc.
Homosexuality--Social aspects
Homosexuality--Societies, etc
Same sex marriage

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**The information you see under the “Organizations” series header includes a folder-level breakdown*

of each box. Upon request, Gerber/Hart possesses a thorough excel document, further outlining the contents of each box/folder for more nuanced or intimate research purposes.