# Guide to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Families Project, Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities, Records

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**CREATOR:** Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexuality

**TITLE:** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Families Project, Yale Research

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**DATES:** Circa 1990-2013

**BULK DATES: 2012-2013** 

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9675 Megabytes

LANGUAGE: English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of oral history interviews, reports, a timeline, and a

small collection of printed materials documenting the history of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) family equality movement in the United States. Most of the individuals interviewed were associated with the following organizations: All Our Families Coalition; Center Families (New York City); Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE); Family Equality Council (Boston) and its predecessors (Gay Fathers Coalition and Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International); Fenway Health (Boston); Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS); Our Family Coalition (San Francisco Bay Area); and Rainbow Families (Minneapolis). Additional interviewees include attorneys and mental health and fertility services

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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Families Project was sponsored by the Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities. The project was conducted by Emily Johnson and Joey Plaster, Yale University doctoral candidates, under the supervision of George Chauncey, Samuel Knight Professor of History and American Studies.

The goal of the project was to document the history of the LGBT family equality movement in the United States and focused on a few of the major support, advocacy and service organizations for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families. The project ran from summer 2012 to spring 2013.

## **Scope and Contents**

The records consist of oral history interviews, reports, a timeline, and a small collection of printed materials documenting the history of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) family equality movement in the United States. Most of the individuals interviewed were associated with the following organizations: All Our Families Coalition; Center Families (New York City); Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE); Family Equality Council (Boston) and its predecessors (Gay Fathers Coalition and Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International); Fenway Health (Boston); Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS); Our Family Coalition (San Francisco Bay Area); and Rainbow Families (Minneapolis). Additional interviewees include attorneys and mental health and fertility services providers.

### Arrangement

The records are aranged in two series: I. Oral history interviews, 2012-2013. II. Reports and historical documents, circa 1990-1912.

#### **Collection Contents**

## Series I: Oral history interviews, 2012-2013

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Arranged alphabetically by last name of interviewee.

Appel, Judy 1 Computer File (.wav) (1.5 hours) [Aviary] Appel, Judy, 2012 June 18 2012 June 18

Appel was, at the time of the interview, the executive director of Our Family Coalition in San Francisco, California.

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Bergman, Kim

2012 June 13

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Bergman was, at the time of the interview, co-owner of Fertility Counseling Services and Growing Connections.

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Bradish, Chip 2012 July 16

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Bradish was, at the time of the interview, a mental health counselor at Center Ground Counseling in Boston, Massachusettes.

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Carroll, Nina 2012 July 11

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Carroll was a physician at Fenway Health, Boston Massachusettes.

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Chrisler, Jennifer 2013 January 31

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Coolidge, Liz 2012 July 12

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Coolidge was, at the time of the interview, the family and parenting coordinator for Fenway Health, in Boston, Massachusettes.

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Davenport, Scott 2012 March 29

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Davenport was a member of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council) and originator of Family Week, an lgbt family event in Provincetown, Massachusettes.

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Deaner, Cheryl 2012 June 19

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DeCrescenzo, Terry

2012 June 12

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DeCrescenzo is the founder of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles, California.

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Drew, C. Ray

2013 May 15

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Drew was the first paid executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition (later the Family Equality Council).

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Ferrera, Michael 2012 June 12

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Ferrera is a former employee of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles, California, and was, at the time of the interview, director of the GLBT Centers' LifeWorks program. He co-authored the Foster Care Non-Discrimination Act of 2004.

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Fisher, Timothy Mark

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Fisher was the first executive director, Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council).

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Gelnaw, Aimee
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Gogin, Kevin, and Dan McPherson

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Gogin was, at the time of the interview, program manager for San Franscisco Unified Schools. Dan McPherson counseled couples in private practice.

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Greenfield, Dorothy

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Greenfield was, at the time of the interview, Clinical Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, Yale Fertility Center, New Haven, Connecticut.

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Hanafin, Hilary

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Hanafin was, at the time of the interview, a clinical psychologist with the Center for Surrogate Parenting in Los Angeles, California.

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Hecht-McGowen, Emily

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Hecht-McGowen was, at the time of the interview, the Director of Public Policy, Family Equality Council.

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Jacobson, Linda
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Jacobson served on the board of Our Family Coalition.

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Kauffman, Joyce
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2013 May 15

Kauffman was, at the time of the interview, a family attorney at Kauffman and Crozier and board member of GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders).

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Logan, Jon 2012 June 25 1 Computer File (.wav) 1:46:47 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.75 hours)

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Logan is the founder of Our Family in Berkeley, California.

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Lorenz, Bill 2012 July 16

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Lorenz was, at the time of the interview, director of finance and administration of Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusettes.

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Lynch, Stefan 2013 March 12 1 Computer File (.wav) 1:14:54 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.25 hours)

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Lynch served as co-director of COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere).

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Majors, Steve 2012 July 12

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Meyers, Jen
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2012 July 20

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Miller-Shiell, Heather

2013 April 1

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[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 miller-shiell heather audiorecording

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Nelson, Stephen, and Peter Vitale 2 Computer Files (.wav) (51 minutes and 11 seconds)
[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 nelson stephen and peter vitale audiorecording

2012 August 26

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Nolan, Nick (pseudonym)

1 Computer File (.wav) 0:57:39 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.5 hours) [Aviary] ru 1124 s01 nolan nick (pseudonym) audiorecording

Nolan is a former employee of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS) in Los Angeles, California.

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2012 June 11

Planck, Corri
1 Computer File (.mp3) (44 minutes, 3 seconds)
[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 planck corri audiorecording

2013 May 17

Planck was the first director of policy and public affairs and former deputy executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (later Family Equality Council).

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Potter, Jennifer
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[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 potter jennifer audiorecording

Potter was, at the time of the interview, director of Women's Health Center at Boston Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusettes.

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2012 July 13

Prochovnick, Ora
1 Computer File (.wav) 0:44:21 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (45 minutes)

[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 prochovnick ora audiorecording

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Robinson, Doug

2 Computer Files (.wav) 1:07:27 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.75 hours) [Aviary] ru 1124 s01 Robinson Doug

Robinson chaired the board of Center Families.

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Rosen, Arielle

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2013 March 15

2012 June 17

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Ruby, Alice

1 Computer File (.wav) 0:58:00 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1 hour) [Aviary] ru 1124 s01 ruby alice audiorecording

Ruby was, at the time of the interview, executive director of the Sperm Bank of California, Berkeley.

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Simões, Rocki

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Simões was, at the time of the interview, involved with Host Home and Avenues for Youth in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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2013 March 18

2012 August 29

Smidzik, Laura

1 Computer File (.mp3) (52 minutes)

[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 smidzik laura audiorecording

2012 August 31

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Spiegel, Charlie

2012 June 26

2 Computer Files (.wav) 0:55:08 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (1.5 hours) [Aviary] ru 1124 s01 spiegel charlie audiorecording

Spiegal was a founder of Our Family Coalition.

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Talen, Deborah

2012 August 27

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Teper, Beth 2013 March 19

2 Computer Files (.wav) 0:47:10 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (45 minutes) [Aviary] ru 1124 s01 teper beth audiorecording

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Tisel, Betty 2012 August 25

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Tyrrell, Gerry 2012 August 22

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[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 tyrrell gerry audiorecording

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Vassar, Janice

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Wald, Deborah

2013 March 13

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Wald was, at the time of the interview, an attorney who specialized in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender family law.

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Weltman, John J.
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[Aviary] Weltman, John J., 2012 July 9

2012 July 9

Weltman was, at the time of the interview, an attorney at Circle Surrogacy in Boston, Massachusetts.

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White, Jacqueline

2 Computer Files (.mp3) (1 hour, 49 minutes, and 9 seconds)
[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 white jacqueline audiorecording

White was a member of the board of Rainbow Families (Minneapolis, Minnesota) and Host Home.

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2012 August 20

Wright, Brent
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[Aviary] ru 1124 s01 wright brent audiorecording

2012 July 18

Wright was, at the time of the interview, director of programming of Family Equality Council in Boston, Massachusettes.

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## Series II: Reports and historical documents, Circa 1990-2012

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b. 1, f. 1	Project records	2012
	Consists of brief research reports on organizations and individuals relevant to the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender family movement in the United States, which were compiled by Emily Johnson and Joey Plaster in preparation for conducting the oral history interviews. Also included are a spreadsheet with interview information (duplicated in the collection inventory) and a timeline: "Brief History of GLBT Parenting, with focus on the U.S."	
	Historical documents	
	Consists of reports, articles, forms and survey responses given to the Emily Johnson for the archive, by a Gerry Tyrrell and a member of the Fenway Community Health.	
b. 1, f. 2	Fenway Community Health	Circa 1990-2011
b. 1, f. 3	Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition	Circa 1993-1996
b. 1, f. 4	Rainbow Families and Family Equality Council	Circa 1993-2012
b. 1, f. 5	Gerry Tyrell research material on gay and lesbian families	1990s

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#### **Subjects**

Adoptive parents Families Gay fathers Lesbian mothers LGBTQ resource

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