

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
Oral History Initiative**

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How to use this index

Each subject is followed by a list of abbreviations. These abbreviations refer to individual oral history subjects. All oral history recordings and transcripts are in the LGBTQ History Collection, Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Library.

Abbreviations

BM = Barbara Maberry
DJ = Daniel Jones
DS = Daddy Sam
EJ = Ericka Joyner
EW = Edna Whittier
GJ = Gerry Jennings
JB = James Ernest Best, Jr.
KO = Kim O'Donnell
LB = Larry Bly
MB = Mary Boenke
PS = Peggy Shifflett
PT = Peter Thornhill
RD = Ronald "Ron" Davidson
RS = Rodger Saunders
RW = Rosemary Wyman
SS = Sally Seagraves
TV = Trish Valentine
VL = Virginia Irene Lindsey
WC = Whitney B. Conley

Subject Index

1. Organizations

A. LGBTQ organizations in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order

Gay Alliance of the Roanoke Valley (GARV) (1971 – 1972) – GJ; DJ;
Free Alliance for Individual Rights (FAIR) (1977-1978, Roanoke) – DJ;
Positive Alternative Lifestyles (PALS) (c. 1980 – 1983, Lynchburg) – GJ;
Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance (c. 1981 – 1986, Lynchburg) – GJ; PT;
- Jennings, Gerry – PS;

Dignity-Integrity group (Catholic/Episcopalian gay support group in Roanoke) (early 1980s) – GJ;
 First Friday (lesbian organization in Roanoke) (1980 – c. 1989?) – GJ; PS;
 Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreat (held annually 1981 – late 1980s?) – PS;
 The Centurions (a leather social club in Roanoke) (1980s) – DS;
 The Rogues (another leather social club in Roanoke) (date unknown) – DS;
 Roanoke AIDS Project (1980s?) – GJ;
 Roanoke Valley Gay and Lesbian Alliance (1980s – 1990s) – GJ;
 The Gay Rap Group (gay support group in Roanoke) (mid-1980s – early 1990s) – GJ;
 Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations (ALGO) (late 1980s – early 1990s, Roanoke) – GJ;
 - ALGO Service Award – GJ;
 - Garrison, Sam – GJ; MB;
 Lesbian educational group (name unknown, c. 1989-1991 in Roanoke) – PS;
 Blue Ridge AIDS Support Services (BRASS) (early 1990s – mid-2000s) – LB;
 Western Virginia AIDS Council (1990s?) – BM;
 Sisters in the Name of Love (Drag queen-led AIDS support organization; 1990s?) – BM;
 Roanoke PFLAG (c. 1992 – 2004/2005; unknown – present) – MB; BM;
 The Blue Ridge Society (early transgender support group in Roanoke) (1990s) – VL;
 Roanoke Pride (1997-present) – VL; BM;
 Ricketson GLBT Memorial Library (Roanoke) (active 2000-2003) – MB;
 - Harris, Ed – MB;
 Ladies and Gents of the Blue Ridge (transgender support group in Roanoke) (mid-2000s – present) – TV; VL; EJ;
 Floyd PFLAG (c. 2008 – present) – RW; JB; KO;
 Roanoke Diversity Center (2013 – present) – RS; EJ;
 - Rainbow Cinema (2016-present) – RS;
 - Diversity Camp (2014-present) – RS;
 PRISM Foundation (2014 – present) – BM;
 Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project (2015 – present) – VL; WC;

B. LGBTQ organizations outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

Equality Virginia (statewide LGBTQ advocacy organization) – JB;
 - People of Faith for Equality in Virginia (subgroup) – JB;
 Gay Activists Alliance (1969 – 1970s, New York City) – DJ;
 - Morty Manford – DJ;
 - The “Zap” (direct action tactic) – DJ;
 Gay Student Union (University of Virginia, Charlottesville) – GJ;
 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) – MB;
 Kappa Beta (transgender support group in Charlotte, North Carolina, founded in 1988; now known as the Carolina Transgender Society) – TV;
 Leather Archives & Museum (Chicago) – DS;
 Lyon Street Women (lesbian women’s collective in Mount Pleasant, Michigan)

(1970s) – EW
Michigan Organization for Human Rights (founded in 1977) – EW;
PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) – MB;
- The Transgender Network (national group within PFLAG) – MB;
 o T-Net newsletter – MB;
- T-Coords (Transgender Coordinators);
- Positions on transgender issues – MB;
Southern Comfort (annual transgender conference in Atlanta, Georgia) – TV;
Tri-Ess (national heterosexual cross-dressing organization) – EJ;

C. Other organizations in Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

Boy Scouts – JB;
Council of Community Services (Roanoke) – LB;
The Drop-In Center – BM;
First Fridays (downtown art night in Roanoke; not to be confused with the lesbian organization First Friday) – RS;
Girl Scouts – EW;
Plenty! (grassroots food justice organization in Floyd, Virginia) – RW;
The Red Hats (social group for older women) – TV;
Roanoke Fine Arts Council – RD;
The Ruritan Club (Meadows of Dan, Virginia) – JB;
TAP (Total Action for Progress) – BM;
Trust House / ARCH – BM;
Women’s soccer league (Roanoke) (2011-present) – EW;
Women’s Softball League (Salem, Virginia) (1980s) – PS;

2. Media

A. LGBTQ publications in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order

The Big Lick Gayzette (Roanoke, 1971) – GJ; DJ;
The Virginia Gayzette (Roanoke, 1972, 1978) – DJ;
The Blue Ridge Lambda Press (Lynchburg, then Roanoke, c. 1981 – 2008) – GJ; PT;
Skip Two Periods (lesbian newspaper in Roanoke, 1983 - c. 1988) – PS;
Shout (gay newspaper in Roanoke in the 1980s) – DS;

B. LGBTQ publications outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

The Advocate (gay magazine) – KO;
Beebo Brinker book series – PS;
Gay Community News (Boston) – GJ;

Gay Yellow Pages – JB;
John Francis Hunter, *The Gay Insider: USA* (national gay guidebook, 1972) – DJ;
The Lesbian Connection (magazine published in Michigan, 1974 – present) – EW;
Lesbian pulp fiction – PS;
Our Trans Children (publication of PFLAG) – MB;
Trans Forming Families (publication of PFLAG) – MB;

C. Other media in Southwest Virginia

“Cooking Cheap” (nationally-syndicated television show produced in Roanoke)
(1981-2002) – LB;
- the ‘Cook Sisters’ (a segment performed in drag on the show) – LB;
The Daily Advance (Lynchburg newspaper) – PT;
The Roanoke Times – DJ;
WROV (radio station in Roanoke) – LB;

D. Television & Film

The Danish Girl (film, 2015) – RW;
Dark Shadows (television show, 1966-1971) – PT;
Ellen DeGeneres – DS; KO;
Gone with the Wind (film, 1939) – DS;
Sordid Lives (film, 2000) – RD;

E. Miscellaneous (music, poetry, et cetera)

Disco – PT; DJ;
Donna Summer – PT; DJ;
Gays in the media – DS;
James Kirkup – DJ;

3. Places

A. Queer bars, clubs, and restaurants in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order

Elmwood Diner (mid-1920s – early 1970s, restaurant, Roanoke) – DJ;
The Coffeepot (1940s/1950s, lesbian hangout, Roanoke, Virginia) – PS;
The Tradewinds (c. 1951 – 1983, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RD; PT; DJ;
- “Zap” (protest) against Tradewinds (1971) – DJ;
The Last Straw (c. 1973 – 1993, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; RD; DS; PT; DJ;

The Horoscope (c. 1975 – 1978, dance club, Roanoke) – DJ;
 Nite & Day (c. 1977 – 1979, restaurant, Roanoke) – RD; DJ;
 Murphy’s Super Disco (c. 1978 – 1979, dance club, Roanoke) – GJ; PT; DJ;
 The Park (1978 – present, dance club, Roanoke)
 – GJ; EW; RD; DS; WC; RS; VL; PT; DJ; BM; SS; PS;
 Backstreet Café (c. 1982 – present, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; EW; DS; RS; DJ;
 - Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS;
 o Hundreds march from Elmwood Park to Backstreet Café after the
 shooting (2000) – DS;
 o MCCBR response to Backstreet shooting – SS;
 o Ronald Edward Gay – DS;
 Macado’s (1980s – present, restaurant, Church Avenue, Roanoke; “Gay Macado’s”) –
 RD; WC; RS;
 The Alternative (c. 1990-1991, dance club, Roanoke) – BM;

B. Queer bars, clubs, and restaurants outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

Feldman’s (gay bar in Richmond, Virginia) – VL;
 The Garden Lounge (early gay bar in North Carolina) – RD;
 My-O-My Club (New Orleans, LA) – DJ;
 Pier 21 (dance club in Greensboro, North Carolina[?]) – JB;

C. Queer spaces, neighborhoods, and communities in Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

319 Harrison Street (Lynchburg) – GJ; PT;
 Bedford, Virginia gay scene – PT;
 Bullitt Avenue (gay cruising site, Roanoke) – LB; DJ;
 The Butcher Block (gay cruising site at Bullitt Avenue and 3rd St SE; 1980s) – RS;
 Downtowner Motel – DJ;
 Elmwood Park (Roanoke) – EW; RD; DS; DJ;
 Floyd, Virginia gay community (2010s) – EW;
 Greyhound Bus Station (gay cruising site, Roanoke) – DJ;
 Highland Park (Roanoke) – GJ; EW; RD; RS; SS;
 - as gay cruising site – RS;
 Marilett Frames (lesbian-owned frame shop in Grandin Village) – PS;
 Oakey’s Field (Salem) – PS;
 Old Southwest (Roanoke) – GJ; DJ; PS;
 Roanoke, Virginia lesbian community – SS; PS;
 Salem, Virginia lesbian community – PS;
 Wasena Park (Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RS; PS;
 - as gay cruising site – RS;

D. Queer spaces, neighborhoods, and communities outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

The Castro (San Francisco) – KO;
Charlotte, North Carolina nightlife – JB;
College Station, Texas gay scene (late 1970s) – PS;
DuPont Circle (Washington, D.C.) – KO;
Fort Lauderdale, Florida gay scene – KO;
Gay bathhouses – EW; RS;
Gay bookstores (Roanoke; D.C.; Cleveland) – RS; KO;
Lansing, Michigan gay scene (1980s-1990s) – EW;
Norfolk, Virginia – RD;
 - gay bar scene – DJ;
Richmond, Virginia gay scene – RS;
 - Virginia War Memorial Carillon (gay cruising site in Richmond) – RS;
Saginaw, Michigan gay scene (1980s) – EW;
Timberfell (gay men’s resort in Tennessee) – RD;
“Wrinkle room” – a gay bar or establishment that caters mostly to older men – RD;

E. Other places/spaces in Southwest Virginia

Ararat (Patrick County), Virginia – JB;
Billy’s (formerly known as Billy’s Ritz) (bar in Roanoke) – DS; RS;
The Cascades (hiking trail in Giles County) – KO;
Catawba, Virginia – PS;
The Chili Shop (bar/restaurant in Roanoke in the 1960s) – DJ;
Community Inn (Grandin Village, Roanoke) – WC;
Douthat State Park – PS;
Dress Barn (clothing store in Roanoke) – TV;
Floyd, Virginia Mardi Gras celebration – JB;
Harrisonburg, Virginia – PS;
 - lack of gay community in the 1960s and 1970s – PS;
Heironimus (former department store in Roanoke, Virginia) – RD;
Holiday Inn at Tanglewood Mall (Roanoke) – VL;
 - The Elephant Walk (bar and restaurant inside the Holiday Inn) – VL;
Hopkins Gap, Virginia – PS;
 - attitudes towards homosexuality – PS;
Hotel Roanoke – RD;
Lynchburg, Virginia – PT;
McAlister’s Deli (restaurant at Towers, Roanoke) – BM;
O’Charleys (chain restaurant at Valley View Mall, Roanoke) – RD;
Our Lady of Nazareth Church buildings (Campbell Avenue, Roanoke) – GJ;
The New Wood (former bar in Roanoke in the 1970s) – RD;
The Patrick Henry Hotel (Roanoke) – LB; DS;

Radford, Virginia – SS;
Roanoke Public Library – DJ; PS;
Roanoke Regional Airport – TV;
Roanoke Rescue Mission – LB;
The Roanoke Theater – RD;
Salem, Virginia - BM
Sheraton Inn (Roanoke) – VL;
Valley Country (country music bar in Roanoke in the 1980s) – BM;
Valley View Mall – WC;

F. Other places/spaces outside of Southwest Virginia

Cleveland Heights, Ohio – MB;
Durham, North Carolina – SS;
King’s Dominion (theme park outside of Richmond, Virginia) – RS;
Raleigh, North Carolina – WC;
Sanford, North Carolina – SS;
- presence of KKK – SS;

4. Education

A. Schools, colleges, and universities in Southwest Virginia

Cave Spring High School – GJ;
Dearington Elementary School (Lynchburg) – PT;
Dunbar High School (Lynchburg) – PT;
Ferrum College – PT;
Floyd County High School – RW; JB; KO;
- Diversity Club – JB; KO;
- Rate of suicide attempts – JB;
- Teacher-student sexual assault – KO;
- Failure of administration to protect LGBTQ students – KO;
Hollins University – MB;
- Women’s Center – MB;
Jefferson High School – DJ;
Lakewood Junior High School (Lynchburg, Virginia) – PT;
Montgomery County school district – EJ;
- policy on transgender students – EJ;
Radford University – SS; PS;
- homophobia – SS;
- lesbian student life in the late 1970s, early 1980s – SS;
- P.E. [physical education?] club – SS;
Roanoke College – DJ; BM

School integration (in Southwest Virginia in the 1960s) – GJ; PT; DJ;
- busing – PT;
Virginia Episcopal School (college preparatory school in Lynchburg) – PT;
- homosexuality among the students – PT;
Virginia Tech – PS;
- Sociology Department – PS;
Virginia Western Community College – EW; BM;

B. Schools, college, and universities outside of Southwest Virginia

Bristol High School (Bristol, Tennessee) – VL;
Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio) – MB;
East Carolina University – SS;
Fork Union Military Academy (private military school in Fork Union, Virginia) – VL;
Hampden-Sydney College (all-men’s college) – PT;
James Madison University – PT; PS;
Mary Baldwin College (all-women’s college) – KO;
Michigan State University – EW;
North Carolina State University – TV;
Oberlin College – MB;
Shenandoah University (formerly Shenandoah Conservatory of Music) – BM;
Tennessee Technological University – VL;
Texas A & M University – PS;
Texas Tech University – PS;
University of Virginia, Charlottesville – GJ;
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – RD; DJ;
University of Richmond – KO;
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) – RW;
University of North Carolina – Greensboro – JB;
Wayne State University (Detroit, Michigan) – EJ;
Wellesley College – MB;

C. Issues for LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff

Academia – PS;
- sexism / patriarchy within – PS;
- homophobia within – PS;
- tenure and promotion – PS;
Bullying and harassment in high school – RW; KO;
High school gay and lesbian student clubs – RD;

D. Areas of Study

History – PS;
- Lesbian herstory – PS;

- Women's history – PS;
- Sociology – PS;
- Rural sociology – PS;
 - Sociology of food use – PS;
- Women's Studies – PS;

5. Religion

A. Religious organizations in Southwest Virginia

- Assemblies of God – JB;
 Black churches (in Southwest Virginia) – JB;
 First Baptist Church (downtown Roanoke) – BM;
 Jerry Falwell – PT;
 Jehovah's Witnesses – JB;
 Metropolitan Community Church – EW; JB; EJ;
- Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge (Roanoke) (1986 – present) – EW; TV; BM; EJ; SS;
 - o The Skittles (house band in the 2010s) – EJ; SS;
 - o storefront locations on Kirk Avenue – SS;
 - o beginnings at the Unitarian Universalist Church (1986-1998) – SS;
 - o involvement in Pride in the Park – SS;
 - o response to Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – SS;
 - Metropolitan Community Church in Winston, North Carolina(?) – JB;
 - Church teachings – EJ;
- The Mormon Church – JB;
 Seventh-Day Adventists – JB; KO;
 The Society of Friends / Quakers – EW; JB; KO;
- in Roanoke, Virginia – EW;
 - in Floyd, Virginia – JB; KO;
 - Testimony of Equality – EW;
- Southern Baptist Church – PT;
 St. James Episcopal Church (Roanoke) – DJ;
 Unitarian Universalists – MB;
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke – VL; MB;

B. Religious organizations outside of Southwest Virginia

- Affirmation (LGBT support group for Mormons) – JB;
 Westboro Baptist Church – DS;

C. Religious publications and media

For the Bible Tells Me So (documentary film) – JB;
Gaychurch.org – JB;
Homosexuality: A straight BYU student's perspective (book) – JB;
Jack Rogers, *The Bible and Homosexuality* (book) – JB;

D. General issues in religion

Bible Belt – KO; PT;
Christianity – JB; PT;
 - God – PT;
Christianity and homophobia – TV; PT; BM;
Christianity and transphobia – VL;
Homosexuality in the Bible – TV; JB;
The Reformation Project – JB;
Zen Buddhism – JB;

6. Government

A. Electoral politics

1968 Democratic Party Convention in Chicago – EJ;
 - street protests – EJ;
1972 Presidential Election – GJ; DJ;
 - Virginia Democratic Party state convention (Roanoke, 1972) – DJ;
2016 Presidential Election – TV; DJ; EJ;
 - Ted Cruz – TV;
 - Donald Trump – EJ;
U.S. Representative Michele Bachman – JB;
Bill Bestpitch (Roanoke City Councilmember) – MB;
Joel Burns (Fort Worth, Texas City Councilmember) – JB;
Mayor Richard Daley (Chicago, 1960s) – EJ;
Democratic Party politics in Roanoke, Virginia – DJ;
Senator John Edwards (Virginia) – BM;
U.S. Representative Barney Frank – MB
Gay and lesbian participation in electoral politics – DJ;
Gay bashing in Virginia politics – KO;
U.S. Representative Virgil Goode – MB
U.S. Representative Morgan Griffith – JB;
U.S. Senator Jesse Helms – DJ;
Sherman Lea (mayor of Roanoke, 2016 – present) – BM;
Delegate Sam Rasoul (Virginia) – BM;
Republican Party – SS;

U.S. Senator John Warner – MB
U.S. Senator Mark Warner – JB;
U.S. Senator Jim Webb – JB;
Roy White (Roanoke-area candidate for U.S. Congress in 1970 and 1972) – DJ;

B. Policing and judicial system

Court system, treatment of gays – WC;
Judicial system in Virginia – KO;
- patriarchy and heteronormativity among judges – KO;
Police harassment of gays – RS;
Police repression of gay bookstores – RS;
Policing and racial justice – MB;
Roanoke City Police Department – DS; RS; DJ;
- relationship with the LGBTQ community – DS;
- involvement in crackdowns on gay cruising – RS;
- involvement in clearing out cruising locations in Highland Park – RS;
- collecting of license plates of gay cruising at Elmwood Park – DJ;
Wasena Park police sting (c. 1998 – 1999) – RS; MB;

C. United States Armed Forces

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” – JB; PT;
Homosexuality in the military – RD;
- “wrinkle room” (where military officers paid younger men for sex) – RD;
U.S. Air Force – DS;
U.S. Navy – RD; VL;
- service in Norfolk, Virginia – RD;
The Vietnam War (1955 – 1975) – GJ; LB;
- Anti-war demonstrations – GJ;
- Service in the U.S. army – LB;

D. Government institutions, legislation, and policy

Charlotte, North Carolina bathroom ordinance (2016) – WC;
Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) (1973) – GJ;
Congressional lobbying – MB;
Fiscal conservatism – SS;
HB2: The Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act (North Carolina, 2016) – EJ; MB;
U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) – JB;
U.S. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) – JB;
Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) – PT; DJ;
Youth Risk Behavior Survey – JB;

7. Social Movements

A. National LGBTQ movements, events, and people

Anita Bryant (leader of national anti-gay movement, late 1970s) – DJ; PS;
Boy Scouts of America – MB;
 - discrimination against gays – MB;
Gay Liberation – DJ;
Lesbian separatism – EW;
LGBTQ activism – MB;
 - uses of violence – MB;
Harvey Milk – EW; WC;
Matthew Shepard – RS;
Millennium March on Washington (2000) – MB;
The Stonewall Uprising (1969, New York City) – EW; JB; DJ; MB;

B. Other social movements, issues, and national events

Anti-war protests (late 1960s / early 1970s) – GJ; RW; DJ; EJ;
Banksy – JB;
Black freedom movement – EW; RW; MB;
 - the Reconstruction era (1865-1877) – EW;
Cooperatives – EJ;
 - Appalantic Federation of Co-Ops – EJ;
Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam (1965-1972) – EJ;
Earth Day (1970) – GJ;
Environmentalism – MB;
Feminism – EW;
 - the Suffragette movement (late 19th century / early 20th century) – EW;
First World versus Third World – KO;
The Great Depression – MB;
Hippies – EJ;
Kent State Massacre and national student strike (1970) – DJ;
Ku Klux Klan – SS;
March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963) – MB;
Martin Luther King, Jr. – MB;
Native Americans – VL;
The New Left – EJ;
Public housing – PT;
Race relations – GJ; SS;
People Against Racism (white anti-racist organization in Detroit, Michigan, 1960s?)
 - EJ;

Racism – PT
The Right to Die – MB;
Segregation / Integration – RW; MB; SS;
- Busing – SS;
- Housing – SS;
- Restaurants – MB;
September 11, 2001 – WC;
Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) – EJ;
U.S. Civil War (1861-1865) – PS;

8. Health / Medical

A. HIV/AIDS

AIDS crisis (1980s – 1990s) – GJ; EW; LB; RS; PT; BM; MB;
AIDS quilt – MB;
Gay women’s responses to AIDS – EW;
Magic Johnson – RS;
Lansing, Michigan AIDS network – EW;
Safe sex – BM;
The Ryan White Fund / Ryan White – LB; DS; RS; BM;

B. Other health issues and conditions

Alcoholism – PS;
- within the lesbian community – PS;
- drinking culture within the group First Friday – PS;
- drinking culture at the Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreats – PS;
At-risk youth – JB;
Domestic abuse within the gay community – RW;
Drug use within the gay community – RD; BM;
- Cocaine – BM;
- Poppers (amyl nitrate) – BM;
Gambling – RD;
Hermaphroditism – KO;
Homelessness among LGBTQ youth – BM;
Intersex – TV;
Pregnancy – BM;
Psychology / Psychiatry – VL; BM;
Rape / Sexual assault – KO; PS;
Sex reassignment surgery (SRS) - VL;
Social Work – GJ; MB;
Suicide – TV; JB; BM;

Syphilis – RS;
Youth unemployment – BM;

9. Culture

A. Pride Festivals, Parades

Floyd pride parade (c. 2014 – present) – EW; RW; JB;
Hampton Roads, Virginia Pride festival – JB;
Pride in the Park (Roanoke, 1989 – present) – GJ; EW; LB; RD; WC; TV; VL; SS; PS;
- MCC church service at Pride in the Park – SS;
- At Highland Park – SS;
- At Wasena Park – PS;
- Normalization / Mainstreaming of Pride over time – SS;
Pride marches – EW; PT;
Roanoke pride parade (2010s) – SS;
San Francisco Pride Parade – RW;

B. Sports / Athletics

Gay Olympics (program at the Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreats, 1980s) – PS;
Horseback riding – PS;
Soccer – EW;
Softball – PS;

C. Miscellaneous LGBTQ culture

Ancestry.com – VL;
Billiards / pool – EJ;
Cher – MB;
Communal living – EJ;
Ellen DeGeneres – MB;
Diversity Bingo (game) – KO;
Drag / female impersonation – EW; LB; DS; PT; BM;
- Miss Gay Roanoke (female impersonation competition) – PT;
Gay assimilation into mainstream society – EW;
Gay cruising – RS; PT;
“Gaydar” (gay radar) – RS; TV; VL; BM; PS;
- “Transdar” (transgender radar) – TV;
Gay fashion – WC; RS;
- men’s use of handkerchiefs to signal sexual intent – RS;
Gay pornography – RS;

Gay tourism in the United States – KO;
Interior decoration – RD;
Internet (role in the LGBTQ community) – EJ;
Leather community in Roanoke – DS;
Performing music – EJ;
 - electric bass – EJ;
 - Loose Gravel (local band in Roanoke) – EJ;
Retirement – MB;
Traveling abroad
 - Traveling abroad in Europe – JB;
 - Traveling in Nepal – KO;
Volunteerism / Community service – SS;

10. Relationships & Encounters

A. Romantic and sexual relationships

Artificial insemination – BM;
Celibacy – JB;
Dating – SS; PS;
 - Online dating in the gay community – DS; RS;
Divorce – JB; EJ; BM;
 - Divorce within the LGBTQ community – BM;
The “Down low” / “DL” (men who are secretly having homosexual sex) – RS;
Heterosexual marriage – EJ;
Interracial marriage – MB;
Open relationships – VL;
Prostitution – RD; DS; RS;
 - By men within the U.S. Navy – RD;
 - by transvestites / female impersonators in Roanoke – DS;
 - by men at gay cruising areas in Roanoke – RS;
Same-sex marriage / marriage equality – EW; RD; RW; DS; TV; KO; BM; PS;
Transgender persons and marriage – TV;

B. Relationships with family members

Being a parent to an LGBTQ child – RW; MB;
Coming out – EW; RD; RW; DS; WC; RS; JB; KO; PT; BM; EJ; MB; SS; PS;
 - experiences in the closet – EJ;
Gay adoption – BM;
Gay women with children – PS;
Homophobia within one’s family – PS;
Motherhood – RW; WC

Parenting – BM; WC;
- Custody issues for gay and lesbian parents – WC;
- Legal issues for gay parents – BM;
Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS;
Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS;

C. Relationships within the LGBTQ community

African-American gays and lesbians – PT; DJ;
Butch/femme lesbian culture – PS;
Discrimination against transgender folks in Roanoke’s gay scene – DJ;
Labels within the queer community (including the LGBTQ+ acronym, in its various forms) – RS;
Lack of lesbian participation in Roanoke’s bar scene – DJ;
“Lesbian” (term) – PS;
Misogyny within the gay community – EW;
Racial discrimination in Roanoke’s gay bar scene – DJ;
Self-hating among gays and lesbians – JB;
Transphobia within the gay and lesbian community – TV; VL; MB;
“Queer” (term) – PS;

D. Relationships with straight / cisgender communities

Coming out in the workplace – SS; PS;
Conversion therapy – RW
Employment / workplace discrimination against gays – WC; RS; SS;
GGs (“genetic girls”; cisgender girls) versus TGs (transgender girls) – TV; VL;
Heteronormative society, influence on young people – WC;
Homophobia – RW; TV; JB; BM; EJ; PS;
- among medical professionals – PS;
- in the workplace – SS;
Intersectionality between LGBTQ activism and other movements – RW;
Patriarchy – PS;
Rednecks – VL; EJ;
Reparative therapy – JB;
Sports bars (heteronormative environment) – EJ;
Straight customers at Roanoke’s gay bars – DJ; BM;
Transphobia – TV; VL;
Violence against LGBTQ people – WC; BM;
- “gay bashing” – BM;
- Violence against transgender persons – WC; VL;

11. Identity

A. Gender

Choosing a new name as a transgender person – TV; VL;
Clothes shopping as a transgender person – TV;
Cross-dressing / transvestitism – TV; VL; EJ;
 - Feelings of shame around it – EJ;
Drag queens – BM;
Femininity – BM; EJ;
Gender expression – PS;
 - butch/femme – PS;
Genderfluid – EJ;
Gender identity – RW; RS; TV; VL; JB; KO; BM; EJ;
 - influenced by nature or nurture? – TV;
 - as a continuum / spectrum – VL;
 - the repression of childhood experiences – VL;
 - biological influences – VL;
Gender non-binary – EJ;
Gender pronouns – TV;
Genderqueer – EJ;
Masculinity – VL; JB; EJ;
Passing (when a transgender person “passes” as cisgender) – TV; VL; EJ;
Swish queens – EW;
Transgender issues – WC; TV; KO; PT; EJ; MB;
 - Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV;
 - Coming out as trans – EJ;
Transgender youth – RW;
Transitioning – TV; BM; EJ; MB;
 - Transitioning (FTM) – BM; MB;
 - Transitioning (MTF) – EJ; MB;
Transsexualism – MB;

B. Sexuality

BDSM – DS; RS;
Bisexuality – EW; EJ;
Lesbianism – BM; PS;
Sexual orientation diversity within the transgender community – TV; VL;