

**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 narrators. All oral history recordings and transcripts are in the LGBTQ History Collection, Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Library.

Abbreviations

BM = Barbara Maberry
DJ = Daniel Jones
DM = Don Muse
DS = Daddy Sam
EJ = Ericka Joyner
EW = Edna Whittier
GG = Garland Gravely
GJ = Gerry Jennings
JB = James Ernest Best, Jr.
KO = Kim O'Donnell
LB = Larry Bly
LC = Linny Caldwell
M = Martha
MB = Mary Boenke
MB2 = Michelle Bennett
PS = Peggy Shifflett
PT = Peter Thornhill
R = Rissa
RD = Ronald "Ron" Davidson
RJ = Robin Jordan
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) (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;
The Gay Rap Group (gay support group in Roanoke) (early-1980s) – GJ;
First Friday (lesbian organization in Roanoke) (1980 – early 1990s) – GJ; PS; LC;
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) – 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; RJ;
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; R; GG; MB2; LC;
 - Rainbow Cinema (2016-present) – RS;
 - Diversity Camp (2014-present) – RS; LC;
PRISM Foundation (2014 – present) – BM;
Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project (2015 – present) – VL; WC; RJ;

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

BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth) – GG;
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; M; RJ;
- Gay youth groups – GG;
- 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) – MB;
 - Positions on transgender issues – MB;
- Radical Faeries – LC;
 - Harry Hay – LC;
- 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; RJ;
 - Relationship with the LGBT community – RJ;
- The Drop-In Center – BM; DM;
- Fashionista Roanoke – GG;
- 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, 1983 – 2008) – GJ; PT;
Skip Two Periods (lesbian newspaper in Roanoke, 1983 - 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;
The Blade (Washington, D.C. newspaper) – DM;
Gay Community News (Boston newspaper) – GJ;
Gay newspapers – M; RJ;
 - lesbian newspapers – RJ;
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;
Lesbian Woman (book) – M;
Our Trans Children (publication of PFLAG) – MB;
Rita Mae Brown, *Rubyfruit Jungle* (novel) – MB2;
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;
WVTF (radio station) – MB2;
 - controversy over airing the program “Fresh Air” (c. 1990) – MB2;

D. Television & Film

Beverly Hillbillies (television show) – DM;
Caitlyn Jenner – R; GG;
The Danish Girl (film, 2015) – RW;
Dark Shadows (television show, 1966-1971) – PT;
Ellen DeGeneres – DS; KO; MB;
Ethel Merman – DM;

Gone with the Wind (film, 1939) – DS;
Laverne Cox – R; GG;
LGBT people on television – DM;
Sordid Lives (film, 2000) – RD;

E. Miscellaneous (music, poetry, radio, theater, et cetera)

Billboard (magazine) – DM;
Blues music – RJ;
Celebrities – R; GG;
 - African American LGBT celebrities – GG;
Cher – MB;
Disco – PT; DJ;
Donna Summer – PT; DJ;
Elton John – R;
Elvis Presley – RJ;
Fashion industry – GG;
“Fresh Air” (radio program) – MB2;
 - interviews with gay people – MB2;
 - the show’s lesbian audience – MB2;
 - Terry Gross (host) – MB2;
Gays in the media – DS; DM;
Harper’s Bazaar (fashion magazine) – GG;
James Kirkup – DJ;
Liberace – R
Music industry – DM;
National Public Radio – MB2;
Rock Hudson – R
Rock & Roll (music) – RJ;
Theater – DM;
Vogue (fashion magazine) – GG;

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 Trade Winds (c. 1953 – 1983, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RD; PT; DJ;
 - “Zap” (protest) against Trade Winds (1971) – DJ;
The Last Straw (c. 1973 – 1993, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; RD; DS; PT; DJ; DM;
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; DM; GG; MB2; RJ;
 – increased security following the Orlando massacre (2016) – DM;
 Backstreet Café (c. 1982 – 2017, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; EW; DS; RS; DJ; DM; GG; MB2;
 - Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS; DM; MB2;
 o Hundreds march from Elmwood Park to Backstreet Café after the shooting (2000) – DS;
 o MCCBR response to Backstreet shooting – SS;
 o National media response – DM;
 o Ronald Edward Gay – DS;
 o Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;
 Macado's (1980s – present, restaurant, Church Avenue, Roanoke) / Cuba Pete's
 – RD; WC; RS; GG;
 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 Friend's Bar (Jacksonville, NC gay bar) – MB2;
 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; DM; GG; MB2;
 Roanoke City Market – DM;
 Roanoke, Virginia gay community – DM;
 Roanoke, Virginia lesbian community – SS; PS;

Salem Avenue (downtown Roanoke red light district; 1970s) – DM;
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

Boston gay scene – GG;
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;
Jacksonville, North Carolina gay scene – MB2;
Lansing, Michigan gay scene (1980s-1990s) – EW;
Miami gay scene – GG;
- South Beach – GG;
New York City – DM;
Norfolk, Virginia – RD;
- gay bar scene – DJ;
Richmond, Virginia gay scene – RS; GG;
- Virginia War Memorial Carillon (gay cruising site in Richmond) – RS;
Saginaw, Michigan gay scene (1980s) – EW;
Southern California gay scene (1980s) – LC;
Timberfell (gay men’s resort in Tennessee) – RD;
Washington, D.C. – GG;
“Wrinkle room” – a gay bar or establishment that caters mostly to older men – RD;

E. Other places/spaces in Southwest Virginia

7-11 (convenience store) – MB2;
Appalachian Mountains – RJ;
Appalachian Power Company – M;
Ararat (Patrick County), Virginia – JB;
Avenham (Roanoke neighborhood) – DM;
Billy’s (formerly known as Billy’s Ritz) (bar in Roanoke) – DS; RS;
Blue Ridge Parkway – RJ;
The Cascades (hiking trail in Giles County) – KO;
Catawba, Virginia – PS;
The Capitol (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM;
Chick-Fil-A – MB2;

The Chili Shop (bar/restaurant in Roanoke in the 1960s) – DJ;
 Community Inn (Grandin Village, Roanoke) – WC;
 Corned Beef & Co. (bar in Roanoke) – MB2;
 CUPS (coffeehouse) – MB2;
 Douthat State Park – PS;
 Dress Barn (clothing store in Roanoke) – TV;
 Floyd, Virginia Mardi Gras celebration – JB;
 FloydFest – MB2;
 Grand Home Furnishings – M;
 Grandin Village – MB2;
 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;
 Hunting Hills (Roanoke neighborhood) – DM;
 Lincoln Terrace housing project (Roanoke, Virginia) – DM;
 Lynchburg, Virginia – PT; R; RJ;
 - LGBT community (or lack thereof) – R;
 - Conservatism of the city, and influence of Jerry Falwell – R;
 Lynchburg Public Library – M;
 McAlister’s Deli (restaurant at Towers, Roanoke) – BM;
 Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea – MB2;
 Mill Mountain Theater – MB2;
 Miss Tonies (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM;
 O’Charleys (chain restaurant at Valley View Mall, Roanoke) – RD;
 The Ole Belmont (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM;
 Our Lady of Nazareth Church buildings (Campbell Avenue, Roanoke) – GJ;
 The Manhattan (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM;
 The New Wood (former bar in Roanoke in the 1970s) – RD;
 Northwest Roanoke – DM;
 The Patrick Henry Hotel (Roanoke) – LB; DS;
 Radford, Virginia – SS;
 Restaurant industry – MB2;
 Roanoke County – GG;
 Roanoke Public Library – DJ; PS;
 Roanoke Regional Airport – TV;
 Roanoke Rescue Mission – LB;
 The Roanoke Theater – RD;
 Salem, Virginia - BM
 Sheraton Inn (Roanoke) – VL;
 Southeast Roanoke – DM;
 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;
Winchester, Virginia – R;

4. Education

A. Schools, colleges, and universities in Southwest Virginia

Blacksburg High School – LC;
Cave Spring High School – GJ;
Dearington Elementary School (Lynchburg) – PT;
Dunbar High School (Lynchburg) – PT;
Ferrum College – PT; R; DM;
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; DM;
Lakewood Junior High School (Lynchburg, Virginia) – PT;
Liberty University – R;
Lincoln Terrace Elementary School – DM;
Montgomery County school district – EJ;
 - policy on transgender students – EJ;
Patrick Henry High School – DM; GG;
Radford University – SS; PS; LC;
 - homophobia – SS;
 - lesbian student life in the late 1970s, early 1980s – SS;
 - P.E. [physical education?] club – SS;
Roanoke College – DJ; BM; MB2;
 - Fintel Library – MB2;
 - CUPS coffeeshop on campus – MB2;
School integration (in Southwest Virginia in the 1960s and 1970s) – GJ; PT; DJ; DM;
 - busing – PT;

Virginia Episcopal School (college preparatory school in Lynchburg) – PT;
- homosexuality among the students – PT;
Virginia Tech – PS; LC;
- Sociology Department – PS;
- Christian Youth Group (late 1960s – early 1970s) – LC;
- Women’s reading group (early 1990s) – LC;
Virginia Western Community College – EW; BM; GG;

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

Bridgewater College – M; RJ;
- Pride Week celebration (2010s) – M;
- Gay student union (2010s) – M;
Bristol High School (Bristol, Tennessee) – VL;
Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio) – MB;
East Carolina University – SS; MB2;
Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT; New York) – GG;
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; M; RJ;
James Woods High School (Frederick County, Virginia) – R;
John Hanley High School (Winchester, Virginia) – R;
Mary Baldwin College (all-women’s college) – KO;
Michigan State University – EW;
New Bern Senior High School (New Bern, North Carolina – MB2;
North Carolina State University – TV;
Oberlin College – MB;
Old Dominion University – LC;
Phillips Business College – M;
Shenandoah University (formerly Shenandoah Conservatory of Music) – BM;
Tennessee Technological University – VL;
Texas A & M University – PS;
Texas Tech University – PS;
University of Virginia, state system – RJ;
University of Virginia, Charlottesville – GJ; M; RJ;
- Gay Student Union (early 1970s) – M; RJ;
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – RD; DJ;
University of North Carolina, Greensboro – JB; MB2;
University of Richmond – KO;
University of South Carolina – RJ;
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) – RW; GG;
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;

Boys homes / boarding schools – R;

Bullying and harassment – RW; KO; R; DM;

Dorm mothers – M;

Gender-segregated facilities – M;

High school gay and lesbian student clubs – RD;

LGBT school teachers – MB2;

Libraries, accessibility of LGBT books – M; MB2;

D. Areas of Study & Research

Arts management – MB2;

Biology – RJ;

History – PS;

- Lesbian herstory – PS;
- Women's history – PS;

Library Science – M;

Sociology – PS; RJ;

- Rural sociology – PS;
- Sociology of food use – PS;

Treatment of homosexuality in scholarly research – M; MB2;

Women's Studies – PS;

5. Religion

A. Religious organizations in Southwest Virginia

Assemblies of God – JB;

Black churches (in Southwest Virginia) – JB; GG;

- views on homosexuality in the Black church – GG;

First Baptist Church (downtown Roanoke) – BM;

Jerry Falwell – PT; R; MB2;

Jehovah's Witnesses – JB; R; M;

Metropolitan Community Church – EW; JB; EJ;

- Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge (Roanoke) (1986 – present) – EW; TV; BM; EJ; SS; MB2; RJ; LC;
 - 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;

- response to Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – SS;
 - approach to atheists / non-believers – RJ;
 - Rev. Joe Cobb – MB2; LC;
 - 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; LC;
 - Becoming a Welcoming Congregation – LC;

B. Religious organizations outside of Southwest Virginia

Affirmation (LGBT support group for Mormons) – JB;

Newman House (Catholic campus organization) – MB2;

Westboro Baptist Church – DS; DM;

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

Atheism – M; RJ;

Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC;

Biblical literalism – R;

Christianity – JB; PT; GG; M; MB2; LC;

- God – PT; R; GG; RJ; LC;
- Evangelicalism – M;
- The Jesus Movement (1960s-1970s) – LC;

Christianity and homophobia – TV; PT; BM; M; LC;

Christianity and transphobia – VL;

Christian education – LC;

Church versus state – M;

Ex-gay ministries – LC;
Homosexuality in the Bible – TV; JB;
Jesus Christ – LC;
Missionary work – LC;
Native American religions – LC;
 - Naraya (Shoshone practice) – LC;
Relationship with nature – RJ;
Secular humanism – M;
Spirituality / Faith – R; GG; RJ; LC;
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; DM;
 - liberal / progressive politics in Roanoke – RJ;
Senator John Edwards (Virginia) – BM;
U.S. Representative Barney Frank – MB
LGBT participation in electoral politics – DJ; DM;
Gay bashing in Virginia politics – KO;
Attorney General Mark Herring (Virginia) – MB2;
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;
Governor Bob McDonald (Virginia) – MB2;
President Barack Obama (2009-2017) – MB2; LC;
Delegate Sam Rasoul (Virginia) – BM;
Republican Party – SS;
 - The Tea Party (2000s – 2010s) – MB2;
Roanoke City Council – DM;

President Donald Trump (2017 - present) – M; MB2;
- proposed travel ban (2017) – M; MB2;
- rise in hate crimes since Trump was elected – MB2;
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. Crime, policing, and the judicial system

Anti-cross-dressing laws – DM;
Assault – R;
Blackmail – RJ;
Criminal justice system – R;
Court system, treatment of gays – WC;
- court psychologist – R;
Judicial system in Virginia – KO;
- patriarchy and heteronormativity among judges – KO;
Police brutality – DM;
Police harassment of gays – RS;
Police repression of gay bookstores – RS;
Policing and racial justice – MB;
Prisons – R;
- LGBT community within prisons – R;
- Rape within prisons – R;
Roanoke City Police Department – DS; RS; DJ; DM;
- Crackdown on transvestite prostitution downtown – DM;
- relationship with the LGBTQ community – DS;
- relationships with the Black community – DM;
- 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;
Stealing / theft – R;
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. Marines – MB2;
- “WMs” (women marines) – MB2;
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; M;
 Congressional lobbying – MB;
 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – MB2;
 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) – M;
 Department of Social Services (DSS) – LC;
 Employment non-discrimination ordinances – RJ;
 Fiscal conservatism – SS;
 HB2: The Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act (North Carolina, 2016)
 – EJ; MB; DM;
 National Endowment for the Arts – MB2;
 Roe v. Wade – DM;
 Social Security Administration – M;
 Sodomy laws / criminalization of homosexuality – RJ;
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – M;
 U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) – JB;
 U.S. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) – JB;
 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on marriage equality (2015) – M;
 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;
 Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon – M;
 Gay Liberation (1970s) – DJ; M; RJ;
 Lesbian feminism – M; RJ;
 Lesbian separatism – EW;
 LGBTQ activism – MB; MB2;
 - 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; M;

B. Other social movements, issues, and national events

Anne Frank – M;
Anti-war movement (late 1960s / early 1970s) – GJ; RW; DJ; EJ; LC;
Banksy – JB;
Black freedom movement / Civil Rights movement – EW; RW; MB; DM;
 - the Reconstruction era (1865-1877) – EW;
 - police brutality against African Americans (1950s-1960s) – DM;
Boycotts – MB2;
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; M; LC;
 - the Suffragette movement (late 19th century / early 20th century) – EW;
 - the women’s movement (1960s – 1970s) – M;
First World versus Third World – KO;
Gentrification – DM;
The Great Depression – MB;
Hippies – EJ; LC;
Immigration politics – M; MB2;
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;
Moral Majority – R;
Native Americans – VL;
The New Left – EJ;
Public housing – PT;
Race relations – GJ; SS; R; RJ;
People Against Racism (white anti-racist organization in Detroit, Michigan, 1960s?)
 - EJ;
Planned Parenthood – DM; MB2;
Racism – PT; R; DM; GG; M;
Reproductive rights – DM;
The Right to Die – MB;
Rural gay migration to cities – MB2;
Segregation / Integration – RW; MB; SS; DM; GG; M;
 - Busing – SS;
 - Housing – SS;
 - Restaurants – MB;

September 11, 2001 – WC;
Sexism / misogyny – RJ;
 - in the workplace – RJ;
 - wage discrimination – RJ;
Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) – EJ;
Tenant issues – RJ;
 - slumlords – RJ;
U.S. Civil War (1861-1865) – PS;
White supremacy – R;
 - rebel flag – R; RJ;
 - swastika – R;
Women’s rights – DM;

8. Health / Medical

A. HIV/AIDS

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

B. Other health issues and conditions

Abortion – DM; MB2;
Aging – DM; M;
Alcoholism – PS; LC;
 - 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;
Childhood trauma – LC;
Disability – M;
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; GG;
Hormone replacement therapy – R;
Intersex – TV;
Mental Illness – MB2;
Pregnancy – BM;
Psychotherapy / Psychiatry – VL; BM; R; LC;
 - Psychological treatment of homosexuality – R; LC;
 - Marriage, family, and child therapy – LC;
Rape / Sexual assault – KO; PS; R; LC;
Self-acceptance – GG;
Sex reassignment surgery (SRS) - VL; R; RJ;
Social Work – GJ; MB; LC;
Suicide – TV; JB; BM; DM;
Syphilis – RS;
Work/life balance – GG;
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; DM; MB2;
 - 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 / Pride festivals – EW; PT; DM;
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;
 Backpacking / camping – RJ;
 Billiards / pool – EJ;
 Clubbing / partying – DM;
 Communal living – EJ;
 Diversity Bingo (game) – KO;
 Drag / female impersonation – EW; LB; DS; PT; BM; GG; MB2;
 - Miss Gay Roanoke (female impersonation competition) – PT;
 English views on homosexuality – RJ;
 Fashion industry – GG;
 - Tim Gunn – GG;
 - Andre Leon Talley – GG;
 - LGBTQ people in the fashion industry – GG;
 - Modeling – GG;
 Gay assimilation into mainstream society – EW; LC;
 Gay cruising – RS; PT; DM;
 “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;
 Hiking – RJ;
 Interior decoration – RD;
 Internet (role in the LGBTQ community) – EJ; DM;
 - cyberbullying – DM;
 - hate speech – DM;
 Italian-Americans – M;
 Leather community in Roanoke – DS;
 Performing music – EJ;
 - electric bass – EJ;
 - Loose Gravel (local band in Roanoke) – EJ;
 Retirement – MB; M;
 Terminology – M;
 Travel
 - Europe – JB;
 - Japan – LC;
 - Nepal – KO;
 Volunteering / Community service – SS; GG; MB2;

10. Relationships & Encounters

A. Romantic and sexual relationships

Artificial insemination – BM;
 Celibacy – JB;
 Dating – SS; PS; GG;
 - Online dating in the gay community – DS; RS; GG;
 - Age differences in dating – GG;
 Divorce – JB; EJ; BM;
 - Divorce within the LGBTQ community – BM;
 Domesticity – LC;
 The “Down low” / “DL” (men who are secretly having homosexual sex) – RS;
 Interracial dating – DM;
 Interracial sexual attraction – R;
 Long-term relationships – RJ;
 Marriage – DM; M; MB2;
 - Heterosexual marriage – EJ;
 - Interracial marriage – MB;
 - Same-sex marriage / marriage equality – EW; RD; RW; DS; TV; KO; BM;
 PS; DM; M;
 o Legal and financial benefits for couples – M;
 o Same-sex weddings – M;
 - Transgender persons and marriage – TV;
 Open relationships – VL; M;
 Polyamory – M;
 Prostitution – RD; DS; RS; DM;
 - By men within the U.S. Navy – RD;
 - by transvestites in Roanoke – DS; DM;
 - by men at gay cruising areas in Roanoke – RS;
 Romance – RJ;

B. Relationships with family members

African-American families and homosexuality – DM;
 Being a parent to an LGBTQ child – RW; MB;
 Choosing your own family – MB2;
 Coming out
 - EW; RD; RW; DS; WC; RS; JB; KO; PT; BM; EJ; MB; SS; PS; DM; M; MB2; LC;
 - the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2;
 Disownment – MB2;
 Fostering children – LC;
 Gay adoption – BM; MB2; LC;
 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 family members - DM; GG;
- Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2;
- Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M;
- Relationship with in-laws – M;

C. Relationships within the LGBTQ community

- African-American LGBT experiences – PT; DJ; R; DM; GG;
- Ageism within the gay community – DM; GG;
- Gender roles in lesbian relationships – PS; MB2;
- 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 diversity within the LGBTQ community – GG;
- Racism within the gay community – DJ; DM;
- Relationships between gay men and lesbians – DM; LC;
- Self-hating among gays and lesbians – JB;
- Transphobia within the gay and lesbian community – DJ; TV; VL; MB;
- “Queer” (term) – PS; LC;

D. Relationships with straight / cisgender communities

- Conversion therapy – RW
- Discrimination against gay customers – MB2;
- LGBTQ issues in the workplace – WC; RS; SS; MB2; RJ;
- Coming out in the workplace – SS; PS;
- GGs (“genetic girls”; cisgender girls) versus TGs (transgender girls) – TV; VL;
- Heteronormativity – WC; LC;
- Homophobia – RW; TV; JB; BM; EJ; PS; R; GG; RJ;
- among medical professionals – PS;
- in the workplace – SS; MB2;
- in the Black community – GG;
- Intersectionality between LGBTQ activism and other movements – RW;
- Patriarchy – PS; M; RJ;
- Rednecks – VL; EJ; R; RJ;
- Relationships with straight people – GG; RJ;
- Relations between straight women and gay men – DM; GG;
- Reparative therapy – JB;
- Sexism – RJ;
- Skinheads – R;
- Sports bars (heteronormative environment) – EJ;

Straight customers at gay bars – DJ; BM; GG;
Tenant issues for gay couples – RJ;
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; R; DM;
- Feelings of shame around it – EJ;
- As a child – R;
“Drag” (term) – R;
Drag queens – BM; DM;
Femininity – BM; EJ; R;
Gender expression – PS;
- butch/femme – PS;
Genderfluid – EJ;
Gender identity – RW; RS; TV; VL; JB; KO; BM; EJ; R; RJ;
- 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;
Gender roles – RJ;
Genderqueer – EJ;
Masculinity – VL; JB; EJ; R;
Passing (when a transgender person “passes” as cisgender) – TV; VL; EJ;
Swish queens – EW;
Transgender issues – WC; TV; KO; PT; EJ; MB; R; DM; RJ; LC;
- Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV; DM;
- Coming out as trans – EJ;
Transgender youth – RW;
Transitioning – TV; BM; EJ; MB; R;
- Transitioning (FTM) – BM; MB; R;
- Transitioning (MTF) – EJ; MB; R;
Transsexuality – MB; R;
- Transsexuality vs. transvestitism – R;
Two-Spirit people – LC;

B. Sexuality

BDSM – DS; RS;

Bisexuality – EW; EJ;

“Homosexuality” – M;

Lesbianism – BM; PS;

Male sexuality versus female sexuality – M;

Sex positivity – LC;

Sexual orientation diversity within the transgender community – TV; VL;