

**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.  
KLB = Kathryn L. Beranich  
KO = Kim O'Donnell  
LB = Larry Bly  
LC = Linny Caldwell  
M = Martha  
MB = Mary Boenke  
MB2 = Michelle Bennett  
NK = Nancy Kelly  
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;  
    KLB; NK;  
    - The Fabulous February Fling (annual dress ball) – KLB;  
    - Documentary film about (in production) – KLB;  
Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreat (held annually 1981 – late 1980s?) – PS; KLB; NK;  
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;  
Lesbian Herstory Archives (New York) – KLB; NK;  
    - donation of materials by First Friday members – KLB;  
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) (1970s/1980s) – PS; KLB;

## **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; KLB; NK;  
    - the “Condor Sisters” (column in newspaper) – KLB;  
    - “Lez Fun” (column in newspaper) – NK;  
Shout (gay newspaper in Roanoke in the 1980s) – DS;

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

The Advocate (gay magazine) – KO;  
*Amazon* (feminist newspaper in Milwaukee in the 1970s) – KLB;  
*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;  
*The Newsletter* (Durham, NC gay newspaper?) – NK;  
*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; NK;

WBRA (Blue Ridge Public Television) – NK;  
WDBJ-7 (television station in Roanoke) – KLB;  
- Keith Humphry (reporter) – KLB;  
WROV (radio station in Roanoke) – LB;  
WSLS (television station in Roanoke) – KLB;  
WVTF (radio station) – MB2;  
- controversy over airing the program “Fresh Air” (c. 1990) – MB2;

#### *D. Television & Film*

Anna Nicole (television personality) – KLB;  
Bette Midler – KLB;  
*Beverly Hillbillies* (television show) – DM;  
Caitlyn Jenner – R; GG;  
*The Danish Girl* (film, 2015) – RW;  
*Dark Shadows* (television show, 1966-1971) – PT;  
*David Susskind Show* (television show) – NK;  
Dyke TV (NYC television station) – KLB;  
E Entertainment Television – KLB;  
Ellen DeGeneres – DS; KO; MB; NK;  
Ethel Merman – DM;  
*Gone with the Wind* (film, 1939) – DS;  
*I Dream of Genie* (television show) – KLB;  
Judith Light – KLB;  
Laverne Cox – R; GG;  
Lesbian themes in motion pictures / films – NK;  
LGBT people on television – DM;  
Mary Tyler Moore – KLB;  
Sexism in the television industry – KLB;  
*Sordid Lives* (film, 2000) – RD;  
Television industry – KLB;  
*Transparent* (television show) – KLB;  
*True Hollywood Story* (television show) – KLB;

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

American Croatian Silver Strings Tamberitsa Orchestra (Milwaukee) – KLB;  
*Billboard* (magazine) – DM;  
Blues music – RJ;  
Celebrities – R; GG;  
- African American LGBT celebrities – GG;  
Cher – MB;

Debby Boone (singer) – NK;  
 Disco – PT; DJ;  
 Donna Summer – PT; DJ;  
 Elton John – R;  
 Elvis Presley – RJ;  
 Fashion industry – GG;  
 Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention – KLB;  
 “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;  
 Kate Clinton (lesbian comedian) – KLB; NK;  
 Liberace – R  
 Music industry – DM;  
 National Public Radio – MB2;  
 Olivia Records – NK;  
 Plaveryavda (Croatian dance group in Milwaukee) – KLB;  
*Playboy* (magazine) – KLB;  
 Ravinia (music festival in Chicago) – KLB;  
 Rock Hudson – R  
 Rock & Roll (music) – RJ;  
 Role of women in media – KLB;  
 Split Britches (lesbian theater group) – KLB; NK;  
 Theater – DM;  
     Women’s theater – KLB;  
*Village Voice* (NYC newspaper) – KLB;  
     - Michael Musto (gossip columnist) – KLB;  
*Vogue* (fashion magazine) – GG;  
 Women’s music industry – KLB; NK;

### **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;  
 Taylor House (late 1970s / early 1980s, lesbian hangout, Salem, Virginia) – KLB; NK;  
 The Park (1978 – present, dance club, Roanoke)  
   – GJ; EW; RD; DS; WC; RS; VL; PT; DJ; BM; SS; PS; DM; GG; MB2; RJ; KLB; NK;  
   – 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;  
     ○ Hundreds march from Elmwood Park to Backstreet Café after the shooting (2000) – DS;  
     ○ MCCBR response to Backstreet shooting – SS;  
     ○ National media response – DM;  
     ○ Ronald Edward Gay – DS;  
     ○ Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;  
 Macado’s (1980s – present, restaurant, Church Avenue, Roanoke) / Cuba Pete’s  
   – RD; WC; RS; GG; KLB;  
 The Cornerstone (short-lived bar in Roanoke, mid-1980s) – KLB;  
 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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; KLB;  
 Old Southwest (Roanoke) – GJ; DJ; PS; DM; GG; MB2; KLB;

Roanoke City Market – DM;  
Roanoke, Virginia gay community – DM;  
Roanoke, Virginia lesbian community – SS; PS; KLB;  
- racial dynamics – KLB;  
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;  
Eureka Springs, Arkansas gay community – KLB;  
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;  
Los Angeles, California, lesbian scene – KLB;  
Miami gay scene – GG;  
- South Beach – GG;  
New York City – DM; KLB;  
Norfolk, Virginia – RD; KLB;  
- 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;  
Wow Café (lesbian theater space in NYC) – KLB;  
“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;  
Abingdon, Virginia – KLB;  
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 Hospital – KLB;  
 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;  
 Fagg, Virginia – NK;  
 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;  
Roanoke County Women’s Club – KLB; NK;  
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;  
Los Angeles, California – KLB;  
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; KLB;  
    - 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; KLB; NK;  
 - 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; NK;  
 - Christian Youth Group (late 1960s – early 1970s) – LC;  
 - Gay Student Alliance (late 1970s) – NK;  
 ○ Gay Awareness Week / Denim Day (1979 event) – NK;  
 ○ Administration’s response to Gay Student Alliance – NK;  
 ○ Governor’s response to Gay Student Alliance – NK;  
 - Homophobia – NK;  
 - Sociology Department – PS;  
 - Squires Student Center – NK;  
 - War Memorial Gym – NK;  
 - West Eggleston (dormitory) – NK;  
 - the Women’s Collective (student group in late 1970s) – NK;  
 ○ Women’s Week (December 1977 event) – NK;  
 - 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;  
 Divine Savior High School (Milwaukee) – KLB;  
 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;  
Milwaukee Area Technical College – KLB;  
Milwaukee Independent School – KLB;  
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;  
Walatosa East High School (Milwaukee) – KLB;  
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;  
Gay and Lesbian Studies – KLB;  
History – PS;  
    - Lesbian herstory – PS; KLB; NK;

- 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; KLB;

## **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;  
 o response to Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – SS;  
 o approach to atheists / non-believers – RJ;  
 o 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; NK;  
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;
- 1980 Presidential Election – NK;
  - Ronald Reagan – NK;
- 2016 Presidential Election – TV; DJ; EJ; NK;
  - 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 Daly (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; NK;
- 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;
- Eleanor Roosevelt – KLB;
- 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; NK;  
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; KLB; NK;  
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; KLB; NK;  
Lesbian separatism – EW; KLB;  
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; KLB;  
Banksy – JB;  
Black freedom movement / Civil Rights movement – EW; RW; MB; DM; KLB;  
- the Reconstruction era (1865-1877) – EW;  
- police brutality against African Americans (1950s-1960s) – DM;  
- Black Power – KLB;  
Boycotts – MB2;  
Cooperatives – EJ; KLB;  
- Appalantic Federation of Co-Ops – EJ;

- women's cooperatives – KLB;

Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam (1965-1972) – EJ;

Earth Day (1970) – GJ;

Environmentalism – MB;

Feminism – EW; M; LC; KLB; NK;

- the Suffragette movement (late 19<sup>th</sup> century / early 20<sup>th</sup> century) – EW;
- the women's movement (1960s – 1970s) – M; KLB;

First World versus Third World – KO;

Gentrification – DM;

The Great Depression – MB;

Hippies – EJ; LC;

Immigration politics – M; MB2;

John Birch Society – KLB;

Kent State Massacre and national student strike (1970) – DJ;

Ku Klux Klan – SS; NK;

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;

Political correctness – NK;

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; KLB;

White supremacy – R;

- rebel flag – R; RJ;
- swastika – R;

Women's liberation – KLB;

The Women's March (January 2017) – NK;  
Women's rights – DM;

## ***8. Health / Medical***

### *A. HIV/AIDS*

AIDS crisis (1980s – 1990s) – GJ; EW; LB; RS; PT; BM; MB; R; DM; KLB; NK;  
AIDS quilt – MB; NK;  
Gay women's responses to AIDS – EW; NK;  
Lack of government response to AIDS crisis – NK;  
Magic Johnson – RS;  
Lansing, Michigan AIDS network – EW;  
Safe sex – BM; NK;  
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; KLB; NK;  
    - 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;  
JoAnn Loulan (writer and sex therapist) – NK;  
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; KLB;  
NK;  
Horseback riding – PS;  
Soccer – EW;  
Softball – PS; KLB;  
- Women's softball league (Salem, Virginia; late 1970s) – KLB;  
Sports/athletics and lesbianism – NK;

### *C. Miscellaneous LGBTQ culture*

Ancestry.com – VL;  
Backpacking / camping – RJ; NK;  
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;  
 Women’s music festivals – NK;  
 - rules about gender at women’s music festivals – NK;

## ***10. Relationships & Encounters***

### *A. Romantic and sexual relationships*

Artificial insemination – BM;  
 Celibacy – JB;  
 Dating – SS; PS; GG; KLB;

- Online dating in the gay community – DS; RS; GG;
  - Age differences in dating – GG;
  - In the lesbian community – KLB;
- 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; KLB; NK;
    - the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2; NK;
- Disownment – MB2;
- Fostering children – LC;
- Gay adoption – BM; MB2; LC; NK;
- Gay women with children – PS; KLB; NK;
- Homophobia within one’s family – PS;
- Motherhood – RW; WC
- Parenting – BM; WC; NK;
- Custody issues for gay and lesbian parents – WC;
  - Legal issues for gay and lesbian parents – BM; NK;

- Relationship with family members - DM; GG; KLB; NK;
  - Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2; NK;
  - Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M; NK;
  - 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;
- Bisexuality, view from the lesbian community – KLB; NK;
- Gender roles in lesbian relationships – PS; MB2;
- “Homo” (term) – NK;
- 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; NK;
- “LGBT” (term) – NK;
- 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; KLB; NK;
- Self-hating among gays and lesbians – JB;
- Transphobia within the gay and lesbian community – DJ; TV; VL; MB;
- “Queer” (term) – PS; LC; KLB;

### *D. Relationships with straight / cisgender communities*

- Allies/Allyship – NK;
- Conversion therapy – RW
- Discrimination against gay customers – MB2;
- LGBTQ issues in the workplace – WC; RS; SS; MB2; RJ; KLB;
  - 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; NK;
  - among medical professionals – PS;
  - basis in gender relations – NK;
  - 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; NK;
  - “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; KLB;
- Gender expression – PS; KLB; NK;
  - butch/femme – PS; KLB; NK;
  - within the lesbian community – KLB; NK;
- 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; NK;
- 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; NK;  
- Transsexuality vs. transvestitism – R;  
Transvestitism – NK;  
Two-Spirit people – LC;

### *B. Sexuality*

BDSM – DS; RS;  
Bisexuality – EW; EJ; KLB; NK;  
“Homosexuality” – M;  
Lesbianism – BM; PS; KLB; NK;  
Male sexuality versus female sexuality – M;  
Sex positivity – LC;  
Sexual orientation diversity within the transgender community – TV; VL;