

**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

A = Anonymous
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;
Debbly 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;
Hustler (magazine) – A;
 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;
 A;
 – increased security following the Orlando massacre (2016) – DM;
 Backstreet Café (c. 1982 – 2017, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; EW; DS; RS; DJ; DM; GG; MB2; A;
 – Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS; DM; MB2; A;
 ○ 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; A;
 ○ Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;
 Macado's (1980s – present, restaurant, Church Avenue, Roanoke) / Cuba Pete's
 – RD; WC; RS; GG; KLB; A;
 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 3rd St SE; 1980s) – RS;
 Campbell Avenue (sex work scene) – A;
 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 Avenue brothel (early 1990s) – A;
 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; A;
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; A;
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; A;
 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; A;
 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;
 El Ray apartments (Raleigh Court) – A;
 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;
 The Iroquois (bar in Roanoke) – A;
 Lakeside Amusement Park (Salem) – A;
 - racism at Lakeside – A;
 Lewis Gale Hospital – A;
 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; A;
Radford, Virginia – SS;
Raleigh Court (Roanoke neighborhood) – A;
Restaurant industry – MB2;
Roanoke County – GG;
Roanoke Memorial Hospital – A;
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;
Thrifty Inn (Roanoke) – A;
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;
 Rex hospital (Raleigh, North Carolina) – A;
Rock Creek, North Carolina – A;
 - history of the Township of Patterson – A;
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;

North Cross school (Roanoke) – A;

Patrick Henry High School – DM; GG; A;

Radford University – SS; PS; LC;

- homophobia – SS;
- lesbian student life in the late 1970s, early 1980s – SS;
- P.E. [physical education?] club – SS;

Raleigh Court elementary school (Roanoke) – A;

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 Heights elementary school (Roanoke) – A;

Virginia Tech – PS; LC; NK;

- Christian Youth Group (late 1960s – early 1970s) – LC;
- Gay Student Alliance (late 1970s) – NK;
 - o Gay Awareness Week / Denim Day (1979 event) – NK;
 - o Administration’s response to Gay Student Alliance – NK;
 - o 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;
 - o Women’s Week (December 1977 event) – NK;
- Women’s reading group (early 1990s) – LC;

Virginia Western Community College – EW; BM; GG;

William Fleming High School (Roanoke) – A;

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; A;
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; A;
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; A;
 - views on homosexuality in the Black church – GG;
 - singing in the church – A;
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; A;
 - God – PT; R; GG; RJ; LC; A;
 - 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; A;

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 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; 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;
Anti-solicitation law – A;
Assault – R;
Bail collection – A;
Blackmail – RJ;
Bounty hunting – A;
Criminal justice system – R; A;
Court system, treatment of gays – WC;
- court psychologist – R;
- court-appointed lawyers – A;
Galax Police Department – A;
Judicial system in Virginia – KO;
- patriarchy and heteronormativity among judges – KO;
- Public defenders – A;
Police brutality – DM; A;
Police harassment of gays – RS; A;
Police repression of gay bookstores – RS;
Policing and racial justice – MB;
Prisons – R; A;
- LGBT community within prisons – R;
- Rape within prisons – R;
- Solitary confinement – A;
Roanoke City Police Department – DS; RS; DJ; DM; A;
- Crackdown on transvestite prostitution downtown – DM; A;
- entrapment of sex workers – A;
- 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;
- Vice Squad – A;
- sexual assault of prostitutes – A;
Stealing / theft – R;
The Wall (prison in downtown Richmond) – A;
The War on Drugs – A;

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;

ROTC [Reserve Officers’ Training Corps] – A;

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;

Heighra House (drug program in Virginia) – A;

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; A;
 - 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 19th century / early 20th century) – EW;
 - the women's movement (1960s – 1970s) – M; KLB;
First World versus Third World – KO;
Gentrification – DM;
The Great Depression – MB; A;
Major Hasan (Fort Hood shooter) – A;
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; A;
 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;
 Slavery – A;
 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; A;
 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 – RW; A;
Drug use – RD; BM; A;
 - 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;
Multiple sclerosis – A;
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; A;
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; A;
- 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; A;
- 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; A;
- 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; A;
- 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; A;
- “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; NK; A;
 - Feelings of shame around it – EJ;
 - As a child – R;
- “Drag” (term) – R;
- Drag queens – BM; DM; A;
- 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;
- Street queens (trans sex workers) – A;
- 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;
- 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;
Sex work – A;