

**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  
AB = Anton Black  
BM = Barbara Maberry  
CSW = Carolyn Sue Wilson  
DJ = Daniel Jones  
DM = Don Muse  
DS = Daddy Sam  
EJ = Erika 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  
LF = Larry Forrest  
LC = Linny Caldwell  
M = Martha  
MB = Mary Boenke  
MB2 = Michelle Bennett  
MGK = Miss Grace Kelly  
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 Bowties (drag performance group at The Park in the 1980s) – CSW;  
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; MGK;  
- AIDS benefit shows – MGK;  
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; AB; LF;  
- divisions in the community between pro-Pride and anti-Pride – LF;  
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; AB;  
- LGBTQ clothing closet project (c. 2018) – AB;  
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; MGK;  
- AIDS support services – MGK;  
- 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. Places**

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

Elmwood Diner (mid-1920s – early 1970s, restaurant, Roanoke) – DJ; CSW;  
 The Coffeepot (1940s/1950s, lesbian hangout, Roanoke, Virginia) – PS;  
 The Trade Winds (c. 1953 – 1983, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RD; PT; DJ; MGK; CSW; LF;  
 - “Zap” (protest) against Trade Winds (1971) – DJ;  
 - gay owners – CSW;  
 - drag shows and pageants there – CSW;  
 - and Black clientele – CSW;  
 ○ as racially integrated place in late 1970s / early 1980s – LF;  
 The Last Straw (c. 1973 – 1993, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; RD; DS; PT; DJ; DM; MGK; LF;  
 The Horoscope (c. 1975 – 1978, dance club, Roanoke) – DJ; MGK; CSW;  
 - and Black clientele – CSW;  
 Nite & Day (c. 1977 – 1979, restaurant, Roanoke) – RD; DJ;  
 Murphy’s Super Disco (c. 1978 – 1979, dance club, Roanoke) – GJ; PT; DJ; MGK; CSW;  
 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; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;  
 - increased security following the Orlando massacre (2016) – DM;  
 - Gay men’s opposition to drag queens during its early years – MGK;  
 - Current hostile climate toward older, veteran drag queens – MGK;  
 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*

- 216 (club in Charlottesville, Virginia) – MGK;
- 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;
- Legends (gay bar in Raleigh, North Carolina) – MGK;
- Mythos (gay bar in Charlotte, North Carolina w/ black clientele) – MGK;
- My-O-My Club (New Orleans, LA) – DJ;
- Pier 21 (dance club in Greensboro, North Carolina[?]) – JB;
- The Shamrock (gay bar in Bluefield, West Virginia) – MGK;
- Warehouse (gay bar in Greensboro, North Carolina) – MGK;

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

- 319 Harrison Street (Lynchburg) – GJ; PT;
- Bullitt Avenue (gay cruising site, Roanoke) – LB; DJ; CSW; LF;
- The Butcher Block (gay cruising site at Bullitt Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE; 1980s) – RS; LF;
- Campbell Avenue (sex work scene) – A;
- Downtowner Motel – DJ; CSW;
- Elmwood Park (Roanoke) – EW; RD; DS; DJ; MGK; CSW;
- Floyd, Virginia gay community (2010s) – EW;
- Greyhound Bus Station (Bullitt Avenue, Roanoke, 1950s-1970s) – DJ; CSW;
- 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;
- The 'meat market' (City Market prostitution scene) – LF;
- Oakey's Field (Salem) – PS; KLB;
- Old Southwest (Roanoke) – GJ; DJ; PS; DM; GG; MB2; KLB;
- Roanoke City Market – DM; MGK; CSW; LF;
- as red-light district – MGK; CSW; LF;
  - Gay scene around the City Market – CSW;
- 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; MGK; LF;  
Salem, Virginia lesbian community – PS;  
Wasena Park (Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RS; PS;  
- as gay cruising site – RS;  
YMCA (gay hangout; Church Avenue in Roanoke) – CSW;

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

Atlanta, Georgia drag performance scene – MGK;  
Boston gay scene – GG;  
The Castro (San Francisco) – KO;  
Charlotte, North Carolina – JB; CSW  
- Nightlife – JB;  
- drag scene – CSW;  
Chicago, Illinois gay scene – LF;  
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; LF;  
- as site for sex / cruising – RS; LF;  
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; CSW;  
- gay bar scene – DJ;  
- drag scene – CSW;  
North Carolina drag scene – CSW;  
Raleigh, North Carolina drag performance scene – MGK;  
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; CSW;  
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;  
Bedford, Virginia – PT; CSW;  
Billy's (formerly known as Billy's Ritz) (bar in Roanoke) – DS; RS; A; MGK;  
Blue Ridge Parkway – RJ;  
The Cascades (hiking trail in Giles County) – KO;  
Catawba, Virginia – PS;  
The Capitol (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM; MGK;  
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;  
Henry Street (Gainsboro) – LF;  
Holiday Inn at Tanglewood Mall (Roanoke) – VL; MGK;  
    - 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;  
The Jefferson Center (performing arts venue, Roanoke) – MGK; CSW; LF;  
Kroger – CSW;  
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;  
 Martinsville, Virginia – MGK;  
 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; MGK;  
 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; MGK;  
 The New Market (downtown Roanoke bar) – MGK;  
 The New Wood (former bar in Roanoke in the 1970s) – RD;  
 Northwest Roanoke – DM;  
 The Patrick Henry Hotel (Roanoke) – LB; DS; A; MGK;  
 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  
 The Samaritan Inn (on Salem Avenue) – AB;  
 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; MGK;

*F. Other places/spaces outside of Southwest Virginia*

Cleveland Heights, Ohio – MB;  
 Durham, North Carolina – SS;  
 Gary, West Virginia – CSW;  
 Greensboro, North Carolina – MGK;  
 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;

### **3. 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;  
The Roanoker (magazine) – MGK;  
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;  
*Family Ties* (television show) – AB;  
*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;  
Michael J. Fox – AB;  
Mr. T – AB;  
*RuPaul’s Drag Race* – MGK; LF;  
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;

Aretha Franklin – AB; CSW;  
*Billboard* (magazine) – DM;  
 Blues music – RJ;  
 Broadway music – CSW;  
 Celebrities – R; GG;  
     - African American LGBT celebrities – GG;  
 Cher – MB;  
 Culture Club (musical group) – AB;  
 Debby Boone (singer) – NK;  
 Deniece Williams – MGK;  
 Diana Ross – MGK; CSW;  
 Disco – PT; DJ;  
 Donna Summer – PT; DJ;  
 Elton John – R;  
 Elvis Presley – RJ;  
 Eminem – AB;  
 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;  
 “The Great American Trailer Park Show” (off-broadway show) – AB;  
*Harper’s Bazaar* (fashion magazine) – GG;  
 Jennifer Holliday – MGK;  
*Hustler* (magazine) – A;  
 Jackson 5 – MGK;  
 James Kirkup – DJ;  
 Janet Jackson – CSW;  
 Kate Clinton (lesbian comedian) – KLB; NK;  
 Lady Bunny (famous drag performer) – MGK;  
 Liberace – R;  
 Little Richard – AB;  
 Michael Jackson – AB;  
 Music industry – DM;  
 National Public Radio – MB2;  
 Olivia Records – NK;  
 Patti LaBelle – MGK; CSW;  
 Plaveryavda (Croatian dance group in Milwaukee) – KLB;  
*Playboy* (magazine) – KLB;  
 Ravinia (music festival in Chicago) – KLB;  
 Ray Charles – AB;  
 Roberta Flack – AB;  
 Rock Hudson – R  
 Rock & Roll (music) – RJ;

Role of women in media – KLB;  
 RuPaul – MGK;  
 Split Britches (lesbian theater group) – KLB; NK;  
 Stevie Wonder – AB;  
 Theater – DM;  
     Women’s theater – KLB;  
 U2 (band) – AB;  
*Village Voice* (NYC newspaper) – KLB;  
     - Michael Musto (gossip columnist) – KLB;  
*Vogue* (fashion magazine) – GG;  
 Women’s music industry – KLB; NK;  
 Writing (fiction) – AB;  
     - Science fiction – AB;

#### **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; LF;  
 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;  
 CSW;  
 - 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;  
 Woodrow Wilson Junior High School (Roanoke) – AB;

*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; MGK;  
Dorm mothers – M;  
Drum majorette / marching band – MGK;  
Gender-segregated facilities – M;  
High school gay and lesbian student clubs – RD;  
LGBT school teachers – MB2;  
Libraries, accessibility of LGBT books – M; MB2;  
P.E. class – MGK;  
Prom – MGK;

*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; MGK; AB; LF;
  - church choir – A; MGK; LF;
  - views on homosexuality in the Black church – GG; MGK; LF;
- 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; CSW;
    - 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;  
The Bible – TV; JB; AB; CSW;  
Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC;  
Biblical literalism – R;  
Buddhism- AB;  
Christianity – JB; PT; GG; M; MB2; LC; A; AB; LF;  
    - God – PT; R; GG; RJ; LC; A;  
    - Evangelicalism – M;  
    - The Jesus Movement (1960s-1970s) – LC;  
Christianity and homophobia – TV; PT; BM; M; LC; NK; AB;  
Christianity and transphobia – VL;  
Christian education – LC;  
Church versus state – M;  
Ex-gay ministries – LC;  
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; AB;  
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 McDonnell (Virginia) – MB2;  
President Barack Obama (2009-2017) – MB2; LC; CSW;  
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; AB; CSW;  
- Anti-LGBTQ politics under Trump administration – AB;  
- 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; MGK;  
 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; MGK;  
     - Crackdown on transvestite prostitution downtown – DM; A; MGK; CSW;  
     - 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;  
         o 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;
- Transgender policies under the Obama administration – AB;
- 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; MGK;
  - discrimination against gays – MB;
- Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon – M;
- Gay Liberation (1970s) – DJ; M; RJ; CSW;
- Lesbian feminism – M; RJ; KLB; NK;

Lesbian separatism – EW; KLB;  
LGBTQ activism – MB; MB2; AB; CSW;  
- uses of violence – MB;  
Harvey Milk – EW; WC;  
Matthew Shepard – RS; AB;  
Millennium March on Washington (2000) – MB;  
Pulse nightclub shooting (2016) – AB;  
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; 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 benefit shows (drag performances) – MGK; CSW;
  - concerns about where the money went – MGK;
- AIDS crisis (1980s – 1990s) – GJ; EW; LB; RS; PT; BM; MB; R; DM; KLB; NK; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;
- AIDS quilt – MB; NK;
- Gay women’s responses to AIDS – EW; NK;
- Generational differences in responses to AIDS – MGK;
- On being HIV-positive – MGK;
  - treatment by medical professionals – MGK;
  - treatment by others in the gay community – MGK;
- Lack of government response to AIDS crisis – NK;
- Magic Johnson – RS;

Lansing, Michigan AIDS network – EW;  
Safe sex – BM; NK; MGK;  
- condoms – MGK;  
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; CSW;  
Agoraphobia – AB;  
Alcoholism – PS; LC; LF;  
- 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;  
Assisted living – CSW;  
Cancer – AB;  
Childhood trauma – LC;  
Disability – M;  
Domestic abuse – RW; A;  
Drug use – RD; BM; A; AB;  
- Cocaine – BM;  
- Crack cocaine – MGK;  
- Poppers (amyl nitrate) – BM;  
Gambling – RD;  
Gender confirmation surgery / (sex reassignment surgery) - VL; R; RJ; CSW;  
Gun violence – CSW;  
Hermaphroditism – KO;  
Homelessness among LGBTQ people – BM; GG; AB;  
Hormone replacement therapy – R; CSW;  
Hunger – AB;  
Intersex – TV;  
JoAnn Loulan (writer and sex therapist) – NK;  
LGBTQ youth – JB; LF;  
Mental Health – MB2; AB; LF;  
Multiple sclerosis – A;  
Pregnancy – BM;  
Psychotherapy / Psychiatry – VL; BM; R; LC;  
- Psychological treatment of homosexuality – R; LC;  
- Marriage, family, and child therapy – LC;  
PTSD – LF;  
Rape / Sexual assault – KO; PS; R; LC; A;  
Running away from home – CSW;  
Self-acceptance – GG;  
Social Work – GJ; MB; LC;

Stroke – AB;  
Suicide – TV; JB; BM; DM; AB;  
Syphilis – RS;  
Work/life balance – GG;  
Youth unemployment – BM;

## **9. Culture**

### *A. Pride Festivals, Parades*

Floyd pride parade (c. 2014 – present) – EW; RW; JB;  
“Gay Pride” (concept) – MGK;  
Hampton Roads, Virginia Pride festival – JB;  
Pride in the Park (Roanoke, 1990 – present)  
– GJ; EW; LB; RD; WC; TV; VL; SS; PS; DM; MB2; MGK; AB; CSW;  
- 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. Drag Performance & Pageantry*

African Americans in drag performance – MGK; CSW;  
Body weight / size / shape, concerns over – MGK;  
Body modification within the drag community – CSW;  
Camp (style of drag) – MGK;  
Drag / female impersonation – EW; LB; DS; PT; BM; GG; MB2; MGK; AB; CSW;  
- Chow, Purina – MGK;

- Cruise, Lee – MGK;
- Grant, Stephanie – MGK;
- Hart, Laura – MGK;
- O’Hara, Neely – MGK;
- Hartberger, Roger (sp?) – MGK;
- Jones, Jennifer – MGK;
- Kelly, Grace – LF;
- Kelly, Kristina – AB; MGK;
- Lakes, Rosa – AB;
- Salad, Enya – MGK;
- Vega, Coco – MGK;
- Wilson, Carolyn Sue – MGK; AB; LF;

Drag history – MGK;

Drag pageantry – MGK; AB; CSW; LF;

- Miss Gay Roanoke (female impersonation competition; started in mid-1970s) – PT; MGK; CSW;
  - o current split into two rival pageants – MGK;
- Miss Roanoke at Large pageant – MGK;
- Mr. Roanoke Pride MI [male impersonator] – AB;

Drama in the drag community – MGK;

- sabotaging each other’s acts – MGK;

Intergenerational conflict in the drag scene – MGK; CSW; LF;

- disrespect toward older queens – MGK;

Male impersonation / Drag Kings – AB;

Racial issues in the drag scene – MGK; CSW; LF;

Street queens (trans sex workers) and relationship to drag performance – LF;

Surgery among drag queens / in drag pageantry – CSW;

Technologies of female impersonation (hip pads, breasts, wigs, etc.) – MGK;

Transgender people in the competitive drag scene – AB;

#### *D. Miscellaneous LGBTQ culture*

Ancestry.com – VL;

Backpacking / camping – RJ; NK;

Billiards / pool – EJ;

Clubbing / partying – DM;

Communal living – EJ; Diversity Bingo (game) – KO;

English views on homosexuality – RJ;

Farming / agriculture – LF;

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; CSW;  
 “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;  
 Housekeeping – CSW;  
 Hunting – MGK;  
 Interior decoration – RD;  
 Internet (role in the LGBTQ community) – EJ; DM;  
     - cyberbullying – DM;  
     - hate speech – DM;  
     - social media – AB;  
 Italian-Americans – M;  
 Leather communities – DS; LF;  
 Nerd/geek culture – AB;  
 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; CSW; LF;  
     - 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; LF;  
 Interracial dating – DM; A;  
 Interracial sexual attraction – R;  
 Long-term relationships – RJ;  
 Marriage – DM; M; MB2; AB;  
     - 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; MGK; AB;  
     - By men within the U.S. Navy – RD;  
     - by transvestites in Roanoke – DS; DM; MGK;  
     - by men at gay cruising areas in Roanoke – RS;  
 Romantic relationships – RJ; AB; CSW;

### *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;  
 MGK; LF;  
     - the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2; NK;  
 Disownment – MB2;  
 Drag family – MGK; AB; CSW;  
     - Interplay between drag family and bio family – AB;  
 Fostering children – LC; A;  
 Gay adoption – BM; MB2; LC; NK;  
 Gay families (chosen families) – MB2; MGK;  
 Gay relatives – MGK; LF;  
 Gay women with children – PS; KLB; NK;  
 Homophobia within one’s family – PS;  
 Motherhood – RW; WC  
 Parenting – BM; WC; NK; AB;  
     - 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; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;  
     - Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2; NK; CSW; LF;

- Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M; NK; CSW; LF;
- Relationship with in-laws – M;

### *C. Relationships within the LGBTQ community*

African American LGBT experiences – PT; DJ; R; DM; GG; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;  
 - Visibility of Black LGBTQ community in Roanoke – AB;  
 Ageism within the gay community – DM; GG; LF;  
 Bisexuality, view from the lesbian community – KLB; NK;  
 Cliques within Roanoke’s gay community – MGK;  
 “Faggot” (term) – MGK;  
 “Gay” (term) – CSW; LF;  
 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”; “LGBTQ” (terms) – NK; LF;  
 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;  
 “Sissy” (term) – CSW;  
 Transgender community in Roanoke – AB;  
 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; AB;  
 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;  
 - Employment /workplace issues for transgender people – AB; CSW;  
 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; AB;  
 - among medical professionals – PS;  
 - basis in gender relations – NK;  
 - in the workplace – SS; MB2;  
 - in the Black community – GG; LF;

Intersectionality between LGBTQ activism and other movements – RW;  
 Patriarchy – PS; M; RJ;  
 Rednecks – VL; EJ; R; RJ;  
 Relationships with neighbors – CSW;  
 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; AB; CSW;  
     - “gay bashing” – BM;  
     - Violence against transgender persons – WC; VL;

## **11. Identity**

### *A. Gender*

Androgyny – AB;  
 Barbie dolls – MGK;  
 Biological explanations for gender/sexuality – CSW;  
 Body weight / size / shape – MGK;  
 “Bunny” (term for butch boys) – MGK;  
 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; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;  
     - Feelings of shame around it – EJ;  
     - As a child – R; CSW;  
     - on men’s desire to cross dress – MGK;  
 “Drag” (term) – R; MGK;  
 Drag kings – AB; LF;  
 Drag queens – BM; DM; A; MGK; AB; LF;  
 “Female illusionist” (term) – MGK;  
 Femininity – BM; EJ; R; KLB; MGK;  
 Gender and children’s toys – MGK;  
 Gender expression – PS; KLB; NK;  
     - butch/femme – PS; KLB; NK; MGK;  
     - within the lesbian community – KLB; NK;  
 Gender fluidity – EJ; CSW;  
 Gender identity – RW; RS; TV; VL; JB; KO; BM; EJ; R; RJ; AB; CSW;

- influenced by nature or nurture? – TV; CSW;
  - as a continuum / spectrum – VL;
  - the repression of childhood experiences – VL;
  - biological influences – VL;
  - among drag performers – MGK;
- Gender non-binary – EJ;
- Gender pronouns – TV; CSW;
- Gender roles – RJ;
- Genderqueer – EJ;
- G.I. Joe dolls – MGK;
- Interplay between drag personas and trans identities – AB;
- Masculinity – VL; JB; EJ; R; NK; AB;
- Passing (when a transgender person “passes” as cisgender) – TV; VL; EJ; MGK;
- Street queens (trans sex workers) – A; MGK; CSW; LF;
- harassment and violence against transvestite sex workers – A; MGK; CSW;
  - racial make up of Roanoke’s street queens – LF;
  - and relationship with drag performance – LF;
- Swish queens – EW;
- Transgender issues – WC; TV; KO; PT; EJ; MB; R; DM; RJ; LC; AB; CSW;
- Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV; DM; AB; CSW;
  - Coming out as trans – EJ;
- Transgender youth – RW;
- Transitioning – TV; BM; EJ; MB; R; AB;
- Transitioning (FTM) – BM; MB; R;
  - Transitioning (MTF) – EJ; MB; R;
- Trans men – AB;
- Binders (for trans men) – AB;
- Transsexuality – MB; R; NK;
- Transsexuality vs. transvestitism – R;
- Two-Spirit people – LC;

## *B. Sexuality*

- BDSM – DS; RS;
- Bisexuality – EW; EJ; KLB; NK; LF;
- Cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; LF;
- “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; MGK; CSW; LF;