

**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  
GB = Gail Burress  
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  
RC = Riley Chattin  
RCH = Rev. Catherine Houchins  
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  
YCS = Yodie Cleveland Swain

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### **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; GB;  
 - The Fabulous February Fling (annual dress ball) – KLB; GB;  
 - Documentary film about (*see The Unlikely Story of the Lesbians of First  
 Friday*; 2019) – KLB; GB;  
 - First Friday reunions (2018; 2019) – GB;  
 Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreat (held annually 1981 – late 1980s?) – PS; KLB; NK;  
 GB;  
 - at Camp Carysbrook – GB  
 - at Camp Rim Rod (near Clifton Forge?) – GB  
 - conflict over presence of children at the retreats – GB  
 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;  
 Unidentified AIDS support group (in Roanoke) – GB;  
 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; RCH;  
 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) – MB; BM; RJ; RC;  
     - Mary Boenke – RCH;  
 The Blue Ridge Society (early transgender support group in Roanoke) (1990s) – VL;  
 OUTRight (youth group – late 1990s – 200s) – RC;  
 Roanoke Pride (1997-present) – VL; BM; AB; LF; RCH;  
     - divisions in the community between pro-Pride and anti-Pride – LF;  
 Soulforce (Lynchburg) – RCH;  
     - Mel White – RCH;  
 Ricketson GLBT Memorial Library (Roanoke) (active 2000-2003) – MB; RCH;  
     - Harris, Ed – MB;  
 Interfaith Sexual Minorities (ISM; group in Roanoke; mid-2000s) – RCH;  
 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; GB; RC; RCH;  
     - 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; GB; RCH;

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

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) – RCH;  
 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 Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) – RC;  
 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; RC;  
 Fashionista Roanoke – GG;  
 First Fridays (downtown art night in Roanoke; not to be confused with the lesbian organization First Friday) – RS;  
 Girl Scouts – EW; RC;  
 Plenty! (grassroots food justice organization in Floyd, Virginia) – RW;  
 The Red Hats (social group for older women) – TV;  
 Rescue Mission (homeless services agency) – RC;  
 Roanoke Fine Arts Council – RD;  
 Salem Museum & Historical Society – GB;  
 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;  
    o 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; GB;  
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; YCS; GB;  
- 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; YCS;  
- Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS; DM; MB2; A; RC; RCH;  
    o Hundreds march from Elmwood Park to Backstreet Café after the shooting (2000) – DS;  
    o MCCBR response to Backstreet shooting – SS; RCH;  
    o National media response – DM;  
    o Ronald Edward Gay – DS; A;  
    o Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;  
Hugo’s (mid-1980s) – GB;  
Macado’s (mid-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; YCS; GB; RC; RCH;  
    - 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; YCS; GB;  
Out Word Connections (bookstore) – RC;  
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; GB;  
Salem Avenue (downtown Roanoke red light district; 1970s) – DM; A; MGK; LF;  
Salem, Virginia lesbian community – PS;  
Wasena Park (Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RS; PS; YCS; RC; RCH;  
    - 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; RCH;  
     - Nightlife – JB;  
     - drag scene – CSW;  
     - MCC church there – RCH;  
 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;  
 Christiansburg, Virginia – RCH;  
 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;  
 Goodwill (thrift store) – GB;  
 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 County Women’s Club building – GB;  
 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; RC  
 The Samaritan Inn (on Salem Avenue) – AB;  
 Sheraton Inn (Roanoke) – VL;  
 Southeast Roanoke – DM; RCH;  
     - as food desert – RCH;  
 Thrifty Inn (Roanoke) – A;  
 Valley Country (country music bar in Roanoke in the 1980s) – BM;  
 Valley View Mall – WC; MGK;  
 Vinton, Virginia – YCS;

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

Cleveland Heights, Ohio – MB;  
 Durham, North Carolina – SS;  
 Gary, West Virginia – CSW;  
 Georgetown (Washington, D.C.) – YCS;  
 Greensboro, North Carolina – MGK;  
 King’s Dominion (theme park outside of Richmond, Virginia) – RS;  
 Los Angeles, California – KLB;  
 Portsmouth, Virginia – RCH;  
 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;  
 Toronto, Canada – YCS;

Ventura, California – RCH;  
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;  
RCH;  
Skip Two Periods (lesbian newspaper in Roanoke, 1983 - 1988) – PS; KLB; NK; GB;  
- the “Condor Sisters” (column in newspaper) – KLB;  
- “Lez Fun” (column in newspaper) – NK;  
Shout (gay newspaper in Roanoke in the 1980s) – DS;  
*The Unlikely Story of the Lesbians of First Friday* (film; 2019) – KLB; GB;  
- Kathryn L. Beranich (director) – GB;

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

The Advocate (gay magazine) – KO;  
Alex Sanchez (writer) – RC;  
*Amazon* (feminist newspaper in Milwaukee in the 1970s) – KLB;  
*Beebo Brinker* book series – PS;  
The Blade (Washington, D.C. newspaper) – DM;  
Fitness magazines – RC;  
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;  
*Invisible Lives* (book) – RC;  
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;  
Patricia Nell Warren – RC; RCH;  
- *Front Runner* (novel) – RCH;  
*QNotes* (LGBTQ publication in Charlotte, NC) – RCH;  
Rita Mae Brown – MB2; RC;

- *Rubyfruit Jungle* (novel) – MB2;
  - *Sneaky Pie* series – RC;
- 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; RCH;
- The Roanoker (magazine) – MGK;
- WBRA (Blue Ridge Public Television) – NK;
- WDBJ-7 (television station in Roanoke) – KLB; RCH;
- 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;
- Chicago MD* (Television show) – YCS;
- 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;
- Genderqueer* (documentary film) – RC;
- 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;

*M.A.S.H.* – RC;  
Michael J. Fox – AB;  
Mr. T – AB;  
*The Music Man* – RC;  
Oprah Winfrey – YCS;  
*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)*

African American LGBTQ people in media, representations of – YCS;  
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;  
Cris Williamson – GB;  
Culture Club (musical group) – AB;  
Debbie 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;  
Indigo Girls – RC;

Jackson 5 – MGK;  
 James Kirkup – DJ;  
 Janet Jackson – CSW;  
 June Millington – GB;  
 Kate Clinton (lesbian comedian) – KLB; NK;  
 Lady Bunny (famous drag performer) – MGK;  
 Lesbian music scene – GB;  
 Liberace – R;  
 Linda Tillery (musician) – GB;  
 Little Richard – AB;  
 Michael Jackson – AB;  
 Music industry – DM;  
 National Public Radio (NPR) – MB2; RCH;  
 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;  
 Rosie O'Donnell – GB;  
 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;  
 Bluefield College (Baptist college) – RCH;

Carson Newman (Baptist college) – RCH;  
 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; RC;  
   - 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;  
 Randolph College – GB;  
 Raleigh Court elementary school (Roanoke) – A;  
 Roanoke College – DJ; BM; MB2; KLB; NK; GB;  
   - 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; GB;  
   - Christian Youth Group (late 1960s – early 1970s) – LC;  
   - Gay Student Alliance (late 1970s) – NK;  
     o Gay Awareness Week / Denim Day (1979 event) – NK; GB;  
       ▪ Denim Day 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration at Virginia  
       Tech (2019) – GB;  
     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; YCS; RC;  
 William Fleming High School (Roanoke) – A; YCS;  
 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;

Children coming out in schools – YCS;

Dorm mothers – M;

Drum majorette / marching band – MGK;

Gender-segregated facilities – M;

High school gay and lesbian student clubs – RD;

High school reunions – RCH;

LGBT school teachers – MB2;

Libraries, accessibility of LGBT books – M; MB2;

P.E. class – MGK;

Prom – MGK;

Student loan debt – YCS;

*D. Areas of Study & Research*

Arts management – MB2;

Biology – RJ;

Cosmetology – YCS;

Gay and Lesbian Studies – KLB;

History – PS;

- Lesbian herstory – PS; KLB; NK;
- Women's history – PS;
- LGBTQ history – RCH;

LGBT literature – RCH;

Library Science – M;

Sociology – PS; RJ;

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

Student teaching – RC;

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; YCS;
  - 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; RCH;
  - Thomas Roads Baptist Church (Falwell’s church in Lynchburg) – RCH;
- Jehovah’s Witnesses – JB; R; M;
- Loudon Avenue Christian Church – YCS;
  - Rev. William Lee – YCS;
- Metropolitan Community Church – EW; JB; EJ; GB; RCH;
  - Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge (Roanoke) (1986 – present) – EW; TV; BM; EJ; SS; MB2; RJ; LC; CSW; GB; RC; RCH;
    - 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; RCH;
    - 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;
    - o Richard Ward III – RCH;
    - o food pantry – RCH;
  - Metropolitan Community Church in Winston, North Carolina(?) – JB;
  - MCC congregation in Norfolk, Virginia – RCH;
    - o unnamed Black lesbian pastor (early 1980s) – RCH;
  - 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;
- 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;

Jimmy Creech (minister and LGBTQ advocate) – RCH;  
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;  
Baptist (denomination) – RCH;  
    - Southern Baptist – PT; RCH;  
The Bible – TV; JB; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH;  
Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC;  
Biblical literalism – R;  
Buddhism- AB; RC;  
Chaplains – RC;  
Christianity – JB; PT; GG; M; MB2; LC; A; AB; LF; YCS; RC; RCH;  
    - Christian saints – RC;  
    - God – PT; R; GG; RJ; LC; A; YCS; RCH; RC;  
    - Evangelicalism – M;  
    - The Jesus Movement (1960s-1970s) – LC;  
    - Sin – YCS;  
Christianity and homophobia – TV; PT; BM; M; LC; NK; AB; RC;  
Christianity and transphobia – VL;  
Christian education – LC; RCH;  
Christian summer camps – RCH;  
Church versus state – M;  
Episcopalianism – RC;  
Ex-gay ministries – LC;  
Gay churches vs. regular churches – YCS;  
Jesus Christ – LC; A; RC; RCH;  
Judaism – RC;  
    - Kabbalah – RC;  
Missionary work – LC;  
Native American religions – LC;  
    - Naraya (Shoshone practice) – LC;  
“Open and affirming” churches – RCH;  
Relationship with nature – RJ;  
Roman Catholicism – RC;

Secular humanism – M;  
Shamanism – RC;  
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; YCS;  
- Ted Cruz – TV;  
- Donald Trump – EJ;  
2020 Presidential Election – YCS;  
U.S. Representative Michele Bachman – JB;  
Vice President Joe Biden – YCS;  
Bill Bestpitch (Roanoke City Councilmember) – MB;  
Joel Burns (Fort Worth, Texas City Councilmember) – JB;  
Hillary Clinton – YCS;  
Mayor Richard Daley (Chicago, 1960s) – EJ;  
Democratic Party – DJ; DM; YCS;  
- 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; CSW; YCS;  
Vice President Mike Pence (2017 – Present) – YCS;  
Delegate Sam Rasoul (Virginia) – BM;  
Republican Party – SS;  
- The Tea Party (2000s – 2010s) – MB2;

Roanoke City Council – DM;  
Eleanor Roosevelt – KLB;  
U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders – YCS;  
President Donald Trump (2017 - present) – M; MB2; AB; CSW; YCS;  
- Anti-LGBTQ politics under Trump administration – AB;  
- Family separation policy at U.S.-Mexico border – YCS;  
- “Make America Great Again” slogan – YCS;  
- Proposed border wall with Mexico – YCS;  
- 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;

Salem Police Department – RC;

Stealing / theft – R;

The Wall (prison in downtown Richmond) – A;

The War on Drugs – A;

Wasena Park police sting (c. 1998 – 1999) – RS; MB; RC; RCH;

### *C. United States Armed Forces*

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” – JB; PT; RC;

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;

Gun control – YCS;

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;

- Social Security benefits – GB;

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; GB;  
LGBTQ activism – MB; MB2; AB; CSW;  
    - uses of violence – MB;  
Harvey Milk – EW; WC; RCH;  
Matthew Shepard – RS; AB; RCH;  
Millennium March on Washington (2000) – MB;  
Pulse nightclub shooting (2016) – AB; YCS;  
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;  
Charlottesville, Virginia race riot (2017) – YCS;  
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; YCS; RC;  
     - 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; YCS;  
 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;  
 People Against Racism (white anti-racist organization in Detroit, Michigan, 1960s?)  
     - EJ;  
 Planned Parenthood – DM; MB2; RC;  
 Political correctness – NK;  
 Race relations – GJ; SS; R; RJ;  
 Racism – PT; R; DM; GG; M; A; YCS;  
 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; YCS;  
     - 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; GB; RC; RCH;  
AIDS quilt – MB; NK;  
Gay women's responses to AIDS – EW; NK; GB;  
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;  
- Care for people living with HIV – RC;  
HIV testing – RC;  
Lack of government response to AIDS crisis – NK;  
Magic Johnson – RS;  
Lansing, Michigan AIDS network – EW;  
Safe sex – BM; NK; MGK; RC;  
- 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; GB;  
- within the lesbian community – PS; GB;  
- 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; GB;  
Childhood trauma – LC;  
Counseling – GB;  
Depression – RC;  
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; RC;  
Gun violence – CSW;  
Homelessness among LGBTQ people – BM; GG; AB; RC;  
Hormone replacement therapy – R; CSW; RC;  
Hunger – AB;  
Incest – YCS;  
Intersex – TV;  
    Hermaphroditism – KO;  
Isolation – RC;  
    - rural isolation – GB;  
JoAnn Loulan (writer and sex therapist) – NK;  
LGBTQ youth – JB; LF; GB;  
Mental Health – MB2; AB; LF;  
Multiple sclerosis – A;  
Narcotics Anonymous – RCH;  
Pedophilia – YCS;  
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; YCS;  
Running away from home – CSW;  
Self-acceptance – GG;  
Sex education – RC;  
Social Work – GJ; MB; LC;  
Stroke – AB;  
Suicide – TV; JB; BM; DM; AB; YCS; RC;  
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; YCS; RCH;  
     - 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*

Basketball – RC;  
 Lesbian Olympics (program at the Roanoke Valley Women's Retreats, 1980s) – PS;  
 KLB; NK; GB;  
 Horseback riding – PS;  
 Soccer – EW;  
 Softball – PS; KLB; RC;  
     - Women's softball league (Salem, Virginia; late 1970s) – KLB;  
 Sports/athletics and lesbianism – NK;  
 Swimming – RC;  
     - Diana Nyad (swimmer) – RC;  
 Track – RC;  
 Volleyball – RC;

### *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;
- Michael Smith (Mr. Microphone) – RCH;
- 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;
- Erasure of LGBT gathering spaces – RC;
- 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; RC;
- Gay cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; RC;
- “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;  
 Increasing homogeneity of LGBTQ community – RC;  
 Interior decoration – RD;  
 Internet (role in the LGBTQ community) – EJ; DM; RCH; RC;  
     - cyberbullying – DM;  
     - hate speech – DM;  
     - Impact of internet on closure of LGBT bookstores – RC;  
     - 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; GB;  
 Subjectivity / Intersubjectivity – RC;  
 Terminology – M;  
 Travel – GB;  
     - Europe – JB;  
     - Japan – LC;  
     - Nepal – KO;  
 Volunteering / Community service – SS; GG; MB2; GB;  
 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; YCS;  
     - 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;

Lesbian relationships – GB;  
 Long-distance relationships – YCS; GB;  
 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;  
     - Married people, in the closet – GB;  
 Open relationships – VL; M;  
 Polyamory – M;  
 Prostitution – RD; DS; RS; DM; A; MGK; AB; YCS;  
     - 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; YCS;  
     - Romantic relationships involving transgender people – RC;

### *B. Relationships with family members*

African-American families and homosexuality – DM; YCS;  
 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; YCS; GB; RC; RCH;  
     - the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2; NK; RC; RCH;  
     - coming out in Black families – YCS;  
 Disownment – MB2; RC;  
 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; YCS;  
     - 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; YCS;
- Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2; NK; CSW; LF; YCS; GB; RC;
- RCH;
- Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M; NK; CSW; LF;
- Relationship with in-laws – M;

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

- Ageism within the gay community – DM; GG; LF;
- Bisexuality, view from the lesbian community – KLB; NK;
- Cliques within Roanoke’s gay community – MGK;
- Divisions within Roanoke’s LGBTQ community – RCH;
- “Faggot” (term) – MGK; YCS;
- “Gay” (term) – CSW; LF; RCH;
- 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; RCH;
- “LGBT”; “LGBTQ” (terms) – NK; LF;
- Misogyny within the gay community – EW;
- Relationships between gay men and lesbians – DM; LC; KLB; NK; GB;
- 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; RC;
- Conversion therapy – RW;
- Discrimination against gay customers – MB2;
- LGBTQ issues in the workplace – WC; RS; SS; MB2; RJ; KLB; RC;
- Coming out in the workplace – SS; PS; YCS;
- 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; YCS; GB;
- 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; YCS; RC;
- “gay bashing” – BM; YCS;
- Violence against transgender persons – WC; VL;

## ***11. Identity***

### *A. Race*

African American LGBT experiences – PT; DJ; R; DM; GG; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; YCS;

- Visibility of Black LGBTQ community in Roanoke – AB;

Multiracial ancestry – YCS;

The N word (term) – YCS;

Native American ancestry – YCS;

Racial diversity within the LGBTQ community – GG;

Racial identity – YCS;

Racism within the gay community – DJ; DM;

### *B. Gender*

Androgyny – AB; RC;

Barbie dolls – MGK;

Biological explanations for gender/sexuality – CSW;

Body weight / size / shape – MGK;

Body hair – RC;

“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; RCH;
- “Female illusionist” (term) – MGK;
- Femininity – BM; EJ; R; KLB; MGK;
- Gender and children’s toys – MGK;
- Gender dysphoria – RC;
- 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; RC;
- 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; RC;
- 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; RC;
- Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV; DM; AB; CSW; RC;
  - Coming out as trans – EJ;
- Transgender youth – RW;
- Transitioning – TV; BM; EJ; MB; R; AB; RC;
- 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; RC;

### *C. Sexuality*

BDSM – DS; RS;

Bisexuality – EW; EJ; KLB; NK; LF;

Cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; LF; RC;

“Homosexuality” (term) – M;

Lesbianism – BM; PS; KLB; NK; GB;

Male sexuality versus female sexuality – M;

Nature vs. nurture debate with homosexuality – YCS;

Sex positivity – LC;

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

Sex work – A; MGK; CSW; LF;