

**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
AR = Ashley Rhame
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.
JC = Joe Cobb
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
MB3 = Michael Blankenship
MGK = Miss Grace Kelly
MSR = Myer S. Reed
NK = Nancy Kelly
NP = Nathaniel Preston
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; MSR;
 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 (c. late 1980s – 1990s) – GJ; MB3;
Various AIDS support groups (in Roanoke) – GB; MSR;
Roanoke Valley Gay and Lesbian Alliance (1980s) – GJ;
Gay Supper Club (Roanoke; late 1980s-early 1990s) – MSR;
Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations (ALGO) (late 1980s – early 1990s, Roanoke) – GJ;

- ALGO Service Award – GJ;
- Garrison, Sam – GJ; MB; RCH; MSR;

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; MSR;

- Mary Boenke – RCH; MSR;

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; NP;

- 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; NP;

- Rainbow Cinema (2016-present) – RS;
- Diversity Camp (2014-present) – RS; LC;
- Speaker’s Bureau – NP;

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;
 Diversity Thrift (Richmond, VA) – NP;
 Equality Virginia (statewide LGBTQ advocacy organization) – JB; NP;
 - People of Faith for Equality in Virginia (subgroup) – JB;
 - Transgender Advocacy Speakers Bureau – NP;
 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; NP;
 - Corporate Equality Index – NP;
 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; NP;
 - 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;
 Free Masons – NP;
 The Humble Hustle Co. (organization in Roanoke) – AR;
 Girl Scouts – EW; RC;
 Local Colors – NP;

Norfolk & Southern Railroad company – MSR;
 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;
 The Ruritan Club (Meadows of Dan, Virginia) – JB;
 Salem Museum & Historical Society – GB;
 Shriners – NP;
 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 – 1980s, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RD; PT; DJ; MGK; CSW;
 LF; MSR; MB3;
 - “Zap” (protest) against Trade Winds (1971) – DJ;
 - gay owners – CSW;
 - drag shows and pageants there – CSW;
 - Bamboo Room (top floor drag performance venue) – MB3;
 - 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;
 MSR; MB3;
 The Horoscope (c. 1975 – 1978, dance club, Roanoke) – DJ; MGK; CSW; MSR;
 - 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;
 MSR; MB3;
 - Becoming a Black straight dance club afterward (maybe early 1980s?) –
 MB3;
 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; MSR; NP; MB3;
 - 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;
- straight people at The Park – NP;

Backstreet Café (c. 1982 – 2017, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; EW; DS; RS; DJ; DM; GG; MB2; A; YCS; NP;

- Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS; DM; MB2; A; RC; RCH; JC;
 - o Annual vigils afterwards – JC;
 - 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;

The Dutch Inn (Martinsville, VA; periodic drag show venue?) – NP;

B. Queer bars, clubs, and restaurants outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order

216 (club in Charlottesville, Virginia) – MGK;

Café Lafitte in Exile (New Orleans, LA) – MSR;

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;

The Lost and Found (Washington, D.C.) – MSR;

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; MSR; MB3;

The Butcher Block (gay cruising site at Bullitt Avenue and 3rd 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; MB3;
 - glory holes in bathroom doors – MB3;
 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; MSR; MB3;
 - as gay ghetto – MSR;
 - gay men’s involvement in rehabilitating homes – MSR;
 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;
 Tanglewood Mall – NP; MB3;
 - Barnes and Noble store (gay hangout) – NP;
 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; MSR;

Gay bookstores (Roanoke; D.C.; Cleveland; &c) – RS; KO; A; LF; NP;
 - as site for sex / cruising – RS; LF;
 Greensboro, North Carolina gay scene – NP;
 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 Orleans – MSR;
 - gay bar scene – MSR;
 - French Quarter – MSR;
 New York City – DM; KLB; MB3;
 - Greenwich Village – NP;
 Norfolk, Virginia – RD; KLB; CSW; AR;
 - 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; MSR;
 - as Roanoke folks’ gay stomping ground – MSR;
 - Gay bathhouses – MSR;
 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;
 Bedford Lake (swimming park in Bedford, VA) – MB3;
 Billy’s (formerly known as Billy’s Ritz) (bar in Roanoke) – DS; RS; A; MGK;
 Black-owned businesses – AR;
 Blacksburg, Virginia – MSR;
 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;
 Gainsboro (neighborhood in Northwest Roanoke) – AR;
 - Henry Street (Gainsboro) – LF;
 Giles County, VA – MB3;
 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 County, Virginia – NP;
 Hermitage Roanoke (senior living community) – JC;
 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; NP;
 - Furniture manufacturing history – NP;
 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;
 Natural Bridge – MB3;
 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; AR;
 - Melrose neighborhood – AR;
 The Patrick Henry Hotel (Roanoke) – LB; DS; A; MGK; MB3;
 Radford, Virginia – SS; MSR;
 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; AR;
 Roanoke Regional Airport – TV;
 Roanoke Rescue Mission – LB;
 The Roanoke Theater – RD;
 Roanoke County Women’s Club – KLB; NK;
 Salem, Virginia – BM; RC; MB3;
 The Samaritan Inn (on Salem Avenue) – AB;
 Shawsville, Virginia – JC;
 Sheraton Inn (Roanoke) – VL;
 Southeast Roanoke – DM; RCH;
 - as food desert – RCH;
 Starkey, Virginia (Roanoke, County) – MB3;
 Thrifty Inn (Roanoke) – A;
 VA hospital in Salem, Virginia – MSR;
 - HIV/AIDS care in the 1980s – MSR;
 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

Atlanta, Georgia – AR; JC;
 Cleveland Heights, Ohio – MB;
 Colonial Williamsburg – MSR;
 Durham, North Carolina – SS;
 Florida – AR;
 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;
 Mount Airy, North Carolina – NP;
 New Jersey – AR;
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – NP;
 Phoenix, Arizona – MSR;
 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;
 Southside Virginia – MSR;
 - La Crosse, Virginia – MSR;
 - Marengo, Virginia – MSR;
 Toronto, Canada – YCS;
 Ventura, California – RCH;
 Walt Disney World – AR;
 Winchester, Virginia – R;
 Wichita, Kansas – JC;

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; MSR;
 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; NP;
 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;
 Curve (lesbian magazine) – NP;
 Fitness magazines – RC;
 Gay Community News (Boston newspaper) – GJ;
 Gay newspapers – M; RJ;
 - lesbian newspapers – RJ;
 Gay Yellow Pages – JB;
 James Howe (children’s books author) – NP;
 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;
 David Levitahn (YA books author) – NP;
 The Newsletter (Durham, NC gay newspaper?) – NK;
 Our Trans Children (publication of PFLAG) – MB;
 Out (gay magazine) – NP;
 Patricia Nell Warren – RC; RCH;
 - *Front Runner* (novel) – RCH;
 Playgirl (magazine) – MB3;
 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;
 Rare Press (Roanoke-based publisher) – AR;
 Soul Sessions (poetry event in Roanoke) – AR;
 Harvest Blaque (performing artist in Roanoke) – AR;
 The Daily Advance (Lynchburg newspaper) – PT;
 The Roanoke Times – DJ; NK; RCH;
 The Roanoke Tribune (newspaper) – AR;
 The Roanoker (magazine) – MGK;
 The Speakeasy on 11th Street (poetry event in Roanoke, c. 2019 -) – AR;

Uncle Looney (local television personality) – MSR;
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;
WTOY (radio station) – MB3;
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; NP;
Lesbian themes in motion pictures / films – NK;
Mary Tyler Moore – KLB;
M.A.S.H. – RC;
Michael J. Fox – AB;
Modern Family (television show) – NP;
Mr. T – AB;
The Music Man –RC;
Neil Patrick Harris – NP;
Oprah Winfrey – YCS;
Orange is the New Black (television show) – NP;
Representation of LGBT people on TV / in films – DM; NP;
“Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In” (television show) – JC;
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;
Queer as Folk (television show) – NP;

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;
Border’s bookstore – JC;
Blues music – RJ;
Broadway music – CSW;
Carol Burnett (comedian) – MB3;
Celebrities – R; GG;
 - African American LGBT celebrities – GG;
Cher – MB;
Cris Williamson – GB;
Culture Club (musical group) – AB;
Debby Boone (singer) – NK;
Deniece Williams – MGK;
Diana Ross – MGK; CSW; MB3;
Disco – PT; DJ; MSR;
Donna Summer – PT; DJ;
Elizabeth Acevedo (poet) – AR;
Emily Dickenson (poet) – JC;
Elton John – R; MB3;
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;
 Martha Reeves & the Vandellas (musical group) – MB3;
 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;
 Publishing – AR;
 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;
 Bobby Vee (musician) – MB3;
 The Village People (musical group) – MB3;
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

Averett University (Danville, Virginia) – NP;
 Blacksburg High School – LC;
 Bluefield College (Baptist college) – RCH;
 Carson Newman (Baptist college) – RCH;
 Cave Spring Elementary School – MB3;
 Cave Spring High School – GJ; MB3;
 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;
 Glenvar High School – MB3;
 Green Valley Elementary School – MB3;
 Highland Park Elementary School – JC;
 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; MSR;
 - co-education – MSR;
 - homophobia – SS; MSR;
 - 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; MSR; NP; MB3;
 - Christian Youth Group (late 1960s – early 1970s) – LC;

- Gay Student Alliance / Gay Student Union (late 1970s – ?) – NK; MB3;
 - o Gay Awareness Week / Denim Day (1979 event) – NK; GB;
 - Denim Day 40th 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; MB3;
 William Fleming High School (Roanoke) – A; YCS; AR;
 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;
 Longwood University – AR;
 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;
 Perkins School of Theology (Dallas, Texas) – JC;
 Phillips Business College – M;
 Shenandoah University (formerly Shenandoah Conservatory of Music) – BM;

South Gwinnett High School (Atlanta, Georgia) – AR;
Southwestern College (Winfield, Kansas) – JC;
Tennessee Technological University – VL;
Texas A & M University – PS;
Texas Tech University – PS;
Tulane University – MSR;
University of Virginia, state system – RJ;
University of Virginia, Charlottesville – GJ; M; RJ; MSR;
- Gay Student Union (early 1970s) – M; RJ;
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – RD; DJ;
University of North Carolina, Greensboro – JB; MB2;
University of Pittsburgh – NP;
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;
William & Mary College – MSR;
- gay community in the 1960s – MSR;

C. Issues for LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff

Academia – PS; MSR;
- sexism / patriarchy within – PS;
- homophobia within – PS;
- tenure and promotion – PS; MSR;
Boys homes / boarding schools – R;
Bullying and harassment – RW; KO; R; DM; A; MGK; NP; MB3;
Children coming out in schools – YCS;
Dorm mothers – M;
Drum majorette / marching band – MGK;
Gay teachers in public schools – NP;
Gender-segregated facilities – M;
High school gay and lesbian student clubs – RD;
Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) – NP;
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;
 - Black History – MB3;
 o Black History Month – MB3;
 - Lesbian herstory – PS; KLB; NK;
 - Women’s history – PS;
 - LGBTQ history – RCH; NP;
 LGBT literature – RCH; NP;
 Library Science – M;
 Sociology – PS; RJ; MSR;
 - Rural sociology – PS;
 - Sociology of food use – PS;
 - Sociology of religion – MSR;
 Student teaching – RC;
 Treatment of homosexuality in scholarly research – M; MB2;
 Women’s Studies – PS; KLB;

5. Religion

A. Religious organizations in Southwest Virginia

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church (denomination) – NP;
 Assemblies of God – JB;
 Black churches (in Southwest Virginia) – JB; GG; A; MGK; AB; LF; YCS; AR; NP;
 - church choir – A; MGK; LF;
 - gay people in the church – AR;
 - views on homosexuality in the Black church – GG; MGK; LF; AR;
 Church of the Brethren (denomination) – MB3;
 Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church – MB3;
 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; MB3;
 - Rev. William Lee – YCS;
 - acceptance of gay and lesbian congregants – MB3;
 Metropolitan Community Church – EW; JB; EJ; GB; RCH; JC; MB3;
 - Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge (Roanoke) (1986 – present) – EW; TV; BM; EJ; SS; MB2; RJ; LC; CSW; GB; RC; RCH; JC; MB3;
 o The Skittles (house band in the 2010s) – EJ; SS;
 o storefront locations on Kirk Avenue – SS;

- beginnings at the Unitarian Universalist Church (1986-1998) – SS; RCH;
 - involvement in Pride in the Park – SS;
 - response to Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – SS;
 - approach to atheists / non-believers – RJ;
 - Rev. Joe Cobb – MB2; LC;
 - Richard Ward III – RCH;
 - food pantry – RCH;
 - Metropolitan Community Church in Winston, North Carolina(?) – JB;
 - MCC congregation in Richmond, VA – MB3;
 - MCC congregation in Norfolk, Virginia – RCH;
 - unnamed Black lesbian pastor (early 1980s) – RCH;
 - Church teachings – EJ;
- The Mormon Church – JB;
- Pentecostal Holiness Church (demonination) – NP;
- Seventh-Day Adventists – JB; KO;
- Southern Baptist Church (denomination) – NP;
- 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; JC;
 - Becoming a Welcoming Congregation – LC;
- Unity Church (Roanoke) – MB3;
- Valley Word Ministries (church in Roanoke) – AR;

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;
- United Methodist Church – JC;
- position on homosexuality – JC;
- 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; NP;
The Bible – TV; JB; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH; NP;
Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC;
Bible Study classes – MB3;
Biblical literalism – R;
Buddhism- AB; RC;
Chaplains – RC;
Christianity – JB; PT; GG; M; MB2; LC; A; AB; LF; YCS; RC; RCH; AR; JC; NP; MB3;
 - 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 homosexuality – TV; PT; BM; M; LC; NK; AB; RC; MSR; AR; MB3;
Christianity and transphobia – VL;
Christian education – LC; RCH;
Christian summer camps – RCH;
 - Vacation Bible School – NP;
Christian youth groups – NP;
Church versus state – M;
Episcopalianism – RC;
Ex-gay ministries – LC;
Gay churches vs. regular churches – YCS;
Jesus communes – MB3;
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;
The Reformation Project – JB;
Relationship with nature – RJ;
Religion and sexuality – JC;
Roman Catholicism – RC;
Secular humanism – M;
Seminary – JC;
Shamanism – RC;
Spirituality / Faith – R; GG; RJ; LC; AB;
John Shelby Spong (Episcopal theologian) – MB3;
Sunday school – NP;

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;
Pete Buttigieg – NP;
Hillary Clinton – YCS;
Vice Mayor Joe Cobb (Roanoke City Councilmember) – NP;
Mayor Richard Daley (Chicago, 1960s) – EJ;
Democratic Party – DJ; DM; YCS;
- liberal / progressive politics in Roanoke – RJ;
Senator John Edwards (Virginia) – BM; NP;
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; NP;
Vice President Mike Pence (2017 – Present) – YCS;
Political campaigns – JC;
Delegate Sam Rasoul (Virginia) – BM; NP;
Republican Party – SS;
- The Tea Party (2000s – 2010s) – MB2;
Roanoke City Council – DM; MSR; JC;

Eleanor Roosevelt – KLB;
 U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders – YCS;
 Mayor Noel Taylor – MB3;
 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; JC;
 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; MSR; JC; MB3;
 - entrapment of sex workers – A;
 o Crackdown on transvestite prostitution downtown – DM; A; MGK;
 CSW;
 - relationship with the LGBTQ community – DS; JC;
 - relationships with the Black community – DM;

- involvement in crackdowns on gay cruising – RS;
 - o clearing out cruising locations in Highland Park – RS;
 - o collecting license plates of gay cruisers at Elmwood Park – DJ;
- Chief of Police (in the 1970s) – MSR;
- Chief Tim Jones (2010s) – JC;
- Vice Squad – A; MSR;
 - o sexual assault of prostitutes – A;
 - o undercover cops – MSR;

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;

Constitutional amendment to outlaw gay marriage in Virginia (2006) – NP;

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; AR;
Veteran Administration (VA) – MSR;
Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) – PT; DJ;
The Virginia Values Act (2020) – NP;
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; MSR;
 - 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;
Safe spaces – AR;
The Stonewall Uprising (1969, New York City) – EW; JB; DJ; MB; M; NP;

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;

Black Lives Matter movement (2010s) – AR;

- Trayvon Martin – AR;
- Eric Garner – AR;

Boycotts – MB2;

Charlottesville, Virginia race riot (2017) – YCS;

Cooperatives – EJ; KLB;

- Appalantic Federation of Co-Ops – EJ;
- women’s cooperatives – KLB;

Deindustrialization – NP; Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church – MB3;

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 19th century / early 20th century) – EW;
- the women’s movement (1960s – 1970s) – M; KLB;

First World versus Third World – KO;

Gentrification – DM;

The Great Depression – MB; A;

Major Hasan (Fort Hood shooter) – A;

Hippies – EJ; LC;

Immigration politics – M; MB2;

John Birch Society – KLB;

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

Ku Klux Klan – SS; NK; YCS;

March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963) – MB;

Martin Luther King, Jr. – MB;

Moral Majority – R;

Native Americans – VL;

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA; 1994) – NP;

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; AR;

Racism – PT; R; DM; GG; M; A; YCS; AR;

Reproductive rights – DM;

The Right to Die – MB;

Rural gay migration to cities – MB2;

Segregation / Integration – RW; MB; SS; DM; GG; M; MSR;

- Busing – SS;
- Housing – SS;
- Restaurants – MB;

September 11, 2001 – WC; JC; MB3;
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 buddy system – MB3;
AIDS crisis (1980s – 1990s) – GJ; EW; LB; RS; PT; BM; MB; R; DM; KLB; NK; A; MGK;
AB; CSW; LF; GB; RC; RCH; MSR; NP; MB3;
AIDS vigils and memorials – MB3;
AIDS quilt – MB; NK;
AZT (azidothymidine) (antiviral AIDS medication) – MB3;
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; MB3;
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; MB3;

- Alcoholics Anonymous – MB3;
- 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;

Depression – RC; JC; NP; MB3;

Disability – M;

Domestic abuse – RW; A; MB3;

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;

Heart attack – MSR;

Homelessness among LGBTQ people – BM; GG; AB; RC;

Hormone replacement therapy – R; CSW; RC; NP;

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; MSR;

Multiple sclerosis – A;

Narcotics Anonymous – RCH;

Pedophilia – YCS;

Pregnancy – BM; JC;

- Miscarriage – JC;

Psychotherapy / Counseling – VL; BM; R; LC; JC; GB; MSR;

- Licensed professional counselor (LPC) certification – MSR;
- Psychological treatment of homosexuality – R; LC;
- Marriage, family, and child therapy – LC; MSR; JC;

PTSD – LF;

Rape / Sexual assault – KO; PS; R; LC; A; YCS; MSR;
Running away from home – CSW;
Self-acceptance – GG;
Sex education – RC;
Social Work – GJ; MB; LC;
Stalking – JC;
Stroke – AB;
Suicide – TV; JB; BM; DM; AB; YCS; RC; NP;
Syphilis – RS;
Transgender-affirming healthcare – NP;
Work/life balance / workaholism – GG; JC;
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;
Martinsville Pride festival (2019) – NP;
Pride in the Park (Roanoke, 1990 – present)
– GJ; EW; LB; RD; WC; TV; VL; SS; PS; DM; MB2; MGK; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH; JC; NP;
- MCC church service at Pride in the Park – SS;
- At Highland Park – SS; JC;
- At Wasena Park – PS;
- At Elmwood Park – NP;
- Normalization / Mainstreaming of Pride over time – SS; NP;
- Corporate sponsorship of Pride festivals – NP;
Pride marches / Pride festivals – EW; PT; DM; NP;
Roanoke pride parade (2010s) – SS;
San Francisco Pride Parade – RW;

B. Sports / Athletics

Baseball – NP;
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; MB3;
 - Salad, Enya – MGK;
 - Vega, Coco – MGK;
 - Wilson, Carolyn Sue – MGK; AB; LF;
- Drag history – MGK;
- Drag pageantry – MGK; AB; CSW; LF; NP; MB3;
 - 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; AR; NP;
Gay cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; RC; MSR; MB3;
“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; MSR;
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; AR;
 - cyberbullying – DM;
 - hate speech online – DM; AR;
 - Impact of internet on closure of LGBT bookstores – RC;
 - social media – AB; AR;
 o Facebook – AR;
Italian-Americans – M; MSR;
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; MSR;
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;
- Cheating / having an affair – JC; MB3;
- Dating – SS; PS; GG; KLB; CSW; LF; YCS; MSR; AR; JC; MB3;
- Online dating in the gay community – DS; RS; GG; AR; MB3;
 - o Craigslist – MB3;
 - o Silver Daddies (dating website) – MB3;
 - Age differences in dating – GG;
 - In the lesbian community – KLB;
- Divorce – JB; EJ; BM; JC; MB3;
- 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; JC; MB3;
- Heterosexual marriage – EJ; JC;
 - Interracial marriage – MB;
 - Same-sex marriage / marriage equality – EW; RD; RW; DS; TV; KO; BM; PS; DM; M; AR; JC; MB3;
 - 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; NP;
- creating poly families – NP;
- 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; MSR; AR; MB3;
- Romantic relationships involving transgender people – RC;

B. Relationships with family members

- Adoption – BM; MB2; LC; NK; JC; MB3;
- African-American families and homosexuality – DM; YCS;
- Being a parent to an LGBTQ child – RW; MB;
- Choosing your own family – MB2; NP;
- 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; MSR; AR; JC; NP;
 - the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2; NK; RC; RCH; JC;
 - 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 families (chosen families) – MB2; MGK; NP;
- 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; JC; NP; MB3;
- Custody issues for gay and lesbian parents – WC;
 - Legal issues for gay and lesbian parents – BM; NK;
 - Relationship with adult children – JC; MB3;
- Relationship with family members - DM; GG; KLB; NK; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; YCS; AR;
- Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2; NK; CSW; LF; YCS; GB; RC; RCH; MSR; AR; JC; NP; MB3;
 - Relationship with stepparents – NP;
 - Relationship with grandparents – NP;
 - Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M; NK; CSW; LF;
 - Relationship with in-laws – M; MB3;

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; NP; MB3;
Friendships – AR; MB3;
“Gay” (term) – CSW; LF; RCH; MSR;
Gender roles in lesbian relationships – PS; MB2;
“Homo” (term) – NK;
Homonormativity – NP;
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; NP;
“Queer” (term) – PS; LC; KLB; MSR; MB3;

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; MSR;
- Employment /workplace discrimination against transgender people – AB;
CSW; NP;
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;
AR; NP;
- Visibility of Black LGBTQ community in Roanoke – AB;
- African American community attitudes toward homosexuality – AR;
Latinx population in Southwest Virginia – NP;
Multiracial ancestry – YCS;
The N word (term) – YCS;
Native American ancestry – YCS;
Post-racial ideology – NP;
Racial diversity within the LGBTQ community – GG;
Racial identity – YCS;
Racism within the gay community – DJ; DM;

B. Gender

Agender – NP;
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;
The “clone” look in the gay scene – MB3;
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; MB3;
 “Female illusionist” (term) – MGK;
 Femininity – BM; EJ; R; KLB; MGK; MSR; JC;
 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; NP;
 Gender identity – RW; RS; TV; VL; JB; KO; BM; EJ; R; RJ; AB; CSW; RC; NP;
 - 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; NP;
 Gender nonconforming – NP;
 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; MSR; JC; NP;
 Name changes (for transgender people) – TV; VL;
 - legal name changes – NP;
 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; JC; NP;
 - Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV; DM; AB;
 CSW; RC;
 - Coming out as trans – EJ;
 - “Trapped in the wrong body” narrative – NP;
 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; NP;

Childhood sexual development – MSR;

Cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; LF; RC; MSR; MB3;

Gay male sexual roles (topping; bottoming) – MSR;

“Homosexuality” (term) – M; MSR;

Lesbianism – BM; PS; KLB; NK; GB; AR;

Male sexuality versus female sexuality – M;

Nature vs. nurture debate with homosexuality – YCS;

Oral sex – MSR;

Pansexuality – NP;

Puberty – JC;

Rural sexuality – MSR;

Sex positivity – LC;

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

Sex work – A; MGK; CSW; LF;