

**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 Libraries.

Abbreviations

A = Anonymous
AB = Anton Black
AR = Ashley Rhame
BM = Barbara Maberry
CL = Catina Lowery
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
GSR = Gregory Samantha Rosenthal
JB = James Ernest Best, Jr.
JC = Joe Cobb
KLB = Kathryn L. Beranich
KO = Kim O'Donnell
L = Liza
LB = Larry Bly
LF = Larry Forrest
LC = Linnie Caldwell
LS = L Saunders
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
P = Price

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
SR = Shamaill Ross
SS = Sally Seagraves
TF = Tommy Feazell
TJ = Toya Jones
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;
 - Daniel Jones – TF;

Free Alliance for Individual Rights (FAIR) (1977-1978, Roanoke) – DJ;

Positive Alternative Lifestyles (PALS) (1980 – 1983, Lynchburg) – GJ; TF;

Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance (c. 1981 – 1986, Lynchburg) – GJ; PT; TF;
 - Jennings, Gerry – PS; MSR; TF;

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; TF;
 - At the Madonna House – TF;

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 Levi/Leather Club (Roanoke) (1980s?) – DS; TF;
 - Lee Cruise – TF;

Roanoke AIDS Project (c. late 1980s – 1990s) – GJ; MB3; TF;
 Friendship Bowling League (gay and lesbian bowling organization) – TF;
 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; GSR;
 - 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; GSR;
 - 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; P;
 Floyd PFLAG (c. 2008 – present) – RW; JB; KO;

Roanoke Diversity Center (2013 – present) – RS; EJ; R; GG; MB2; LC; GB; RC; RCH; NP; CL; P; GSR;

- Diversity Camp (2014-present) – RS; LC;
- Frank House (co-founder) – GSR;
- Rainbow Cinema (c. late 2010s) – RS;
- 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; SR; GSR;

Lynchburg Diversity Center (c. late 2010s) – L;

The House of Expression (2019-present) – SR; GSR;

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

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) – RCH;

Affinity Community Services (Chicago) – CL;

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 and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (Chicago) – CL;

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) – RC;

Gay Student Union (University of Virginia, Charlottesville) – GJ; M; RJ;

Gay youth groups – GG;

Highlander Center – LS;

The History Project (Boston, Massachusetts) – GSR;

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;

Lambda Legal – CL;

- Racism within the organization – CL;
- Workplace harassment – CL;

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;

Out and Equal (conference) – SR;

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

AmeriCorps – L;
Boy Scouts – JB;
Carilion (medical empire) – P;
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; SR;
- Gay men’s support group – SR;
Fashionista Roanoke – GG;
First Fridays (downtown art night in Roanoke; not to be confused with the lesbian organization First Friday) – RS;
Free Masons – NP;
Girl Scouts – EW; RC;
Housing Connections – CL;
The Humble Hustle Co. (organization in Roanoke) – AR;
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;
SARA Roanoke (sexual assault response organization) – P;
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 – early 1980s, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RD; PT; DJ; MGK;
CSW; LF; MSR; MB3; TF;

- “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; GSR; TF;

The Horoscope (c. 1975 – 1978, dance club, Roanoke) – DJ; MGK; CSW; MSR; GSR;
TF;

- and Black clientele – CSW;

Nite & Day (c. 1977 – 1979, restaurant, Roanoke) – RD; DJ; GSR;

- Lucky – GSR;

Murphy’s (c. 1978 – 1979, dance club, Roanoke) – GJ; PT; DJ; MGK; CSW; MSR;
MB3; GSR; TF;

- Becoming a Black straight dance club afterward (maybe early 1980s?) – MB3;
- Martin’s – GSR;

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; SR; GSR; L; TF;

- 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; L;

Backstreet Café (c. 1982 – 2017, bar, Roanoke)

– GJ; EW; DS; RS; DJ; DM; GG; MB2; A; YCS; NP; GSR;

- Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS; DM; MB2; A; RC;
RCH; JC; P; SR; LS; TF;
 - o Annual vigils afterwards – JC;
 - o Danny Overstreet – TF;
 - 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; TF;

- Ronald Edward Gay – DS; A; TF;
 - Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;
 - Survivors’ suicides – TF;
 - The Front Row (2017 -) – GSR;
- 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;
- Morning Brew Coffee Company (2010s – present) – TJ;

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

- 216 (club in Charlottesville, Virginia) – MGK;
- Broadway Café (lesbian gathering spot in Richmond) – TF;
- Café Lafitte in Exile (New Orleans, LA) – MSR;
- The Cha Cha Club (gay bar in Richmond) – TF;
- 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;
- Locklands (gay bar in Richmond) – TF;
- 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; TF;
- 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 queer community – EW; LS; L;
- Queer farming community – LS; L;
- 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; TF;
 - as gay ghetto – MSR;
 - gay men’s involvement in rehabilitating homes – MSR;
- Out Word Connections (bookstore) – RC;
- Roanoke City Market – DM; MGK; CSW; LF; GSR;
 - 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;
- Rural communities – LS; L;
 - building queer community – L;
 - Experiences of queer youth in rural areas – LS;
 - Rural queer activism – LS;
 - Queer farmers – LS;
 - small-town economies – L;
 - social networks – L;
 - Trump Country – L;
 - Walmart – L;
- 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 – MGK
- Birmingham, Alabama – P;
- 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 – LF; CL; ;
 - Andersonville – CL;
 - Boystown – CL;
- College Station, Texas gay scene (late 1970s) – PS;
- 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 – NP; P; SR;
- Honolulu, Hawai‘i – GSR;
- Jacksonville, North Carolina – 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; GSR;
 - Brooklyn, New York – GSR;
 - 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; TF;
 - 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; TJ;
 - DuPont Circle – KO; TJ;
 - 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;
 Beamer’s – GSR;
 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; GSR;
 Black-owned businesses – AR;
 Blacksburg, Virginia – MSR; LS;
 Blue Ridge Parkway – RJ;
 Buchanan, Virginia – TF;
 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; CL;
 CoLab (co-working space in Roanoke, Virginia) – GSR;
 Community Hospital – KLB; A;
 Community Inn (Grandin Village, Roanoke) – WC;
 Corned Beef & Co. (bar in Roanoke) – MB2; GSR;
 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 – JB; LS;
 - Mardi Gras celebration – JB;
 - Artist community – LS;
 FloydFest – MB2;
 Franklin County, Virginia – SR;
 Gainsboro (neighborhood in Northwest Roanoke) – AR;
 - Henry Street (Gainsboro) – LF;
 Giles County, VA – MB3;
 Goodwill (thrift store) – GB;
 Grand Home Furnishings – M;
 Grandin Theater – TF;
 - Miss Grandin Theater competition – TF;
 Grandin Village – MB2; Harrisonburg, Virginia – PS;
 - lack of gay community in the 1960s and 1970s – PS;
 Heironimus (department store in Roanoke, Virginia) – RD; TF;
 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; TF;
 - 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;
- Maysville, Kentucky – L;
- McAlister’s Deli (restaurant at Towers, Roanoke) – BM;
- Miller & Rhoads (department store) – TF;
- Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea – MB2;
- Mill Mountain Theater – MB2;
- Miss Tonies (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM; MGK;
- Monument Avenue (Richmond) – TF;
 - Removal of Confederate monuments – TF;
- 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;
- Pulaski, Virginia – CL;
- 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 Libraries – DJ; PS; AR; GSR;
- Roanoke Regional Airport – TV;
- Roanoke Rescue Mission – LB;
- The Roanoke Theater – RD;
- Roanoke County Women’s Club – KLB; NK;

Salem, Virginia – BM; RC; MB3; TF;
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;
Stritesky’s Florist (Roanoke) – TF;
Taubman Art Museum – TJ;
Thalhimers (department store) – TF;
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

Alabama – P;
Atlanta, Georgia – AR; JC; TJ;
Charlottesville, Virginia – TJ;
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;
London, England – LS;
Los Angeles, California – KLB;
Mount Airy, North Carolina – NP;
New Jersey – AR;
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – NP;
The Philippines – SR;
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;
San Diego, California – SR;
Sanford, North Carolina – SS;
 - presence of KKK – SS;

Schenectady, New York – GSR;
Southside Virginia – MSR;
- La Crosse, Virginia – MSR;
- Marengo, Virginia – MSR;
Toronto, Canada – YCS;
Tucson, Arizona – LS;
Ventura, California – RCH;
Virginia Beach, Virginia – TJ;
Walt Disney World – AR;
Winchester, Virginia – R;
Wichita, Kansas – JC;

3. Media

A. LGBTQ publications in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order

Big Lick Gayzette (Roanoke, 1971) – GJ; DJ;
Virginia Gayzette (Roanoke, 1972, 1978) – DJ;
PALS Newsletter (1980-1983) - TF;
Blue Ridge Lambda Press (Lynchburg, then Roanoke, 1983 – 2008) – GJ; PT; RCH;
MSR; TF;
- “pink pages” – TF;
- Willy Waltzer (pseudonymous column in the *Blue Ridge Lambda Press*) – TF;
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; TF;
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; TJ;
 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

102 Jamz (Greensboro, NC radio station) – SR;
 “Cooking Cheap” (nationally-syndicated television show produced in Roanoke)
 (1981-2002) – LB;
 - the ‘Cook Sisters’ (a segment performed in drag on the show) – LB;
 Journalism – LS;
 - The place of women and femmes in journalism – LS;
 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, 2019-2020) – 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

Angelina Jolie – LS;
Anna Nicole (television personality) – KLB;
Bette Midler – KLB;
Beverly Hillbillies (television show) – DM;
Caitlyn Jenner – R; GG;
Chicago MD (Television show) – YCS;
Daniel Boone – P;
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; LS;
Ethel Merman – DM;
Family Ties (television show) – AB;
Filmmaking – LS;
- Documentary filmmaking – LS;
Genderqueer (documentary film) – RC;
Gone with the Wind (film, 1939) – DS;
I Dream of Genie (television show) – KLB;
Judith Light – KLB;
Katy Perry – LS;
- “I Kissed a Girl” (song) – LS;
Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (film) – LS;
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;
Nightline (television show) – TF;
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;
Star Trek (television series) – P;
Television industry – KLB;
 - Television commercials – LS;
To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar (film) – TF;
Transparent (television show) – KLB;
True Hollywood Story (television show) – KLB;
Queer as Folk (television show) – NP;

E. Visual arts

Costume design (for drag pageantry) – TF;
Gay art / erotic art – TF;
Photography – LS;
 - Appalachian photography – LS;
 - Documentary photography – LS;
 - Gilles Peress (photographer) – LS;
 - Julie Rae Powers (photographer) – LS;
 - Roger May (photographer) – LS;

F. Music & Performing Arts & Literary Arts

African American LGBTQ people in media, representations of – YCS;
Alok Vaid-Menon – L;
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;
 Opera Roanoke – TF;
 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;
 The Roots (musical group) – SR;
 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 & Work

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;
Christiansburg Industrial Institute – CL;
Dearington Elementary School (Lynchburg) – PT;
Dunbar High School (Lynchburg) – PT;
Fairview Elementary school – SR;
Ferrum College – PT; R; DM; LF; SR;
- lack of diversity – SR;
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;
Huff Lane Intermediate School (Roanoke) – TJ;
Jefferson High School – DJ; DM;
Lakewood Junior High School (Lynchburg, Virginia) – PT;
Liberty University – R; TF;
Lincoln Terrace Elementary School – DM;
Lucy Addison Middle School – SR;

Montgomery County school district – EJ; CL;
 - policy on transgender students – EJ;
 North Cross school (Roanoke) – A;
 Patrick Henry High School – DM; GG; A; SR;
 Radford University – SS; PS; LC; MSR; SR;
 - 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; GSR:
 - Fintel Library – MB2;
 - CUPS coffeeshop on campus – MB2;
 Salem High School – TF;
 School integration (in Southwest Virginia in the 1960s and 1970s) – GJ; PT; DJ; DM;
 CSW; CL; TF;
 - busing – PT; SR;
 Virginia Episcopal School (college preparatory school in Lynchburg) – PT;
 - homosexuality among the students – PT;
 Virginia Heights elementary school (Roanoke) – A; TJ;
 Virginia Tech – PS; LC; NK; GB; MSR; NP; MB3; CL; SR; L;
 - 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;
 - Lambda Horizons (Virginia Tech gay student group, 1980s) – TF;
 - LGBTQ at Virginia Tech (organization) – L;
 - 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; SR;
 Woodrow Wilson Junior High School (Roanoke) – AB;
 Wytheville High School – CL;

B. Schools, college, and universities outside of Southwest Virginia

Bates College (Lewiston, Maine) – GSR;
 Bridgewater College – M; RJ;
 - Pride Week celebration (2010s) – M;
 - Gay student union (2010s) – M;
 Bristol High School (Bristol, Tennessee) – VL;
 CalArts (the California Institute for the Arts) – GSR;
 Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio) – MB;
 DePaul University (Chicago) – CL;
 Divine Savior High School (Milwaukee) – KLB;
 Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) – SR;
 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;
 North Park University (Chicago) – CL;
 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;
 Union College (Schenectady, New York) – GSR;
 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; TF;
- Queerness among the student body – TF;
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; P;
Children coming out in schools – YCS;
Discussion of gay issues in class – LS; L;
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;
Racism in public schools in Virginia – CL;
Student loan debt – YCS;

D. Areas of Study & Research

Arts management – MB2;
Biology – RJ;
Choir – TF;
Cosmetology – YCS;
Gay and Lesbian Studies – KLB;
History – PS; GSR;
- Appalachian histories of resistance – LS;
 o Coal miners' wars – LS;
- Black History – MB3; CL;
 o Black History Month – MB3;
- Lesbian herstory – PS; KLB; NK;
- Women's history – PS;

- LGBTQ history – RCH; NP; GSR;
 - o and whiteness – GSR;
 - o generational conflict – GSR;
- LGBT literature – RCH; NP;
- Library Science – M;
- Music – GSR;
- Sociology – PS; RJ; MSR;
 - Rural sociology – PS;
 - Sociology of food use – PS;
 - Sociology of religion – MSR;
- Student teaching – RC;
- Trans studies – GSR;
- Treatment of homosexuality in scholarly research – M; MB2;
- Women’s Studies – PS; KLB;

E. Occupations

- Custodial work – TF;
- Farming – L;
 - Flower farming – L;
 - Horses – L;
 - Land privilege / Land sharing – L;
 - Farming as a queer space – L;
 - #QueerFarmers (hashtag) – L;
- Fashion industry – GG; TF;
 - Tim Gunn – GG;
 - Andre Leon Talley – GG;
 - LGBTQ people in the fashion industry – GG;
 - Modeling – GG;
- Gardening – L;
 - Home gardening – L;
 - Food security in rural Appalachia – L;
- Housekeeping – CSW;
- Interior decoration – RD; TF;
- Types of employment available to gay men – TF;
 - Window dressing – TF;
 - Hairdressing – TF;
 - Florists – TF;
 - Interior design – TF;
- Work/life balance / workaholism – GG; JC; TJ;
- Youth unemployment – BM;

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;

First Baptist Church (downtown Roanoke) – BM;

Jerry Falwell – PT; R; MB2; RCH; TF;

- 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; TF;

- Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge (Roanoke) (1986 – present) – EW; TV; BM; EJ; SS; MB2; RJ; LC; CSW; GB; RC; RCH; JC; MB3; P; SR; GSR; TF;
 - 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; P;
 - o approach to atheists / non-believers – RJ;
 - o Rev. Joe Cobb – MB2; LC; GSR;
 - o Richard Ward III – RCH;
 - o food pantry – RCH;
- Metropolitan Community Church in Winston, North Carolina(?) – JB;
- MCC congregation in Richmond, VA – MB3;
- MCC congregation in Norfolk, Virginia – RCH;
 - o unnamed Black lesbian pastor (early 1980s) – RCH;
- Church teachings – EJ;

The Mormon Church – JB;

Neff Powell (Episcopal Archbishop) – TF;

Pentecostal Holiness Church (denomination) – NP; TJ;

Presbyterianism – TF;

- Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church – MB3;

Seventh-Day Adventists – JB; KO;

Southern Baptist Church (denomination) – NP; P; TF;

The Society of Friends / Quakers – EW; JB; KO; CL;

- in Roanoke, Virginia – EW;
- in Floyd, Virginia – JB; KO;
- Testimony of Equality – EW;

St. James Episcopal Church (Roanoke) – DJ;
St. John’s Episcopal Church (Roanoke) – TF;
Unitarian Universalists – MB;
 - Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke – VL; MB; LC; JC; GSR;
 - 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; P;
Baptism – P;
Baptist (denomination) – RCH;
 - Southern Baptist – PT; RCH; NP;
The Bible – TV; JB; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH; NP; TF;
Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC; TF;
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; P; TJ; SR;
TF;
 - Christian saints – RC;
 - Evangelicalism – M;
 - God – PT; R; GG; RJ; LC; A; YCS; RCH; RC;
 - Hell - TJ;

- The Jesus Movement (1960s-1970s) – LC;
- Sin – YCS; TF;

Christianity and homosexuality – TV; PT; BM; M; LC; NK; AB; RC; MSR; AR; MB3; P; TJ; TF;

Christianity and transphobia – VL; TJ;

Christian education – LC; RCH;

Christian summer camps – RCH;

- Vacation Bible School – NP;

Christian youth groups – NP;

Church versus state – M;

Episcopalians – RC; TF;

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;

Puritanism – TF;

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; TJ;

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; TF;
 2016 Presidential Election – TV; DJ; EJ; NK; YCS;
 - Ted Cruz – TV;
 2020 Presidential Election – YCS;
 U.S. Representative Michele Bachman – JB;
 U.S. President Joe Biden (2021 –) – YCS; P; L; TF;
 Bill Bestpitch (Roanoke City Councilmember) – MB;
 Joel Burns (Fort Worth, Texas City Councilmember) – JB;
 U.S. President George W. Bush (2001 – 2009) – GSR;
 Pete Buttigieg – NP;
 Hillary Clinton – YCS;
 Joe Cobb (Roanoke City Councilmember, 2018 -) – NP; SR;
 Mayor Richard Daly (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 –) – BM;
 Governor Bob McDonald (Virginia) – MB2;
 U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell – TF;
 U.S. President Barack Obama (2009 – 2017) – MB2; LC; CSW; YCS; NP;
 U.S. Vice President Mike Pence (2017 – 2021) – 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;
 U.S. President Donald Trump (2017 - 2021) – EJ; M; MB2; AB; CSW; YCS; LS; L;
 - Anti-LGBTQ politics under Trump administration – AB;
 - Family separation policy at U.S.-Mexico border – YCS;
 - “Make America Great Again” slogan – YCS;
 - border wall with Mexico – YCS;
 - rise in hate crimes since Trump was elected – MB2;
 - travel ban (2017) – M; 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; CL;

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; SR;

- 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; TF;
 - 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 (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; SR;
- service in Norfolk, Virginia – RD;
The Vietnam War (1955 – 1975) – GJ; LB; GSR;
- Anti-war demonstrations – GJ; GSR;
- Service in the U.S. army – LB;
War in Afghanistan (2001 – 2021) – GSR;
War in Iraq (2003 – 2011) – GSR;
The War on Terror – GSR;

D. Government institutions, legislation, and policy

Charlotte, North Carolina bathroom ordinance (2016) – WC;
Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation – TF;
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’s ‘bathroom bill’, 2016) - EJ; MB; DM; NK;
Heighra House (drug program in Virginia) – A;
Lawrence v. Texas (2003 Supreme Court decision) – CL;
National Endowment for the Arts – MB2;
Roe v. Wade (1973 Supreme Court decision) – DM; CL; TF;
Social Security Administration – M;
- Social Security benefits – GB;
Sodomy laws / criminalization of homosexuality – RJ;
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; food stamps) – L;
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;
Obergefell v. Hodges (2015 Supreme Court decision) – M; AR;
Veteran Administration (VA) – MSR;
Virginia Alcoholic Beverages Control (ABC) board – PT; DJ; TF;
- “known homosexual” language – TF;
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; P; SR;
- Southern queer movements – LS;
- uses of violence – MB;
Harvey Milk – EW; WC; RCH;
Matthew Shepard – RS; AB; RCH; SR;
Millennium March on Washington (2000) – MB;
Pulse nightclub shooting (2016) – AB; YCS; TF;
Safe spaces – AR;
The Stonewall Uprising (1969, New York City) – EW; JB; DJ; MB; M; NP; CL;
- and whiteness – CL;

B. Other social movements, issues, and national events

American Civil Liberties Union – CL;
Anarchism – GSR;
Animal rights – GSR;
- and racist literature – GSR;
Anti-pipeline activism – LS;
Anne Frank – M;
Anti-war movement (late 1960s / early 1970s) – GJ; RW; DJ; EJ; LC; KLB; GSR;
Banksy – JB;
Black freedom movement / Civil Rights movement – EW; RW; MB; DM; KLB; CL; TF;

- Black Power – KLB;
- Church Women United – TF;
- Exclusion of gay people – CL;
- police brutality against African Americans (1950s-1960s) – DM;
- the Reconstruction era (1865-1877) – EW;

Black Lives Matter movement (2013-2020s) – AR; CL;

- Trayvon Martin – AR;
- Eric Garner – AR;
- George Floyd – CL; GSR;

Boycotts – MB2;

Cooperatives – EJ; KLB;

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

The COVID-19 pandemic (2020-2021) – CL; P; GSR;

Deindustrialization – NP

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; CL;
 - o Exclusion of Black women – CL;
- #MeToo movement – LS;

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; CL;

Leftism – GSR;

- and whiteness – GSR;

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. – MB; TJ; TF;

Moral Majority – R;

NAACP – CL;

Native Americans / Indigenous peoples – VL; L;

- Land acknowledgement – L;
- Land back movement – L;
 - o Land Back tax – L;
- Settler colonialism – L;
- Tutelo people (indigenous people of Southwest Virginia) – L;

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; CL; L; TF;
 Reparations – L;
 - For indigenous peoples – L;
 Reproductive rights – DM;
 The Right to Die – MB;
 Rural gay migration to cities – MB2;
 Russian invasion of Ukraine (2022) – TF;
 - Treatment of gay people in Russia – TF;
 Segregation / Integration – RW; MB; SS; DM; GG; M; MSR; CL; TF;
 - Busing – SS; SR;
 - Housing – SS;
 - Massive resistance (to integration) – CL;
 - Restaurants – MB;
 September 11, 2001 – WC; JC; MB3; P; GSR;
 Sexism / misogyny – RJ;
 - in the workplace – RJ;
 - wage discrimination – RJ;
 Slavery – A;
 Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) – EJ;
 Tenant issues – RJ;
 - slumlords – RJ;
 Transformative justice – L;
 - Accountability practices – L;
 “Unite The Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia (2017) – YCS; CL;
 U.S. Capitol insurrection (2021) – CL;
 U.S. Civil War (1861-1865) – PS; KLB; CL;
 - The Confederacy – TF;
 - Robert E. Lee – TF;
 White supremacy – R; YCS; TF;
 - Neo-Nazis – CL;
 - 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;
HIV/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; P; LS; TF;
AIDS vigils and memorials – MB3;
AIDS quilt – MB; NK;
AZT (azidothymidine) (antiviral AIDS medication) – MB3;
Biphobia and AIDS – P;
Generational differences in responses to AIDS – MGK;
On being HIV-positive – MGK;
- treatment by medical professionals – MGK; TF;
- treatment by others in the gay community – MGK;
- Care for people living with HIV – RC; MB3; TF;
HIV testing – RC;
Lack of government response to AIDS crisis – NK;
Lesbian responses to AIDS – EW; NK; GB; P;
Magic Johnson – RS;
Lansing, Michigan AIDS network – EW;
Safe sex / Safer sex – BM; NK; MGK; RC; P;
- condoms – BM; MGK;
Stigma for LGBT people – R; P;
The Ryan White Fund / Ryan White – LB; DS; RS; BM;

B. Other health issues and conditions

Abortion – DM; MB2; TF;
Acne – P;
Aging – DM; M; CSW; P;
Agoraphobia – AB; P;
Alcoholism – PS; LC; LF; GB; MB3; TF;
- Alcoholics Anonymous – MB3; P;
o Gay Alcoholics Anonymous – P;
- 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;
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) – LS;
Cancer – AB; GB;
Childhood trauma – LC;
Depression – RC; JC; NP; MB3;

Disability – M;
 Domestic abuse – RW; A; MB3;
 Drug use – RD; BM; A; AB; P; TF;
 - Cocaine – BM;
 - Crack cocaine – MGK;
 - Drug rehab programs – P;
 - Heroin – P;
 - Marijuana – P;
 - Narcotics Anonymous – P;
 - Poppers (amyl nitrate) – BM;
 DSM (psychology manual) – GSR;
 Gambling – RD;
 The ‘gay gene’ – TF;
 Gender confirmation surgery (sex reassignment surgery) - VL; R; RJ; CSW; RC; P;
 Top surgery (for trans men) – P;
 Gun violence – CSW;
 Heart attack – MSR;
 Homelessness among LGBTQ people – BM; GG; AB; RC;
 Hormone replacement therapy – R; CSW; RC; NP; P;
 - Testosterone – P;
 Hunger – AB;
 Incest – YCS; TF;
 Intersex conditions – TV; KO;
 Isolation – RC;
 - rural isolation – GB;
 JoAnn Loulan (writer and sex therapist) – NK;
 LGBTQ youth issues – JB; LF; GB;
 Lobotomy – TF;
 Mental Health – MB2; AB; LF; MSR;
 Multiple sclerosis – A;
 Narcotics Anonymous – RCH;
 Pathologization of transness – GSR;
 Pedophilia – YCS;
 Pregnancy – BM; JC;
 - Miscarriage – JC;
 Psychotherapy / Counseling – VL; BM; R; LC; JC; GB; MSR; SR; GSR;
 - Licensed professional counselor (LPC) certification – MSR;
 - Psychological treatment of homosexuality – R; LC;
 - Marriage, family, and child therapy – LC; MSR; JC;
 Psych ward – P;
 PTSD – LF;
 Rape / Sexual assault – KO; PS; R; LC; A; YCS; MSR; P; TF;
 - Experiences of transgender people – P;
 Running away from home – CSW;
 Self-acceptance – GG;
 Self-care – TJ;

Sex education – RC;
Sexual Harassment – SR;
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) – P; TF;
 Syphilis – RS;
Social Work – GJ; MB; LC;
Stalking – JC;
Stroke – AB;
Suicide – TV; JB; BM; DM; AB; YCS; RC; NP; P;
Transgender-affirming healthcare – NP;
Veganism – GSR;

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; TF:
 - At Wasena Park (c. 1990-1996) – PS; TF;
 - At Highland Park (c. 1997-2003) – SS; JC;
 - At Elmwood Park (c. 2003-2019) – NP;
 - Corporate sponsorship of Pride festivals – NP;
 - Gay auction (to raise money for Pride) – TF;
 - MCC church service at Pride in the Park – SS;
 - Normalization / Mainstreaming of Pride over time – SS; NP;
Pride flag – L;
 - Progress Pride flag (c. 2018) – L;
Pride marches / Pride festivals – EW; PT; DM; NP; TJ; SR; LS;
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;
Trans women in competitive sports – P;
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; TF;
- Chow, Purina – MGK;
- Cruise, Lee – MGK;
- Grant, Stephanie – MGK;
- Hart, Laura – MGK;
- O’Hara, Neely – MGK;
- Hartberger, Roger – 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; TF;
Drag history – MGK;
Drag pageantry – MGK; AB; CSW; LF; NP; MB3;
- Miss Gay Roanoke (female impersonation competition; started in mid-1970s)
– PT; MGK; CSW; TF;
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; L;
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 tourism in the United States – KO;
Guerilla Gay Bar – GSR;
Hiking – RJ;
Hunting – MGK;
Increasing homogeneity of LGBTQ community – RC;
Internet (role in the LGBTQ community) – EJ; DM; RCH; RC; AR; P; SR; GSR; L;
 - cyberbullying – DM;
 - hate speech online – DM; AR;
 - Impact of internet on closure of LGBT bookstores – RC;
 - social media – AB; AR; GSR; L;
 o Facebook – AR; L;
 o Hashtags – L;
 o Instagram – L;
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; P;
Subjectivity / Intersubjectivity – RC;
Terminology – M;
Travel – GB; TJ;
 - Europe – JB;
 - Japan – LC;

- Nepal – KO;
 - Passports – TJ;
- Volunteering / Community service – SS; GG; MB2; GB; CL;
- 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; SR; GSR;
- 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; P;
- Divorce within the LGBTQ community – BM;
- Domesticity – LC;
- The “Down low” / “DL” (men who are secretly having sex with other men) – RS; LF; TF;
- Interracial dating – DM; A;
- Interracial sexual attraction – R;
- Lesbian relationships – GB;
- Long-distance relationships – YCS; GB; L;
- Long-term relationships – RJ;
- Marriage – DM; M; MB2; AB; JC; MB3; GSR;
- 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; CL; SR; LS; TF;
 - o Legal and financial benefits for couples – M;
 - o Same-sex weddings – M;
 - o and whiteness – CL;
 - 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; TF;
- Gay love vs. straight love – TF;
 - Romantic relationships involving transgender people – RC;

B. Relationships with family members

Adoption – BM; MB2; LC; NK; JC; MB3;

- LGBTQ adoption & families – CL; TJ;
 - o Rates among LGBTQ people of color – CL;

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; TJ; GSR; L; TF;

- the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2; NK; RC; RCH; JC; P; TF;
- in Black families vs. white families – YCS; TJ;

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 stepchildren – TF;

Relationship with family members

- DM; GG; KLB; NK; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; YCS; AR; P; TJ; SR;

- Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2; NK; CSW; LF; YCS; GB; RC; RCH; MSR; AR; JC; NP; MB3; P; TJ; L; TF;
- Relationship with stepparents – NP;
- Relationship with grandparents – NP; SR;
- Relationship with nieces and nephews – TJ;
- Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M; NK; CSW; LF; SR; TF;
- Relationship with in-laws – M; MB3; TF;

C. Relationships within the LGBTQ community

Ageism within the gay community – DM; GG; LF;
Biphobia within the LGBTQ community – KLB; NK; L;
Class differences among gay men – TF;
Cliques within Roanoke’s gay community – MGK;
Divisions within Roanoke’s LGBTQ community – RCH;
- The dominance of white gay men in LGBTQ organizing and spaces – CL; GSR;
Friendships – AR; MB3; TJ;
- Female friendships – CL;
Gender roles in lesbian relationships – PS; MB2;
Generational differences in LGBTQ communities – SR;
Homonormativity – NP;
Labels within the queer community (including the LGBTQ+ acronym, in its various forms) – RS;
- “Baby gay” (term) – SR;
- “Dyke” (term) – CL; P;
- “Faggot” (term) – MGK; YCS; NP; MB3; P; LS;
- “Gay” (term) – CSW; LF; RCH; MSR; L;
- “Homo” (term) – NK;
- “Lesbian” (term) – PS; NK; RCH;
- “LGBT”; “LGBTQ” (terms) – NK; LF; CL; P; SR; GSR;
- “Pride” (term) – GSR;
- “Sissy” (term) – CSW;
- “Stud” (term) – SR;
- “Queer” (term) – PS; LC; KLB; MSR; MB3; GSR; LS; L; TF;
Lack of lesbian participation in Roanoke’s bar scene – DJ;
Metronormativity – GSR;
Misogyny within the gay community – EW; TF;
Relationships between gay men and lesbians – DM; LC; KLB; NK; GB; TF;
Self-hating among gays and lesbians – JB;
Transgender community in Roanoke – AB;
Transphobia within the gay and lesbian community – DJ; TV; VL; MB; NP;

D. Relationships with straight / cisgender communities

Allies/Allyship – NK; AB; RC; LS; L;
Conversion therapy – RW;
Discrimination against gay customers – MB2;
LGBTQ issues in the workplace – WC; RS; SS; MB2; RJ; KLB; RC; SR;
- Coming out in the workplace – SS; PS; YCS; MSR;

- Employment /workplace discrimination against LGBTQ people, especially trans people – AB; CSW; NP; CL; P;
 - LGBTQ workplace advocacy – SR;
- 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; GSR; LS;
- 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; L;
 Rednecks / the term “redneck” – VL; EJ; R; RJ; LS; TF;
 Relationships with neighbors – CSW;
 Relationships with straight people – GG; RJ; L;
- 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;
 Straight girls kissing – LS;
 Tenant issues for gay couples – RJ;
 Transphobia – TV; VL; P;
- Deadnaming – P;
- Violence against LGBTQ people – WC; BM; NK; A; AB; CSW; YCS; RC; SR; TF;
- “gay bashing” – BM; YCS; TF;
 - Violence against transgender persons – WC; VL; SR;

11. Identity

A. Race

- African American LGBT experiences – PT; DJ; R; DM; GG; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;
 YCS; AR; NP; CL;
- Visibility of Black LGBTQ community in Roanoke – AB;
 - African American community attitudes toward homosexuality – AR;
- Anti-Asian racism – CL;
 Biracial people – CL;
 Emotional labor (educating people about race) – CL;
 History of African Americans in Southwest Virginia – CL;
 Intersectionality – CL;
- of race, gender, and sexuality in the Black lesbian experience – CL;

Latinx population in Southwest Virginia – NP;
 “Mulatto” (term) – CL;
 Multiracial ancestry – YCS;
 The N word (term) – YCS; CL;
 Native American ancestry – YCS;
 “Negro” (term) – CL;
 Post-racial ideology – NP;
 Racial diversity within the LGBTQ community – GG;
 Racial identity – YCS;
 Racism within the gay community – DJ; DM; CL; TF;
 Experiences of people of color in LGBTQ spaces – SR;
 White guilt – GSR;
 White privilege – CL; GSR;
 - LGBTQ people and white supremacy – GSR;
 - White gay privilege – CL; t
 “White trash” (term) – TF;

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;
 GSR;
 - As a child – R; CSW;
 - Feelings of shame around it – EJ;
 - on men’s desire to cross dress – MGK;
 - Transvestic fetishism – GSR;
 - wearing mother’s clothes – GSR;
 “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; TF;
 Gender and children’s toys – MGK; CL; P; TF;
 Gender dysphoria – RC; P; GSR;
 Gender expression – PS; KLB; NK; LS;
 - butch/femme – PS; KLB; NK; MGK; P; SR;
 o “butch” among gay men – TF;

- 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; L;

- 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 nonconforming – NP;

Gender performativity – GSR;

Gender roles – RJ;

Genderqueer – EJ; RC; L;

G.I. Joe dolls – MGK;

“Girl” (term) – L;

Interplay between drag personas and trans identities – AB;

“Lady” (term) – L;

Masculinity – VL; JB; EJ; R; NK; AB; MSR; JC; NP; SR;

Name changes (for trans & non-binary people) – TV; VL; P; LS;

- legal name & gender marker changes – NP; P;

Non-binary – EJ; NP; P; L;

- Dealing with gendered language and terms – L;

Passing (when a transgender person “passes” as cisgender) – TV; VL; EJ; MGK;

Pronouns – TV; CSW; L;

- “They” – L;

“Queen” (term) – TF;

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;

Tomboy – CL; P; SR;

Transgender communities – P;

Transgender issues – WC; TV; KO; PT; EJ; MB; R; DM; RJ; LC; AB; CSW; RC; JC; NP; P; GSR;

- Coming out as trans – EJ;
- generational divides among trans communities – GSR;
- Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV; DM; AB; CSW; RC; P;
- Second Puberty – P;
- “Trapped in the wrong body” narrative – NP;

Transgender youth – RW; GSR;

Transitioning – TV; BM; EJ; MB; R; AB; RC; P;

- Transitioning (FTM) – BM; MB; R;
- Transitioning (MTF) – EJ; MB; R;

Trans men – AB; P;

Binders (for trans men) – AB;
Transsexuality – MB; R; NK; P;
- Transsexuality vs. transvestitism – R;
Two-Spirit people – LC; RC;

C. Sexuality

BDSM – DS; RS;
Bisexuality – EW; EJ; KLB; NK; LF; NP; SR; L;
- Straight passing – L;
Childhood sexual development – MSR;
Cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; LF; RC; MSR; MB3; P;
Femme4Femme – LS;
Gay male sexual roles (topping; bottoming) – MSR;
Heterosexuality – GSR;
- Compulsory heterosexuality – GSR;
“Homosexuality” (term) – M; MSR;
Lesbianism – BM; PS; KLB; NK; GB; AR; CL; P; SR; GSR;
- Lesbian sex – SR;
- Trans lesbianism – GSR;
Male sexuality versus female sexuality – M;
Nature vs. nurture debate with homosexuality – YCS;
Oral sex – MSR;
Pansexuality – NP;
Pornography – RS; MSR; GSR;
- Lesbian pornography – GSR;
- Online pornography – GSR;
Puberty – JC; SR; GSR;
Public sex – P;
Rural sexuality – MSR;
Sex positivity – LC;
Sexual orientation diversity within the transgender community – TV; VL;
Sex work – A; MGK; CSW; LF;