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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title:
Pauline Layton papers, 1967-1999

Collection Number:
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Creator:
Pauline Layton

Quantity:
0.5 cubic ft.

Forms of Material:
Manuscripts, clippings, pamphlets and other published materials, videos.

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Abstract:

Language:
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE
Pauline Layton is a native Ithacan who studied mathematics at Cornell, but later became a musician, writer, and videographer. Member of Cornell's Student Homophile League, 1968-1970; member of University of Massachusetts at Amherst Student Homophile League, 1970-1972; attended meetings of Cornell's GayPAC, 1979-1981. Used local Public Access Television facilities to produce informative programming about AIDS-related services and also to campaign for local legislation in support of gay equal rights in housing and employment.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION
The collection contains documents from and reflections on the creation and early years of Cornell's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered student groups and the Cornell Women's Studies Program (1968-1981), plus pamphlets, articles, bibliographies and other ephemeral publications expressing views of the women's, sexual liberation, and gay liberation movements of the late 1960's and 1970's. The collection also contains Layton's reflections on her own gender and sexual identity, including "A personal history in bi-gender mode," written 1998; pieces about transvestism and transsexualism written as she joined a bisexual support group in 1981; and an unsent letter to Janice Raymond, author of The Transsexual Empire. Also, videos of programs produced by Layton and Ben Curtis for local cable television concerning the AIDS crisis in Tompkins County, and Local Law C, which passed in December 1991, and which included sexual orientation among the characteristics that could not be discriminated against in housing, credit, and employment. This show was produced to inform the public and allay fears about the law before a public hearing held in November. A 1999 essay on teasing, gay-baiting, and violence among school children, including thoughts on the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colorado.

SUBJECTS
Names:
Layton, Pauline.
Curtis, Ben.
Cornell University. Women's Studies Program.
Cornell University. Cornell Gay Liberation.
Cornell University. Student Homophile League.
Cornell University. Gay People at Cornell.
Cornell University--Students.
Cornell University--Societies, etc.
Cornell University. Gay People's Center.

Subjects:
AIDS (Disease)--Study and teaching.
Bisexuality.
Bullying.
Gay college students--Societies, etc.
Gays--Societies, etc.
Gender identity.
Hate crimes--United States.
Homophobia.
Homosexuality.
Lesbians--Societies, etc.
Transsexualism.
Transvestism.

Places:
Ithaca (N.Y.)--Politics and government.

INFORMATION FOR USERS
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Series II. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Collections Box 1
Series III. Videos Videos 377, 378

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1967-1977: Physiology of sex

Series II. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Collections

1969-1970: Personal writings; correspondence: notes

1966-1980: Clippings important to Student Homophile League history

1968-1969: Homophile League constitutions; SHL newsletters and handouts

1968-1969: Homophile League table handouts; Society for Individual Rights Pocket Lawyer handed out by Dr. Frank Kameny

1969: Abbreviations SHL

1976: James pamphlets packet; U.Mass SHL

1975: Gay items; "Why People Didn't Like Jerry Moldenhauer"; personal writings

1972-1978: Magazine articles

1970-1973: Comic strips

1973-1979: Transvestism and transsexualism

1980-1998: Transvestism and transsexualism, etc.

1998: Personal history in a bi-gender mode

Series III. Videos

Programs produced by Layton and Ben Curtis for local cable television
concerning the AIDS crisis in Tompkins County, and Local Law C, which passed in December 1991.