

Guide to the Christie Young Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Young, Christie, 1956-
Title:	Christie Young Papers
ID:	MS-00350
Date [inclusive]:	1982 to 2011
Physical Description:	0.65 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	<p>The Christie Young Papers are comprised of Young's personal papers, journals, and photographs between 1982 and 2011. The journals document Young's arrival to Las Vegas, Nevada and her involvement in several nascent Las Vegas lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) organizations from 1982 to 1985, such as UNLV's Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU). The collection includes materials related to her life in San Diego, California from 1985 to 1995 and typed transcripts of all journal entries that relate to the Las Vegas LGBTQ community. The collection also includes photographic slides and prints documenting Young's involvement with LGAU and events in the Las Vegas LGBTQ community.</p>

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Christie Young was a prominent member of several LGBTQ community organizations in Las Vegas, Nevada. Young was born on July 12, 1956 in Reno, Nevada. She moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1982 and joined many LGBTQ organizations, including the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, Voices, and the Metropolitan Community Church. She was also instrumental in the creation of the

precursor to the Community Counseling Center and Dennis McBride's efforts to collect and archive LGBTQ community publications. Young left Las Vegas for San Diego, California in December 1985, but returned in 1995.

Source:

Christie Young oral history interview, 1998 October 18. OH-02043. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1gt3v>

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Scope and Contents Note

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1999 by Christie Young and in 2021 and 2024 by Dennis McBride; accession numbers 99-15, 2021-112, and 2024-120.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections and Archives staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards. In 2022, Tammi Kim minimally processed the 2021 addition and updated the finding aid. In 2024, Landon Paljusaj used the donor-provided inventory to process the 2024 addition at item level and updated the finding aid. Landon re-formatted the donor-provided description to create the item titles, but transcribed the donor's additional descriptive information into the general note field as-is.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Terry Wilsey Papers on the Las Vegas, Nevada LGBT Community, 1979-2002. MS-00472. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1vd2r>

Christie Young oral history interview, 1998 October 18. OH-02043. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://n2t.net/ark:/62930/f1gt3v>

Nevada Gay Times. HQ75.V44. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Gays -- Social life and customs -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Gay community
- Gays -- Religious life
- journals (accounts)
- photographs
- Gay pride celebrations
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Metropolitan Community Church (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Desert Community Church

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Transcriptions of journal entries relating to the Las Vegas gay community, 1982 November 17 to 1985 December 02	box 01
Young's journal: volume I, 1982 February 20 to 1982 June 16	box 01
Young's journal: volume II, 1982 June 17 to 1985 August 13	box 01
Young's journal: volume III, 1985 August 14 to 1988 January 19	box 01
Young's journal: volume IV, 1988 January 20 to 1990 May 07	box 01
Young's journal: volume V, 1990 May 08 to 1992 July 13	box 01
Young's journal: volume VI, 1992 July 14 to 1995 June 02	box 01
Young's personal papers including issues of <i>Nevada Gay Times</i> , <i>LAMBDA Impulse</i> , LGAU meeting notes and correspondence, and bibliographies of LGBTQ related titles in Las Vegas Valley public library systems, 1983 to 2011 Physical Description: 3 Files	box 01 box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at a pool party in Las Vegas, Nevada. David Chavez, unidentified individual, unidentified individual, Rick May (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1985 July (MS_00350_001) General: The Lesbian and Gay Academic Union was the second name for the Gay Academic Union established at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) in 1982.	box 02
Hal Mondt sits at a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_002) General: First proposed by a member of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) congregation in December 1982, Voices was founded in February 1983 by Ron Guthrie. The choral group was open to men and	box 02

women, gay or straight, and they performed their first concert at the March 12, 1983 general membership meeting of Nevadans for Human Rights.

Michael Loewy lies on the grass at a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_003) box 02

General: First proposed by a member of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) congregation in December 1982, Voices was founded in February 1983 by Ron Guthrie. The choral group was open to men and women, gay or straight, and they performed their first concert at the March 12, 1983 general membership meeting of Nevadans for Human Rights.

Roger Osgood, Dana Miller, Jay Cribeir, Ron Guthrie, Ray Steves, and Will Collins attending a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_004) box 02

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Members of the Voices community singing group attending a pool party in Las Vegas, Nevada. Seated: Roger Osgood, Jay Cribeir, Ron Guthrie; in the water, Dana Miller: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_005) box 02

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Albert Fry attending a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_006) box 02

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Albert Fry attending a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_007) box 02

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Ken St. John posing with a camera at a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_008) box 02

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Craig Williams-Gordon lying in the grass at a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_009) box 02

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Brian Murray attending a pool party for members of the Voices community singing group in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_010) box 02

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Members of the Voices community singing group attending a pool party in Las Vegas, Nevada. Seated: Claude Courtney, Hal Mondt, foreground: Craig Williams-Gordon: photographic slide, 1983 (MS_00350_011) box 02

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Will Collins' 30th birthday cake: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_012) box 02

Will Collins at his 30th birthday celebration: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_013) box 02

Will Collins at his 30th birthday celebration: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_014) box 02

Flora beside a trail at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_015) box 02

Flora beside a trail at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_016) box 02

Waterfall at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_017) box 02

Waterfall at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_018) box 02

Waterfall at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_019)	box 02
Spring Mountains landscape view at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_020)	box 02
Will Collins on a hike at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_021)	box 02
Will Collins on a hike at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_022)	box 02
View of trees on a mountainside at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_023)	box 02
View of trees on a mountainside at Mount Charleston, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_024)	box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union gathered on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Sue Chaney, Alan Wells, and Sue Chaney's son, Cory Chaney (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_025)	box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union gathered on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Back row: Debbie Vasquez, Sue Chaney; front row: Alan Wells, David Adams, Will Collins; background: Sue Chaney's son, Cory Chaney: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_026)	box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union gathered on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Sue Chaney, Cory Chaney, Harry, and John Snoddy (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_027)	box 02
View of Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_028)	box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union gathered on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Back row: Debbie Vasquez, Cory Chaney, Sue Chaney, front row: John Snoddy, Alan Wells, David Adams, Will Collins (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_029)	box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union gathered on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Back row: Will Collins, Christie Young, Mrk Strain, Debbie Vasquez, Sue Chaney, Cory Chaney, front row: John Snoddy, Alan Wells, David Adams (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_030)	box 02
General: Mrk Strain spelled his name "Mrk" rather than "Mark."	
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, Mrk Strain and Debbie Vasquez, on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_031)	box 02
General: Mrk Strain spelled his name "Mrk" rather than "Mark."	
Cory Chaney, son of Lesbian and Gay Academic Union member Sue Chaney, playing in the grass on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_032)	box 02

David Adams, John Snoddy, Harry, Will Collins, and Alan Wells, members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, on the lawn in front of Beam Hall at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1983 September (MS_00350_033)	box 02
View of rock formations at Valley of Fire State Park, Moapa Valley, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_034)	box 02
View of rock formations at Valley of Fire State Park, Moapa Valley, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_035)	box 02
Joe Coté posing at Valley of Fire State Park, Moapa Valley, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_036)	box 02
General: Former Catholic priest Joe Coté was Will Collins' roommate.	
View of rock formations and part of a building, likely the visitor center, at Valley of Fire State Park, Moapa Valley, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_037)	box 02
View of rock formations along a road at Valley of Fire State Park, Moapa Valley, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_038)	box 02
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General: see "LGAU Goes to Conference" [Nevada Gay Times, December 1983, p. 2]	
Ron Lawrence, Christie Young, and Michael Loewy (identified from left to right) pose next to a La Jolla Village Inn sign welcoming Gay Academic Union members, La Jolla, California: photographic slide, 1983 November 24 to 1983 November 27 (MS_00350_040)	box 02
General: see "LGAU Goes to Conference" [Nevada Gay Times, December 1983, p. 2]	
Will Collins (left) with an unidentified man at the National Gay Academic Union Conference in La Jolla, California: photographic slide, 1983 November 24 to 1983 November 27 (MS_00350_041)	box 02
General: see "LGAU Goes to Conference" [Nevada Gay Times, December 1983, p. 2]	
Members of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Lesbian and Gay Academic Union at the National Gay Academic Union Conference in La Jolla, California. Back row: unidentified individual, Ron Lawrence, unidentified individual, Michael Loewy, unidentified individual, Christie Young; front row: Rick May, Will Collins (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1983 November 24 to 1983 November 27 (MS_00350_042)	box 02
General: see "LGAU Goes to Conference" [Nevada Gay Times, December 1983, p. 2]	
Michael Loewy, Arlene, and Will Collins at a Christmas party for Lesbian and Gay Academic Union members, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December (MS_00350_043)	box 02
Will Collins on a trip to Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_044)	box 02

Will Collins on a trip to Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_045)	box 02
Christie Young on a boat on the Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_046)	box 02
Christie Young on a boat on the Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_047)	box 02
Will Collins poses at a ferry landing on the Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_048)	box 02
Christie Young poses at a ferry landing on the Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_049)	box 02
View of London Bridge, Lake Havasu, Arizona: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_050)	box 02
View of London Bridge, Lake Havasu, Arizona: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_051)	box 02
Will Collins poses at a ferry landing on the Colorado River at Laughlin, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_052)	box 02
Will Collins poses near London Bridge, Lake Havasu, Arizona: photographic slide, 1983 December 23 (MS_00350_053)	box 02
Michael Loewy, Hal Mondt, and Harry celebrating the same-sex holy union (marriage) of Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_054)	box 02
Wedding party members celebrating the same-sex holy union (marriage) of Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright, Las Vegas, Nevada. Michael Chavez, Wes Albright, Reverend Rusty Carlson of the Metropolitan Community Church, Ralph Conrad, and David Duran (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_055)	box 02
Claude (wearing hat) and Richard Wolf (back turned, to Claude's left) at the celebration of Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright's same-sex holy union (marriage), Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_056)	box 02
Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright posing near their wedding cake, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_057)	box 02
Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright cutting their wedding cake, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_058)	box 02
Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright eating their wedding cake, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_059)	box 02
Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright sharing a wedding kiss at their same-sex holy union (marriage) celebration, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_060)	box 02
Partners Michael Chavez and David Duran with a gift at Ralph Conrad and Wes Albright's same-sex holy union (marriage) celebration, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_061)	box 02

Wes Albright and Ralph Conrad opening wedding gifts at their same-sex holy union (marriage) celebration, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 February 11 (MS_00350_062)	box 02
View of Lake Mead from the shore, Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_063)	box 02
Rick May and an unidentified woman on the beach at Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_064)	box 02
Joe Coté on the beach at Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_065)	box 02
General: Former Catholic priest Joe Coté was Will Collins' roommate.	
Will Collins sunbathing on the beach at Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_066)	box 02
A sail boat on the shore at Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1983 October (MS_00350_067)	box 02
Mrk Strain, Steve Reyes, Rick May, and Debbie Vasquez at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_068)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Unidentified individuals attending the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_069)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Two unidentified women embracing at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_070)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Wes Albright and Ralph Conrad dancing together at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_071)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Hal Mondt, Tracy Ling, Joe Coté, Mario Gutierrez-Lopez, and an unidentified individual (identified from left to right) at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_072)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Musical group Taa-Daa performing at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_073)	box 02
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Musical group Taa-Daa performing at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_074)	box 02
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Musical group Taa-Daa performing at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_075)	box 02
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Randy Carlson and Ellen DeLand (identified from left to right) sitting at a picnic table at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_076)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Joe Coté, unidentified individual, and Mario Gutierrez-Lopez (identified from left to right) sitting at a picnic table at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_077)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Joe Coté, unidentified individual, and Mario Gutierrez-Lopez (identified from left to right) sitting at a picnic table at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_078)	box 02
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Crowd members at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_079)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Rick May holding a balloon inscribed with the slogan "Unity and More in '84" at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_080)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Reverend Rusty Carlson of Metropolitan Community Church (wearing MCC shirt), Lance doing a split, Ellen DeLand (in background with sunglasses), and Wes Albright (identified from left to right) at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_081)	box 02
General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."	
Reverend Rusty Carlson of Metropolitan Community Church (wearing MCC shirt), Lee (holding on to Carlson), Ellen DeLand (in background with sunglasses), and Lance facing Wes Albright (yellow shirt) at the Las Vegas	box 02

Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_082)

General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."

Michael Loewy, Steve Hampton, Terry Wilsey, Roger McGavey, and Lee (all standing, identified from left to right) at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_083) box 02

General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."

Will Collins on stage holding Michael Loewy's daughter, Hannah Loewy, next to a banner at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_084) box 02

General: This was the first outdoor Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. The celebration's theme was "Unity and More in '84."

Christie Young modeling an outfit from Designs 4 Skins, 4637 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 03 (MS_00350_085 (sod2026-101)) ([view online](#)) box 02

Michael Loewy, Robert Gentry, and Reverend Rusty Carlson at the Metropolitan Community Church Gay Pride religious service held at Continental Hotel and Casino, 4100 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 03 (MS_00350_086) box 02

General: Robert Gentry, the first openly gay elected official in southern California, was the featured speaker at the June 2, 1984 Las Vegas Gay Pride rally in Sunset Park.

Michael Loewy, Robert Gentry, and Diane at the Metropolitan Community Church Gay Pride religious service held at Continental Hotel and Casino, 4100 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 03 (MS_00350_087) box 02

General: Robert Gentry, the first openly gay elected official in southern California, was the featured speaker at the June 2, 1984 Las Vegas Gay Pride rally in Sunset Park.

Dennis McBride and Ken Matheson at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, held in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_088) box 02

Lee and Shawnn Slaughter dancing at the Las Vegas Gay Pride celebration at Sunset Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 June 02 (MS_00350_089) box 02

Michael Loewy speaking at the podium, Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_090) box 02

Gary Campbell speaking as the Master of Ceremonies for the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_091) box 02

General: Gary Campbell was an openly gay radio personality for Las Vegas station KENO.

Award recipient Anne Groth speaking at the podium, Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_092)	box 02
Anne Groth (right) accepting an award from Valerie Kirkgaard at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_093)	box 02
General: Feminist therapist and author Valerie Kirkgaard was the featured speaker at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet on June 9, 1984.	
Featured speaker Valerie Kirkgaard delivering a speech at the podium, Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_094)	box 02
General: Feminist therapist and author Valerie Kirkgaard was the featured speaker at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet on June 9, 1984.	
Peter Burke speaking at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_095)	box 02
Student body president Kent Anderson speaking at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_096)	box 02
General: Kent Anderson was the openly gay President of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (CSUN).	
An unidentified individual speaking at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_097)	box 02
Will Collins and Charles "Chuck" Melfi speaking at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_098)	box 02
General: Charles "Chuck" Melfi owned the Gipsy nightclub.	
Will Collins and Charles "Chuck" Melfi speaking at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_099)	box 02
General: Charles "Chuck" Melfi owned the Gipsy nightclub.	
Ralph Conrad presenting at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_100)	box 02
Charlotte Smith on stage accepting an award on behalf of Jerry Guerin at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_101)	box 02

General: Jerry Guerin owned Gelo's bar.	
Gudrun Fonfa and award recipient "B" Bea Foster at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_102)	box 02
General: Gudrun Fonfa was a noted Las Vegas queer activist.	
"B" Bea Foster at the podium after receiving an award at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_103)	box 02
An unidentified individual speaking at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_104)	box 02
Gudrun Fonfa and award recipient Anne Groth at the Second Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas: photographic slide, 1984 June 09 (MS_00350_105)	box 02
General: Gudrun Fonfa was a noted Las Vegas queer activist.	
The altar of the Metropolitan Community Church, pictured at the church's fifth anniversary service and celebration, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 October (MS_00350_106)	box 02
Rick May and Reverend Rusty Carlson at Metropolitan Community Church's fifth anniversary service and celebration, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 October (MS_00350_107)	box 02
Voices choir seated in the church loft at Metropolitan Community Church's fifth anniversary service and celebration. Choir director Ron Guthrie is standing below the loft (second from the right), 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 October (MS_00350_108)	box 02
Voices choir seated in the church loft at Metropolitan Community Church's fifth anniversary service and celebration, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 October (MS_00350_109)	box 02
Michael Loewy, Reverend Rusty Carlson, and an unidentified individual (identified from left to right) at Metropolitan Community Church's fifth anniversary service and celebration, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 October (MS_00350_110)	box 02
Reverend Rusty Carlson, Reverend Elder Wilson, Deacon John Belmes, and Deacon Ralph Conrad standing at the altar of the Metropolitan Community Church during the church's fifth anniversary service and celebration, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 October (MS_00350_111)	box 02
Dennis McBride sitting in the lawn outside Gene Moore's house on Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 November (MS_00350_112)	box 02
General: Christie Young rented a room from Gene Moore.	
Dennis McBride sitting in the lawn outside Gene Moore's house on Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 November (MS_00350_113 (sod2026-102)) (view online)	box 02

General: Christie Young rented a room from Gene Moore.

Mario Gutierrez-Lopez and Michael Lowey talking at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union party, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 November (MS_00350_114)	box 02
Ellen DeLand posing with a teddy bear inside R & R Assordid Sundries, 4637 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 November (MS_00350_115)	box 02
Michael Loewy posing at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union Christmas party, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 December (MS_00350_116)	box 02
Michael Loewy and his daughter Hannah Loewy near a fireplace at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union Christmas party, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1984 December (MS_00350_117)	box 02
Three unidentified men at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union retreat in Los Angeles, California: photographic slide, 1985 January (MS_00350_118)	box 02
Unidentified attendees seated at a picnic table at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union retreat in Los Angeles, California: photographic slide, 1985 January (MS_00350_119)	box 02
Unidentified attendees at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union retreat in Los Angeles, California: photographic slide, 1985 January (MS_00350_120)	box 02
Unidentified attendees at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union retreat in Los Angeles, California: photographic slide, 1985 January (MS_00350_121)	box 02
Unidentified attendees at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union retreat in Los Angeles, California: photographic slide, 1985 January (MS_00350_122)	box 02
Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas field trip to the Ethel M Chocolates Factory and Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada. Back row: Bill, Hannah Loewy, Michael Loewy; front row: Ron Ong, Mario Gutierrez-Lopez, Rick May (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_123)	box 02
Wildflowers at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_124)	box 02
Octopus cacti at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_125)	box 02
Desert bird of paradise tree at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_126)	box 02
Cactus flowers in bloom at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_127)	box 02
Walkway through the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_128)	box 02
View of cactus groves at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_129)	box 02
Barrel cactus at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Catcus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_130)	box 02

Cactus flower in bloom at the Ethel M Cactus Garden, 2 Cactus Garden Drive, Henderson, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 April 27 (MS_00350_131)	box 02
Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas field trip to Lake Mead, Nevada. Bill, Mario Gutierrez-Lopez, and Charlie (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1985 May (MS_00350_132)	box 02
Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas field trip to Lake Mead, Nevada. Charlie, Tom Viner, and Ron Ong (identified from left to right): photographic slide, 1985 May (MS_00350_133)	box 02
Mario Gutierrez-Lopez holding a beach ball, Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas field trip to Lake Mead, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 May (MS_00350_134)	box 02
Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas field trip to Lake Mead, Nevada. Unidentified members: photographic slide, 1985 May (MS_00350_135)	box 02
Paul Phillips and Ron Romanovsky performing on stage at the Third Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 June 07 (MS_00350_136)	box 02
Reverend Troy Perry at the podium, Third Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 June 07 (MS_00350_137)	box 02
General: Reverend Troy Perry was founder of the Metropolitan Community Church.	
Will Collins at the podium, Third Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 June 07 (MS_00350_138)	box 02
Close-up of Christie Young's award from the Lambda Pride Coalition. Third Annual Gay Pride Awards and Banquet, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 June 07 (MS_00350_139)	box 02
Michael Loewy and Kimberly Webster at a Gay Pride picnic, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 June (MS_00350_140)	box 02
Members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at a pool party in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 July (MS_00350_141)	box 02
Mario Gutierrez-Lopez at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas pool party in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 July (MS_00350_142)	box 02
An unidentified man at a Lesbian and Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas pool party in Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 July (MS_00350_143)	box 02
An unidentified man, Randy Carlson (Terry Cordell's best man), Ron Guthrie, Terry Cordell, and Reverend Rusty Carlson participating in the same-sex union (marriage) of Ron Guthrie and Terry Cordell, Metropolitan Community Church, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 October 05 (MS_00350_144)	box 02
Reverend Rusty Carlson and Deacon Ralph Conrad at the same-sex union (marriage) of Ron Guthrie and Terry Cordell, Metropolitan Community	box 02

Church, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 October 05 (MS_00350_145)

Wedding party members at the same-sex union (marriage) of Ron Guthrie and Terry Cordell. Back row: Deacon Ralph Conrad, Terry Cordell, Ron Guthrie, Reverend Rusty Carlson; middle row: unidentified man, Randy Carlson; front row: three unidentified individuals (identified from left to right); Metropolitan Community Church, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 October 05 (MS_00350_146) box 02

Wedding party members at the same-sex union (marriage) of Ron Guthrie and Terry Cordell. Back row: Deacon Ralph Conrad, Terry Cordell, Ron Guthrie, Reverend Rusty Carlson; front row: unidentified man, Randy Carlson (identified from left to right); Metropolitan Community Church, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 October 05 (MS_00350_147) box 02

Close-up of Terry Cordell (light jacket) and Ron Guthrie (dark jacket) showing their wedding bands, Metropolitan Community Church, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 October 05 (MS_00350_148) box 02

Terry Cordell and Ron Guthrie sharing a wedding kiss at the celebration of their same-sex union (marriage) at Metropolitan Community Church, 1119 South Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, 1985 October 05 (MS_00350_149) box 02

Exterior view of Gelo's Bar (far right end, 4633 South Paradise Road) and Bright Pink Literature bookstore (adjacent to Gelo's Bar, 4637 South Paradise Road), Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, approximately 1988 to 1989 (MS_00350_150) box 02

Exterior view of Gipsy II nightclub (4605 South Paradise Road) and the intersection of South Paradise Road and East Naples Drive, also known as the "Fruit Loop," Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, approximately 1988 to 1989 (MS_00350_151) box 02

Exterior view of Gelo's Bar (4633 South Paradise Road) and the intersection of South Paradise Road and East Naples Drive, also known as the "Fruit Loop," Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic slide, approximately 1988 to 1989 (MS_00350_152) box 02

Will Collins and Kenny Kerr at the podium during the Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada, also known as The Center, 10th anniversary celebration (1993-2003), held at the Staten Island Ballroom, New York-New York Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, 2003 May 08 (MS_00350_153) box 02

General: This celebration also marked the 20th anniversary of Las Vegas Gay Pride [1983-2003], and the 25th anniversary of the Las Vegas Bugle [1978-2003 (aka Vegas Gay Times [June 1978 - June 1981]; Nevada Gay Times [January 1983-October 1985]; and the Bohemian Bugle [November 1985-November 1988]; renamed Las Vegas Bugle in December 1988)] - see "Anniversary Party for Pioneers" in Out Las Vegas Bugle, March 13, 2003, p. 29

Will Collins and Kenny Kerr at the podium during the Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada, also known as The Center, 10th anniversary celebration (1993-2003), held at the Staten Island Ballroom, New York-New York Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, 2003 May 08 (MS_00350_153) box 02

York Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, 2003 May 08
(MS_00350_154)

General: This celebration also marked the 20th anniversary of Las Vegas Gay Pride [1983-2003], and the 25th anniversary of the Las Vegas Bugle [1978-2003 (aka Vegas Gay Times [June 1978 - June 1981]; Nevada Gay Times [January 1983-October 1985]; and the Bohemian Bugle [November 1985-November 1988]; renamed Las Vegas Bugle in December 1988)] - see "Anniversary Party for Pioneers" in Out Las Vegas Bugle, March 13, 2003, p. 29

Kelly McFarlane Smith, Will Collins, and Rob Schlegel at the 10th anniversary celebration (1993-2003) of the Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada, also known as The Center, held at the Staten Island Ballroom, New York-New York Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, 2003 May 08
(MS_00350_155) box 02

General: This celebration also marked the 20th anniversary of Las Vegas Gay Pride [1983-2003], and the 25th anniversary of the Las Vegas Bugle [1978-2003 (aka Vegas Gay Times [June 1978 - June 1981]; Nevada Gay Times [January 1983-October 1985]; and the Bohemian Bugle [November 1985-November 1988]; renamed Las Vegas Bugle in December 1988)] - see "Anniversary Party for Pioneers" in Out Las Vegas Bugle, March 13, 2003, p. 29

Kelly McFarlane Smith (left) next to Will Collins hugging Rob Schlegel at the 10th anniversary celebration (1993-2003) of the Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada, also known as The Center, held at the Staten Island Ballroom, New York-New York Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada: photographic print, 2003 May 08 (MS_00350_156) box 02

General: This celebration also marked the 20th anniversary of Las Vegas Gay Pride [1983-2003], and the 25th anniversary of the Las Vegas Bugle [1978-2003 (aka Vegas Gay Times [June 1978 - June 1981]; Nevada Gay Times [January 1983-October 1985]; and the Bohemian Bugle [November 1985-November 1988]; renamed Las Vegas Bugle in December 1988)] - see "Anniversary Party for Pioneers" in Out Las Vegas Bugle, March 13, 2003, p. 29

Christmas card depicting the members of the Satyricons Motorcycle Club, a queer motorcycle club. In the back row, seventh and eighth from left are Lisa Hernandez and Kathleen Stubblefield: photographic print, 1993
(MS_00350_157) box 02

General: Lisa Hernandez and Kathleen Stubblefield were lovers and business partners in the Lock, Stock and Leather fetish shop at 4640 South Paradise Road, Suite 10, Las Vegas, Nevada.