



## LILLENE H. FIFIELD PAPERS

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## Descriptive Summary

### Title

Lillene H. Fifield Papers

### Creator

Lillene H. Fifield (born 1941)

### Extent

Number of containers: 9 archive cartons, 1 oversize box, 1 oversize flat  
Linear feet: 3.4

### Date

1973-2003 (bulk 1973-1987)

### Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

### Abstract

Reports, drafts, notes, publications, correspondence, research files, audio and videotapes, and other materials documenting the career of social worker, psychotherapist, and lesbian activist Lillene H. Fifield (born 1941), relating in particular to her studies of alcoholism in the Los Angeles gay and lesbian community, her involvement with the establishment and early years of both the Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center (now the L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center) and the Alcoholism Center for Women, and her participation in the International Women's Year and the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977. The collection also contains several videotapes documenting the life and career of gay activist Morris Kight (1919-2003), and a small number of items relating to Fifield's lover and fellow lesbian activist, Daphne Hatfield (1937-2006), and to gay actor and activist Justin Smith (1921-1986).

## Administrative Information

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### Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

- Alcoholism Center for Women (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- Alcoholism counseling
- Community health services—California
- Fifield, Lillene H., 1941-
- Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- Gay Community Services Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- Gays—Alcohol use
- Hatfield, Daphne, 1937-2006
- Kight, Morris, 1919-2003
- L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center
- Lesbians—Alcohol use
- Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center
- Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center
- Smith, Justin, 1921-1986
- Social work with lesbians



Related Materials

L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center Records, Coll2007-010, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives.

Acquisitions Information

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## Biography

Lillene Henrietta Fifield, social worker, psychotherapist, and lesbian activist, was born in Los Angeles on October 28, 1941, and spent many of her early years in Kansas City, Missouri. Active in civil rights issues since high school, she became active in the gay and lesbian movement after coming out at age 19. She earned her B.A. with honors from California State University Los Angeles in 1971, and her MSW with honors from the University of Southern California, where she was the first openly lesbian student, in 1973. Fifield served as research associate at the Regional Research Institute in Social Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Southern California, from 1972 to 1975, the year her pioneering research on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community was published. After maintaining a private practice in clinical social work from 1976 to 1979, Fifield moved in 1980 to Roseburg, Oregon, where she was a psychiatric social worker for Douglas County Mental Health. Fifield became involved with the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles in November 1971, becoming its principal grant writer; and serving as Vice-Chairman of its Board of Directors in 1974/1975. She also served as first co-chairwoman of the California Women's Commission on Alcoholism, and on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Alcoholism Advisory Board, the California Institute for Human Sexuality, and the California Alcoholism Foundation. She was named Woman of the Year by the Los Angeles gay community in 1978, and delivered keynote speeches at the National Council on Alcoholism Annual Forum in Seattle in 1980, at the San Francisco Conference on Alcoholism in the Gay Community in 1985, at and the second National Conference of the National Association of Lesbian & Gay Alcoholism Professionals at Chicago in 1987.

## Scope and Content and Container List

The collection comprises reports, drafts, notes, publications, correspondence, research files, audio and videotapes, and other materials documenting the career of social worker, psychotherapist, and lesbian activist Lillene H. Fifield (born 1941), relating in particular to her studies of alcoholism in the Los Angeles gay and lesbian community, her involvement with the establishment and early years of both the Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center (now the L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center) and the Alcoholism Center for Women, and her participation in the International Women's Year and the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977. The collection also contains several videotapes documenting the life and career of gay activist Morris Kight (1919-2003); a pocket diary/appointment calendar, several open reel audio tapes of Lesbian music, and other materials relating to Fifield's lover and fellow lesbian activist, Daphne Hatfield (1937-2006); and a cartoon of gay actor and activist Justin Smith (1921-1986). The collection is divided into 10 series: (1) Writings; (2) Alcoholism; (3) Gay Community Services Center; (4) Research; (5) International Women's Year; (6) Daphne Hatfield; (7) Photographs; (8) Printed Materials; (9) Audio and Video Materials; and (10) Ephemera, Memorabilia, and Artwork.

### Series 1. Writings. 1975-1987.

The bulk of this series consists of Fifield's published study of alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community, *On My Way to Nowhere* (1975); a condensed edition, *Alcoholism and the Gay Community* (1977); several conference papers derived from the study; and several speeches on alcoholism given by Fifield between 1980 and 1987.

#### Box Folder

1	1-4	Fifield, Lillene. <i>On my way to nowhere; alienated, isolated, drunk. An analysis of gay alcohol abuse &amp; an evaluation of alcoholism rehabilitation services for the Los Angeles gay community.</i> July 10, 1975.
1	1-2	Copy 1 (annotated; 2 folders).
1	3-4	Copy 2 (inscribed to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives by the author; 2 folders).
1	5	Fifield, Lillene, and Latham, J. David. <i>Alcoholism and the gay community</i> (preliminary Draft). Paper presented at California State Psychological Association Convention, Los Angeles. March 1977.
1	6	Fifield, Lillene. <i>Alcoholism and the gay community</i> (preliminary draft). Paper presented at the National Drug Abuse Conference, San Francisco. 1977.
1	7-8	Fifield, Lillene; Latham, J. David; Phillips, Christopher. <i>Alcoholism in the gay community. The price of alienation, isolation, &amp; oppression.</i> Los Angeles: Gay Community Services Center. 1977.
1	7	Print copy.
1	8	Typescript.
1	9	Fifield, Lillene; DeCresenzo, Teresa A.; Latham, J. David. <i>Alcoholism and the gay community. Journal of Homosexuality.</i> 1978.

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1	10	Alcoholism chapter for book. No date.
1	11	Miscellaneous writings. No date.
1	12	Speeches. 1980, 1985, 1987.

**Series 2. Alcoholism. 1974-1984, 2003.**

This series consists of reports, drafts, conference and workshop materials, correspondence, photocopies, and other materials created and acquired by Fifield in the course of her research on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community. Of particular interest are materials relating to Fifield's work on the California Women's Commission on Alcoholism, 1974-1977, and her work with the Gay Community Services Center's Alcoholism Program for Women (APW), which later became the independent Alcoholism Center for Women.

**Box Folder**

2	1-2	Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA). 1983-1984.
2	1	Miscellaneous. 1983-1984.
2	2	Jael Greenleaf seminar. 1983.
7	1	Alcoholism in the gay community – California. 1976-1980 [oversize].
2	3-5	Articles.
2	3	Alcoholism.
2	4	Alcoholism in the gay community.
2	5	Women & alcoholism.
2	6	Benton County Alcoholism Treatment Program.
2	7	California Alcoholism Foundation (CAF). 1974.
2	8-9	
7	2	California Women's Commission on Alcoholism. 1974.
2	8	Miscellaneous. 1974.
2	9	
7	2	<i>The treatment needs of the woman alcoholic: A survey of alcoholism agencies in California.</i> 1977.
2	9	Draft.
7	2	Final [oversize].
2	10	Correspondence. 2003.
2	11-12	
3	1-7	
7	3	Gay Community Services Center. 1975-1981.
2	11	Alcoholism Needs Assessment Project (ANA). 1975.
2	12	
3	1-3	
7	3	Comprehensive Program of Community Services for Alcoholic Women (APW, later Alcoholism Center for Women). 1974-1981.
2	12	Miscellaneous. 1974-1981.
3	1-3	Funding proposal (United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare). February 26, 1974 (3 folders).



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3	1-2	Copy 1 (2 folders).
3	3	Copy 2 (annotated).
7	3	Forms [oversize].
3	4	Los Angeles County Alcoholism Advisory Board. 1976-1977.
3	5	National Association of Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NAGAP). 1980.
3	6	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism. <i>Alcohol abuse &amp; women: A guide to getting help</i> . 1978.
3	7	Replication study. Morales/Graves, <i>Substance abuse: patterns &amp; barriers to treatment for gay men &amp; lesbians in San Francisco</i> . 1983.

**Series 3. Gay Community Services Center. 1972-1996.**

This series consists of materials relating to Fifield’s work with the Gay Community Services Center outside its alcoholism program. The bulk of the materials consists of funding proposals submitted to Los Angeles County healthcare agencies. Other documents include Fifield’s 1983 evaluation of the Center’s Community Employment Services program, and flyers and other materials relating to the Center’s early history. The Miscellaneous folder also contains an article published in *Lesbian News* in 1996, describing Fifield’s pivotal role in the early years of the Center.

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7	4	Miscellaneous. 1972-1974, 1992, 1996 [oversize].
7	5	Background & introduction. 1973 [oversize].
3	8	Revenue Sharing proposal (not identified). Vol. 2 of 2. After July 1973.
3	9	Los Angeles Gay Community Drug Abuse Services, 1974-1975. Proposal submitted to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. September 1973.
3	10	Staffing grant proposal (National Institute of Mental Health). March 15, 1974.
4	1	Primary prevention in drug abuse: A pioneering program for gay people. Funding proposal to the Los Angeles County Central Health Services Region. October 29, 1976.
4	2	Community Employment Services (CES). Evaluation report. 1983.

**Series 4. Research. Circa 1974-1995.**

This series consists of notes, workshop materials, photocopied articles, and other materials collected by Fifield in the course of her work, but, with one exception, not related to her work on alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community.

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7	6	Articles.
4	3	Feminist.

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7	6	Gay [oversize].
4	4	Articles of incorporation, bylaws. 1984.
7	7-8	Bibliography.
7	7	Gay [oversize].
7	8	Women & lesbians [oversize].
4	5	Computer data processing code book design.
4	6	Content analysis.
7	9	Evaluation component – Gay Community Services Center. Comprehensive community services for alcoholic women (APW, later Alcoholism Center for Women). 1974 [oversize].
4	7	Evaluation component – General.
7	10	Evaluation materials – Proposal aids [oversize].
7	11	Evaluation workshop [oversize].
4	8-9	Homosexuality: A comprehensive bibliographic search of <i>Psychological Abstracts</i> . 1979 (2 folders).
4	10	Institute of Gay & Lesbian Education. 1994-1995.

**Series 5. International Women’s Year. 1977.**

This series consists of notes, planning documents, clippings from newspapers and the popular press, conference packets, and other materials relating to Fifield’s participation in the International Women’s Year California State Meeting in June 1977, and the California delegation’s activities at the National Women’s Conference in Houston in November 1977.

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4	11-12	California State Meeting. June 16-19, 1977.
4	11	Miscellaneous.
4	12	Final report.
4	13	National Organization of Women (NOW). 1977.
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8		National Women's Conference. Houston. November 18-21, 1977.
5	1	Papers.
5	2	Binder materials.
5	3	California delegation.
5	4	<i>Daily Breakthrough</i> . November 18-20, 1977.
8		Lillene Fifield planning sheet (rolled).
5	5	Miscellaneous.
5	6	Newspaper clippings. November 18-21, 1977.
5	7	<i>Time / New York Times Magazine</i> . November-December 1977.

**Series 6. Daphne Hatfield. 1973-circa 1980.**

This series comprises a small number of items, including an award plaque and pocket calendar/appointment book for 1973, relating to the work of Fifield's partner, Daphne Hatfield, with the Gay Community Services Center.

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| 5 | 8  | Award plaque from Gay Community Services Center. |
| 7 | 12 | Miscellaneous [oversize].                        |
| 5 | 9  | Pocket calendar/appointment book. 1973.          |

**Series 7. Photographs. 1977, undated.**

This series consists of two rolled items: (1) an undated color photocopy of a photograph, marked "LAWCC", and (2) a photograph taken at the National Women's Conference at Houston in November 1977.

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| 8 |  | LAWCC (rolled).   |
| 8 |  | National Women's Conference. Houston (rolled). November 1977. |

**Series 8. Printed Materials. 1969-2003.**

This series consists primarily of a small number of Lesbian newsletters, zines, and literary publications. The newspaper clippings comprise several stories of gay and lesbian interest from 1977, and an obituary of Morris Kight, 2003.

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| 6 | 1  | Newspaper clippings. 1977, 2003.   |
| 6 | 2  | Amie. <i>The Hourglass</i> [poetry]. 1978.   |
| 6 | 3  | Benston, Margaret. The political economy of women's liberation. <i>Monthly Review</i> , September 1969.                          |
| 6 | 4  | <i>Come out comix</i> (Mary Wings). 1977.  |
| 6 | 5  | <i>Dynamite damsels</i> (Roberta Gregory). 1976.   |
| 6 | 6  | Grahn, Judy; Cadden, Wendy. <i>The common woman</i> . No date.   |
| 6 | 7  | <i>Lesbian voices</i> , vol. 2, no. 1 Winter 1975/76.  |
| 6 | 8  | <i>Ms. mystic</i> , nos. 1-3. 1987-1988.   |
| 6 | 9  | <i>Own newsletter</i> , vol. 3, no. 4. Winter 1979.  |
| 6 | 10 | <i>Prickly pear</i> [California State College, San Bernardino]. Poems & stories by: 11 + 12 =. 1978. Signed by Charlene Hoskins. |

**Series 9. Audio and Video Materials. 1973-2001.**

This series consists of audio tapes, most if not all from the collection of Daphne Hatfield, of lesbian music, and of videotapes on the 1987 March on Washington and on the life of Morris Kight (including interviews with Kight and Torrie Osborn).

**Box Folder**

	Audio	
9		Daphne Hatfield, Tape 1: “Tapdance”; “Beautiful woman”; “Service station”; “Best friend;”; “House”. KPFK (7 inch, open reel). April 23, 1973.
9		Gay Liberation – Out of the Closet interview. KNBC; Gay Songs (audio cassette). July 1, 1973.
9		Vicki Randle, music by Margie Adam: “You took me for a ride”; “Images”; “The time has come”; “Prepare for landing”. (7 inch, open reel). November 24-25, 1973.
9		Margie Adam, Songs, Part 2: “Hey in there”; “Something just begun”; “Lost in inner space”; “Come out, come out, wherever you are!”; “Woman of my heart”. KPFK (7 inch, open reel). April 28, 1974.
9		Daphne [Hatfield]. Gay Community Service Center (7 inch, open reel).
	Video	
9		It takes all kinds – Men (CBS) (1 inch, open reel). 1974.
9		It takes all kinds – Women (CBS) (1 inch, open reel). 1974.
9		Historic march on Washington (VHS, Lifestyle Update Productions). October 1987
9		Part of the USA! National march on Washington for lesbian & gay rights; the official videotape (VHS). October 11, 1987.
9		Life and Times profile: Torrie Osborn & Morris Kight (VHS).
9		Morris Kite [sic] & Torrie Osborn interviews (VHS).
9		Morris Kite [sic] interview (VHS) [marked NBA #6].
9		Personal best with Morris Kight (VHS). March 19, 2001.
9		Life and times of Morris Kight—Liberator (VHS).

**Series 10. Ephemera, Memorabilia, and Artwork. Circa 1975-circa 1978.**

This series contains 2 mugs; buttons, a bumper sticker, ribbons and armbands, and a t-shirt relating to the Women’s National Convention at Houston in 1977; a t-shirt from Christopher Street West, 1975; and two additional t-shirts on Lesbian themes. The series includes a cartoon of Justin Smith from early January 1978, given by Smith to Fifield before his death in 1986.

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10		Bumper sticker: “A Dollar A Woman To HOUSTON”. 1977.
10		4 buttons: (1) “California Women / Houston IWY 1977”; (2) “... to form a more perfect union” (1977); (3-4) “Pro Plan / Keep Agenda Moving / Let Every Issue Be Heard”.

- 11 Cartoon of Justin Smith (1921-1986). January 1978. Given by Smith to Fifield before his death and given by Fifield to ONE, October 22, 2005.
- 10 2 mugs (1 blue, 1 crimson) for Artemis Café.
- 10 Ribbons, armbands, ID, International Women's Year / Women's National Convention, Houston. 1977.
- 10 T-shirt: "It's A Gay, Gay World" (Christopher Street West). 1975.
- 10 T-shirt: "Women On The Move" (International Women's Year logo). 1977.
- 10 T-shirt: "Lesbian National Forest".
- 10 T-shirt (athletic, ribbed): "Califia Community".