



**JEHAN AGRAMA COLLECTION ON THE GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE
AGAINST DEFAMATION, LOS ANGELES (GLAAD/LA)
Coll2008-049**

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Jehan Agrama Collection on Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA)

Creator

Agrama, Jehan

Extent

Number of containers: 2 record boxes + 1 archive carton + 1 archive half-carton + 1
oversize box
Linear feet: 4 linear feet

Date

1989-2001 (bulk 1991-1993)

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

Correspondence, agendas, notes, minutes, programs, reports, and materials collected by Jehan Agrama in her role as Co-President and as member of the Board of Directors of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA), 1989-1994. The collection includes documents related to the formation of GLAAD/USA, GLAAD Media Awards programs, 1994-2000; and documents outreach to the Los Angeles Unified School District and Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force.



Administrative Information

Access

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Indexing Terms

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- Agrama, Jehan
- Discrimination--United States.
- Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (Los Angeles, Calif.)
- Hate crimes--United States--Prevention.
- Hate speech--United States.
- Homophobia--United States--Prevention.
- Homosexuality--Law and legislation--United States.
- Mass media and gays--United States.
- Mass media--Social aspects--United States.
- Mass media--Political aspects--United States.
- Minorities in mass media.
- Prejudices--United States.
- Toleration--Study and teaching.

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Processing Information

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Separated Materials

Guides

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. *Media Guide to the Lesbian and Gay Community*. New York City: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, 1990.
Lesbian Visibility Resource Guide. Open Enterprises, Inc. 1990.

Magazines and Newsletters

GLAAD Bulletin (New York City) - August/September 1989, October/November 1989, January/February 1990.
GLAAD Dispatch - Volume 3, issue number 8 (August 1996).
GLAAD Images - May/June 1996.
GLAAD Newsletter (New York City) - Fall 1989, Winter 1990, Summer 1990.
GLAAD Notes - Volume 2, number 4 (Winter 2000).
GLAAD Rag (Washington, D.C.) - July 1990, August 1990, September 1990.

Programs

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center (GLCSC) programs - 1991, 1992, 1993.
Lesbian And Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA), Second Annual Community Service Award program, 2001.

Biography

Jehan Agrama was born in Cairo, Egypt, and attended school in Rome, Italy. In 1976, she came to the United States to attend college. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Pomona College, Claremont, and an Honors M.B.A. from the Presidential Key Executive Program of Pepperdine University. Agrama went on to work in the entertainment industry, where she rose to the position of Chief Operating Officer of Harmony Gold, an international television production and distribution company with ancillary merchandising and music divisions.

Agrama was a founder of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA), serving as the first female co-president in 1989; she was re-elected in 1990 and 1991. Agrama also contributed to the creation and production of the Annual GLAAD Media Awards and served as the Co-Chair of the 10th Annual event in 1999. She represented GLAAD/LA on the Executive Committee of the Mayor's Los Angeles Coalition (formerly Coalition of 100), the Media Image Coalition of Minorities and Women, and the Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force of Rebuild LA (RLA). Until 1994, she served on the GLAAD/LA board as Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee. She was elected to the first Emerita position on the board.

In 1992, the Gay & Lesbian Arab Society of Los Angeles honored Agrama with the Knights of the Middle East Award. In 1993, the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center honored her with their Community Service Award, and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund honored her with their Liberty Award. In the same year she also served as a Community Grand Marshall of the Christopher Street West (CSW) Pride. She currently (2008) lives with her spouse of over 25 years, Dwora Fried.



Scope and Content and Container List

The Jehan Agrama Collection on Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Los Angeles (GLAAD/LA) consists of six series. The series are related to her role as Co-President, member of the Board of Directors, and Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee. The collection includes documents related to the formation of GLAAD/USA, outreach to the Los Angeles Unified School District, and her representation of GLAAD on the Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force. Also included are GLAAD Media Awards Show programs, 1994-2000, and a sample of GLAAD publications, 1989-2001. The basic arrangement reflects the order in which the files were found, with the board of director files consolidated into one chronological series.

Series 1. Correspondence and Press Releases.

Date: 1989-1994.

Extent: 11 folders.

The series consists of correspondence from local chapters and the national chapter, including correspondence on the creation of the national federation, GLAAD/USA. The series also includes press releases from the GLAAD/LA office.

Box Folder

1	1-2	GLAAD/USA, 1990-1993
1	3	GLAAD/LA, Letters to the editor, 1992
1	4	GLAAD/LA, Spanish speaking media, 1991-1992
1	5	GLAAD/New York City, 1989-1990
1	6	GLAAD/Orange County, California, 1991
1	7	GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area, 1990-1992
1	8	GLAAD/other chapters, 1991-1992
1	9-10	GLAAD/National, 1989-1993
1	11	Miscellaneous, 1987-1994 <i>Los Angeles City Task Force on Family Diversity</i> , submitted by Diane Himes, David Link, Linda Povernny, May 20, 1987. Rockefeller, Kirwin, <i>Film and Dream Imagery in Personal Mythology: A Pilot Study Using the Mythic Method</i> , June 1992. Rockefeller, Kirwin, <i>Psychoneuroimmunology and Biopsychological Cofactors of HIV-Spectrum Disease and Long-Term Survivors: A Review of the Literature</i> , September 1992
1	12	Press releases, 1990-1994



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Series 2. GLAAD/LA Board of Directors.

Date: 1989-1995.

Extent: 28 folders.

The GLAAD/LA Board of Directors series contains meeting agendas and minutes, job descriptions, letters of understanding, self-appraisals, and retreat materials. The retreat folders included materials for the development of a cohesive and enduring organization.

Box Folder

1	13	By-laws, 1989-1990
1	14	Board nominations, 1990-1991
1	15	Co-President, 1990-1991
1	16	Board general information, 1990-1992
1	17	Executive director search, 1990-1992
1	18	Board job-descriptions, 1990-1992
1	19	Board development, 1990-1992
1	20-21	Board retreats, 1990-1993
4	4	Contact information, 1990-1995
1	22	Board profiles, 1991
1	23	Board letters of understanding, 1991-1992
1	24	Board self-appraisals, 1991-1992
1	25	Board meeting minutes, 1991-1992
2	1	Board meeting minutes, 1991-1992
2	2	Board application, 1991-1993
2	3	Executive committee, 1992
2	4	Steering committee, 1992-1994
2	5	Organizational structure, circa 1992
2	6-9	Board meeting minutes, 1993
2	10-12	Board meeting minutes, 1994
4	5	Clippings, 1988-1994
5	2	Clippings (oversized), 1991-1993

Series 3. GLAAD/LA Outreach.

Date: 1989-1993.

Extent: 10 folders.

Agrama served as Co-Chair of the Media Outreach Committee, which provides sensitivity training and meets with media executives. The series contains sensitivity training information, agendas, notes, and minutes, along with related outreach information to the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA) Racial Harmony and Discourse Task Force.

Box Folder

2	13	Los Angeles Office of Education, 1989-1991
2	14	Education sub-committee minutes, 1991-1993



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2	15	Education sub-committee miscellaneous, 1991-1993
2	16-17	Outreach committee, 1990-1993
2	18	Media Outreach miscellaneous, 1991-1993
2	19	Media Outreach sensitivity training, 1992-1993
2	20	Sensitivity training: request for qualifications, 1993
2	21	Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA), background information, 1992-1993
2	22	Rebuild Los Angeles (RLA), committee materials, 1992-1993

Series 4. Lift the Ban on Gays and Lesbians in the Military.

Date: 1993.

Extent: 7 folders.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton attempted to honor his promise to allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the United States military. The series documents GLAAD's efforts in support of lifting the ban; the series consists of statements, press releases, and event planning documents.

Box	Folder	
2	23	Celebrity resolutions, 1993
2	24	Video press conference, "To Support and Defend," 1993
2	25	Military press, 1993
2	26	Lift the ban poster, 1993
2	27	Lesbians in the military, 1993
2	28	Military resolution, 1993
3	1	Military meetings, 1993

Series 5. Awards and Recognition Programs.

Date: 1994-2000.

Extent: 10 folders.

Agrama participated in the creation and production of the GLAAD Media Awards. This series primarily contains programs from the 1994-2000 Media Awards. The series also contains a draft script of the 1997 Los Angeles Media Awards show, written by Agrama and Michael B. Keegan, and a copy of *Daily Variety Gotham* celebrating the 10th anniversary of the GLAAD Media Awards. Other programs include the 2nd Annual GLAAD Fairness Awards, and the program from Congregation Kol Ami celebration honoring Peter W. Kraus, MD, Jehan Agrama, and Judge Stephen M. Lachs.

Box	Folder	
3	2	Draft of script for the GLAAD Los Angeles Media Awards show by Jehan Agrama and Michael B Keegan, 1997
3	3	5th Annual GLAAD Los Angeles Media Awards program, 1994
3	4	6th Annual GLAAD Los Angeles Media Awards programs, 1995
3	5	7th Annual GLAAD Los Angeles, New York Media Awards program, 1996
3	6	8th Annual GLAAD USA and Los Angeles Media Awards programs, 1997



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3	7	9th Annual GLAAD USA and Los Angeles Media Awards programs, 1998
3	8	10th Annual GLAAD Los Angeles Media Awards program, 1999
5	1	<i>Daily Variety Gotham</i> , April 16, 1999 [Oversize]
3	9	11th Annual GLAAD Los Angeles Media Awards program, 2000
3	10	2nd Annual GLAAD Fairness Awards in Los Angeles program, 1999
3	11	Congregation Kol Ami Celebrates: Flying Toward a Brighter Future, honoring Peter W. Kraus, MD, Jehan Agrama, and Judge Stephen M. Lachs, 1999

Series 6. GLAAD Publications.

Date: 1989-2001.

Extent: 5 folders.

The series consists of a sample of GLAAD publications including guides, reports, brochures, and flyers created to promote its goal of accurate and inclusive representations of people and events in the media.

Box Folder

3	11	<i>Homophobia Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation</i> , 1989, 1991
3	12	<i>Lesbian and Gay Images: An Entertainment Media Resource</i> , 1995
3	13	National Media Center Project executive summary, 1996
3	14	Annual report, 2000
4	1	Brochures and flyers 1990-2001