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Show Us Your Omaha: Combating LGBTQ+ Archival Silences

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Nebraska Library Association College and University Section Spring Meeting
June 2, 2017
Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to first recognize that we are the guests living on lands represented by Native Nations whose sovereignty, governance, and treaty lands existed long before the state of Nebraska. These Nations include the Omaha, Ponca, Santee, Ho-Chunk or Winnebago, Lakota, Pawnee, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Otoe-Missouria, Ioway, Kaw, Sac and Fox or Mesquakie, Kickapoo, and Delaware Nations.
Queer Omaha Archives

- Established in 2016
- 12+ individuals & organizations:
  - 150+ books & lots of serials (cataloging in progress)
  - 70+ cubic feet of archival material
  - 3 GB of electronic records
  - Includes photos, scrapbooks, fliers, posters, research material, videos, newsletters, magazines, newspapers, oral history interviews, meeting minutes, correspondence, & memorabilia
A complete list of Nebraskans at risk to the AIDS virus.

AIDS is still a major threat to all of us. If you aren't currently aware of your risk factors, consider getting tested. It's free and confidential. The Nebraska AIDS Project is here to help you understand your risk factors and provide information on how to reduce your risk. For more information, call 1-800-221-AIDS (1-800-221-2437) or visit neaids.org.

Nebraska AIDS Project
Conquering AIDS through education.

For those interested in joining a gay fraternity (Delta Lambda Phi), contact Avery Mazor. (Faculty advisor, awesome guy at amazor@unomaha.edu)

GALO of UNO

Members and all of you folks that are interested in becoming a member of the gay, lesbian and bi-sexual organization. (Look closer, it talks about homosexuality.)

Our first meeting is January 29th at 4:30 at Milo Hall Student Center Board Room.

If you have any questions ahead of time, contact Jonathan or Dee at 571-8518 or 554-3492.

We welcome ALL people to help in our cause. Check us out!!

Nominations for officers will take place!!

The Queer Heald

A Show of Not So Epic Proportion
UNOrganized Queens

Duchess 36 Sonia Delite and Lady 36 Chi Chi Katz of ICON host a show to benefit the UNO Queer Archives.

Hopefully the other Queens will help keep these two Queens organized.
Our Finding Aids
http://unomaha-public.lyrasistechology.org/

Our Online Exhibits
http://queeromahaarchives.omeka.net/

Our LMS and Catalog
http://unomaha.worldcat.org/
Dr. W. Meredith Bacon

UNO Political Science
Professor, retired
3-time Faculty Senate President (both before and after transition)
Note: Gift of W. Meredith Bacon. All annotations were made by Dr. Bacon as she conducted research for courses she taught and publications.
Meanwhile, in ArchivesSpace . . .

Local Subject Heading: Queer Omaha Archives
An Experiment in Migrating Metadata
Process (there’s no way to make this pretty with pictures)

1. Export metadata from Omeka
   a. Requires Omeka API Import plugin (existing option Omeka.net site, just needed to activate)
   b. Requires PythonOmekaApiToCsv (available on GitHub)

2. Map Omeka output to ArchivesSpace input template
   a. Requires XLTM file (part of Excel2DSC, not publicly available)

3. Convert template to Encoded Archival Description
   a. Requires buildEAD.cmd Ruby script (part of Excel2DSC)

4. Import metadata into ArchivesSpace
   a. Uses built-in ArchivesSpace functionality

5. Manually add/adjust metadata not accommodated by the template

6. Profit?
Mitigated Success
Digitization

Omaha
Material from this collection that has been digitized is available online at
http://queeromahaarchives.omeka.net/collections/show/2

Finding Aid location

Terry Sweeney and Pat Phalen Papers finding aid at:
http://unomaha-public.lyrasistechnology.org/repositories/4/resources/55
Fingers evenly dentate, almost meeting when closed. Ambulacral feet stout, decreasing regularly in length, unarmed except for a tubercle at the upper distal end of the noto- and epi-pods.

The maxillipeds, lower edge of the carapace, margins of the sternum and abdomen, and especially the anterior portion of the sternum are fringed with long hair. Legs hairy, except the distal two-thirds of the dactyli.

Length of carapace, without rostrum, 98; width, without spines, 87; length of cheliped about 1.01 millimeters.

One specimen collected by the U.S.Fish Commission steamer "Nina" in the Gulf of Mexico, lat. 29° 34' 30" N, long. 88° 01' W, 35 fathoms, December 20, 1914.
An image of two **Caucasian** people holding up a banner,...

\[\text{Description}\]
An image of two Caucasian people holding up a banner, "The Diamond, Where It All Began" with two Caucasian people near them, presumably along the PRIDE Parade and Festival route held at Turner Park in Omaha, Nebraska. [Note: The Diamond Bar was located in Omaha, Nebraska.]

\[\text{Description}\]
Nicci Leigh/Michael Groh standing in a doorway wearing a pink gown and smiling for the camera. A handwritten sign with the text, "men" and an arrow pointing away and to the (viewer’s) right is taped next to the doorway Nicci Leigh is standing in. [NOTE: Nicci Leigh is the femme name Michael Groh used when he wore female clothing, adopted a female persona, and expressed a stereotypically feminine personality.]

\[\text{Description}\]

\[\text{Description}\]
…an unidentified **African American** person speaking at podium…

\[\text{Description}\]
Nicci Leigh is the femme name Michael Groh used when he wore female clothing, adopted a female persona, and expressed a stereotypically feminine personality….
Queer Omaha Archives in Omeka

Tags
- Pride Parade
- artifact
- Miss Love
- photo
- magazine

Collections
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- The New Voice

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- The New Voice
Community Partnerships
QUEER
Launch Party Well Attended

Queer Omaha Archives
July 13, 2016
A reminder of how much things have changed

In 1995, the UNO Library was asked to cover up or remove this exhibit for a Board of Regents visit.
Be Respectful, Be Interested, Be Present
Conclusion, Not Concluded

Queer Omaha Archives Ephemera Collection
The Queer Omaha Archives Ephemera Collection is material collected or received from various sources.

View the items in Queer Omaha Archives Ephemera Collection

The New Voice

Homosexuality is found in over 1500 species
Homophobia is found in only ONE

Fredrick J. Zydek Papers
The Fredrick J. Zydek papers primarily doc

View the items in Fredrick J. Zydek Papers

Terry Sweeney and Pat Phalen Papers
The Terry Sweeney and Pat Phalen Papers document some of their interests and life together in Omaha, Nebraska in the late 20th and early 21st...

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