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Finding Aid to the Jan Hall Papers

Reference Code
PERS0034

Collection Title
Jan Hall Papers

Date
Ca. 1986-2000

Extent
2 archival boxes and 1 oversized archival box, or 1 linear foot

Creator
Jan Hall

Finding Aid Written by
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Biographical History
In the mid-1980s Jan Hall helped found Briar Rose, the Ohio based chapter of the National Leather Association-International, and hosted many meeting at her home. Throughout the '80s and '90s Jan attended events across the country and kept subject files documenting numerous clubs. Jan also served as an occasional photographer, being credited in several issues of Link. Jan started many conversations on the importance of defining S/M from domestic violence and confronting domestic violence within the S/M community. In 1998 Jan Hall became the first Domestic Violence Chairperson for the Domestic Violence Project of NLA-I.

Jan Hall served a term as president of the NLA-I from 1998-99. Jan helped to start the NLA-I Resource Project, connecting members and answering inquiries. Jan was a member of the National Advisory Council and played an integral role in solving disputes within the NLA-I. In 2006 Jan Hall served as interim president of NLA-I for the twentieth anniversary of Living In Leather. In 2014 Jan Hall received the NLA-I President's Award.

Conditions of Access and Use
None

Scope and Contents
The Jan Hall Papers contain 2 archival boxes and 1 oversized box, or 1 linear foot. The collection is comprised of personal correspondence, club correspondence, bylaws, resource lists, administrative information, articles, publications, newsletters, flyers, brochures, meetings minutes, and newsprint photocopies. These materials are organized according to their original order. The papers cover personal correspondence along with documentation of SM and leather clubs including: National Leather Association-International, Briar Rose, Centurions, Eulenspiegel Society, Foot Fraternity, Gay Male SM Activists, People Exchanging Power, Shelix, and Urania. Materials also document publications on trans* resources, BD/SM and feminism.

Related Materials
O'Keeffe, Doug. Digital resources on cd. 2011029301, Interview with Jan Hall as part of the Fire Side Chat Program with Doug O'Keeffe. Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago Illinois.

Stein, Steven. Library. Nonfiction Anthologies, NF-SEIN. Twenty-five years of living in leather: the National Leather Association 1986-2011. Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago Illinois.

Hall, Jan. Domestic Violence in the S/M Community.
http://www.pandys.org/articles/bdsmdomesticviolence.pdf

http://www.nlaidvproject.us/downloads/InfoPackets.pdf

Removed Items
Oversized materials, including a 1998 issue of LINK, newspaper clipping of "Memphis Women of Leather," poster fir NL "Frauen Sex Magazine for Wimmin" Hamburg Germany, two unlabeled photos, and a poster for "Celebration Costume Ball" were removed from their original order and placed into Series 6: Artifacts. Cassette "Do It Yourself S/M" was removed from collection and placed in oversized box of Series 6: Artifacts.

Processing Information
Staples, paperclips were removed by the processor. Any labeled folders and/or envelopes were photocopied and the photocopies integrated into their appropriate series. Newsprint was also copied and integrated into the appropriate series.

Arrangement Note
The Jan Hall Papers are arranged as:
Series 1: Personal Papers
Series 2: National Leather Association-International
Series 3: Briar Rose
Series 4: Subject Files
Series 5: Publications and Printed Matter
Series 6: Artifacts

Subject Terms
Hall, Jan
NLA-I
NLA
Briar Rose—Columbus (Ohio)
Domestic violence
National Advisory Council
Transgender
Trans*
Feminism
Michigan Women's Music Festival
Leather lifestyle
Leather clubs (Organizations)

Collection Level Description

Series 1: Personal Papers

Physical Description
1 folder

Series Scope and Contents
Typed and handwritten correspondence to Jan Hall; some letters are dated from 1987-1990. Letters and cards share personal stories, provide updates on events, and give thanks to Jan.

Box#	Folder#	
1	1.	Personal correspondence to Jan Hall.

Series 2: National Leather Association-International

Physical Description
5 folders

Series Scope and Contents
Meeting minutes, bylaws, correspondences, member lists, and publications related to the National Leather Association-International. Folder one includes publications from Jan's presidency NLA-I in 1999. Folder 2 contains correspondence, member's lists and proposed by-laws. These materials document the transition from the National Leather Association to its current title of the National Leather Association- International. Folders 3 and 4 contain more bylaws, correspondence, flyers, demographic surveys, membership listings, proposals, policies and applications from the NLA-I. Folder 5 contains printed email correspondences documents Jan's activism and start of the Resource Project.

Box# Folder#

1 1. Link May-June, July-August, and October 1999; Columbus Newsletter September and April 1999; The Scarlet Leather (New England Leather Association) Summer 1999; Letter from Jan Hall; Policies and Procedures August 1999; Letter from Spencer Bergstedt; Individual Membership Application; "Sexual Assault is not S/M" Ty Clements photocopy 1988; Ty Clements Press Release 1988.

2. Proposed National By-Laws Draft 1989; National Advisory Council members list 1988; "Since Dallas, 1988" workshop description; Letter from George Nelson 1988.

3. First LINK 1989 photocopy; Nomination Procedures 1989; Letter to Chapter 1990; Members and affiliates listing 1990; Dallas Chapter pamphlet; Denver flyer 1989; Detroit membership application; Letter to members 1990; "May Day Game Plan"; Mr. & Ms. NLA Seattle Leather Contest Application 1990; National Conference Committee Minutes 1990; Living in Leather 5 1990 Organizational Chart; Conference Committee 1990; Clubs and Affiliates list; Executive Committee list; Bylaw Report 1990; Letters to the Executive Committee; Demographic Report 1990.

4. Letters to the Executive Committee 1990; Mack McKinnon Memorial Travel Fund Draft Statement 1990; Elections & Credential Committee Proposal; Conference Committee Report 1990; Structure of the National Conference Committee Proposal; Membership Application; National Advisory Council meeting minutes 1989; Membership Policies 1990; Letter from Jim Richards; Executive Committee list 1990; Atlanta flyer; Dallas Flyer; National Bylaws 1990; Printed Email correspondence.

5. Email Correspondence from 1997 on Spanner Case, Resource Project, and activism.

Series 3: Briar Rose

Physical Description
1 folder

Series Scope and Contents
Briar Rose was the Ohio based chapter of the NLA-I and operated during the late 1980s. Briar Rose held regular meetings and some members traveled to events representing the club. Briar Rose hosted events in Ohio and teamed up with various activist groups in their area. This series contains handwritten drafts of Briar Rose newsletters and fliers from 1988-89. This series also includes correspondence to Briar Rose, party fliers and a guide to running fetish flea markets.

Box# Folder#

1 1. Handwritten affiliates addresses; Letters to Briar Rose 1988-89; handmade and photocopied fliers; Handwritten newsletters 1988; Flyer for Sluts For Sensation play party 1989; P.O. Box receipts; 1990 correspondence on Michigan Women's Music Festival; Email

correspondence 1997; "Soft Core and Hard Facts" James Bailey photocopy; National Leather Association New England Chapter Membership Information; Resource listings; "How to Run a Fetish Fleamarket" preliminary draft.

Series 4: Subject Files

Physical Description
22 folders

Series Scope and Contents
For the purpose of this collection subject files refers to a file folder titled "Other Clubs" containing documentation Jan kept on numerous clubs. These subject files have been alphabetically arranged by the processor; folders that were labeled by Jan have been photocopied and placed in their corresponding folder. Folders contain flyers, bylaws, membership applications, correspondence, statements of purpose, brochures, resource lists, and publications. These materials span from 1987-1999.

Box#	Folder#
1	1. Atlanta S&M Solidarity (A.S.S.): bylaws, correspondence, application, and statement of purpose 1987-88. 2. Bound and Determined (B.A.D.): newsletters 1987-88; "The March on Inside Four" Philip Smith; "Reaching Far-away Darlings" Suzana Tratnik and Edward Frey. 3. The Black Rose: newletter 1991 and event list. 4. Boulton and Park Society (TV): brochure 1989. 5. Centurions: constitution; Tough Customer Model Releases by Desmodus Inc. for Drummer magazine 1989; Briar Rose original flyer; letters to Jan from Outrageous Women, On Our Backs, and The Center 1987; Centurions Celebration XI 1989. 6. Danish and others: Janus publication on Essemian Sanctuary of the Goddess, Victoria Number 3 1987/88, and Dykes in Leather Hamburg, Germany letter. 7. Dreizehn (Boston Gay S/M Fraternity): flyer. 8. Eulenspiegel Society (TES Association): membership application and proxy instructions 1999; flyer; calender 1999; newsletters 1998-99; National Coalition for Sexual Freedom brochure 1999; letter from Ty Clements 1988; newsletter 1990. 9. Female Trouble (Philadelphia Women's S/M Group): flyer. 10. Foot Fraternity: member feedback; history of foot fetishism; erotica; newletter; membership application; Foot Fraternity Volume 33 1988; The Fraternity pin. 11. Gay Male S/M Activists (GMSMA): programs 1988-90; Newslink 1989; brochure; Hot Wax flyer; business card. 12. Leather and Lace: business cards. 13. Lesbian Sex Mafia (LSM): newsletter 1988; statement of purpose, bylaws, and resolutions; letters to Briar Rose 1988.

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14. Outcasts: operations and policies; business cards.
15. People Exchanging Power (PEP): newsletters 1988; "Dispelling the Myths about S&M," "The Facts About Male Sexual Submission," "S/M PEP Talk," "How to Find Your Very Own Dominatrix," "You Can Start an S/M Club in Your City," and annotated "A Slave's Place," Nancy Ava Miller 1988-90; fliers 1990.
16. Radical Faeries: fliers.
17. Shelix: letter from Ice Camins Bretts; letter from Bet Power; newsletters 1988-89; S/M Liberation: Up flyer; letter to Michigan Women's Music Festival Organizers 1990; Bet Power Speech at the Boston Pride Celebration transcription 1990.
18. Sigma: statues; brochure; newsletters 1987-88; "Before the Leather S/M Convention Washington, DC" Bob Key 1987.
19. Southern Kink: letter from Snake Lady 1990; statement of purpose 1988.
20. Tower City Corps: letter.
21. Urania: fliers; newsletters 1986-1990
22. Miscellaneous: Letter from early Chicago women's group; letter from Georgia Network Association; North American support group, clubs, and political action committees listing 1988; handwritten club and organization list; Three Rivers Leather Club (TRLC) calendar; resource list 1980s; Sluts For Sensation folder.

Series 5: Publications and Printed Matter

Physical Description
3 folders

Series Scope and Contents
This series contains articles, publications, event materials, programs, flyers, and brochures organized by Jan.

Subseries 5.1: Trans* Resources
Trans* is used as an umbrella term; the asterisk connotes the different identities that fall on the gender spectrum. Jan kept a folder of predominantly FTM transgender resources. In this folder are various fliers calling for transgender participants for medical surveys, documentary projects, and publications. This folder also contains copies of FTM International publications from 1996. Jan preserved photocopies of numerous essays on gender. This folder contains a publication catalogs, and event documentation.

Box# Folder#

1. Androderm patch study flyer; various publication fliers; Enterprise flyer; "Tricks of the Trade" Spencer Bergstedt and Andy 1996; FTM Newsletter Issue 1996; "Butch-Fem Relationships" Joan Nestle 1981; Second Annual FTM Conference of the Americas booklet photocopy; FTM Survey Project form; Transmutation flyer; FTM

International online printout 1996; "Contemporary Short Films and Videos Dealing with Butchness, Gender Identity, Masculinity and Female-to-Male Transgender Issues"; International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) letter and publications catalog 1996; Transgendered HIV/AIDS booklet 1996; FTM International Newsletter photocopies; "FTM: An Interview with Mike, Eric, Billy, Sky and Shadow" Dagger; "Packing, Passing and Pissing" Mike Hernandez and Sky Renfro; "Boundaries: Gender and Transgenderism" Michael M. Hernandez.

Subseries 5.2: Feminism vs. S/M
This folder contains correspondence about the Michigan Women's Music Festival disputes in 1990. Other essays and one college paper document tensions between feminism and S/M lifestyles.

Box# Folder#

1. "Abrasion" GMSMA; "Answers Bruce Sprague's Article"; "Walking Tour of S&M Clubs" Hustler photocopy; correspondence on Michigan Women's Music Festival 1990; Outcasts letter 1990; "What Feminists Can Learn From the Lesbian Sex Radicals" Margaret Nichols; "Porn Wars: A Feminist Red Herring" Suzanne C. Shepherd 1986.

Subseries 5.3: Miscellaneous
An assortment of advertising images depicting themes of S/M, along with pamphlets advertising erotic toys and clothing. Various news articles, an interview, brochures and essays.

Box# Folder#

1. "Topless Clubs Raided" photocopy 1989; AIDS Safe S/M brochure; "Raelyn Gallina" interview photocopy; statement from Marion A. Huddleston; Citi Magazine; Constance Enterprises advertising; images and advertising photocopies; "Marriage of Lady Enid Andrea Quinn and Lord Eric Richard La Doie" 1999.

<u>Series 6: Artifacts</u>

Physical Description
1 oversized box

Series Scope and Contents
One cassette tape titled "Do It Yourself SM." Oversized print materials, including event/publications posters and newspaper articles. This collection also includes two unlabeled photos.

Box# Folder#

1. "Do It Yourself SM" cassette tape
2. The Link September 1996, newspaper
3. Gaze newspaper 1988

4. “LN Frauen Sex Magazine for Wimmin” Hamburg poster
5. “Celebration Costume Ball” poster
6. Unlabeled photos (x2)

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