

# **Finding aid for the Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance Records**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Northeastern University Archives and Special Collections

**Creator:** Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance

**Title:** Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance records

**Identifier:** M065

**Date:** 1982-1992

**Physical Description:** 1.45 cubic feet (5 containers, 2 flat file folders)

## Physical Location

64/4, 64/2, FF1/D3

## Overview

The Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance (BILGA) was created in 1983 as an umbrella organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender student groups in the Boston area. The group coordinated student activism and community-building, provided support for fledgling student groups, and began an annual conference, the Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Activist Conference. The conferences spawned the Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Union, which began to run the event in 1985. The Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance disbanded in 1990.

## Overview

The Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance (BILGA) records were assembled by Tim O'Connor, treasurer from 1985 to 1989; Beth Holmberg, secretary of BILGA from 1988 to 1990; and Jeffrey Mattson, past secretary. The collection reflects the interests and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students in the Boston area in the 1980's, a period of rapidly increasing visibility for them. The materials from individual college groups, along with the Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance newsletter, *The Intercollegiate*, detail both political and social activity, and the problems faced by students searching for community and academic support during a period of nascent public awareness. The Massachusetts lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender activism material supplies information about the larger movement, specifically in Massachusetts.

## System of Arrangement:

Organized into 2 series: 1. College Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Activism; 2. Massachusetts Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Activism.

## Conditions Governing Access:

This collection is unrestricted.

## **Technical Access:**

One 5 ¼ floppy disk in The Intercollegiate in box 1, folder 8 will not open.

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition:**

Donated by Tim O'Connor in 2000 and Beth Holmberg in 2002.

## **Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:**

Copyright restrictions may apply.

## **Bibliography**

- The Waldorf School of San Diego. Our Faculty.  
[http://www.waldorfsandiego.org/our\\_school/faculty.aspx](http://www.waldorfsandiego.org/our_school/faculty.aspx) (accessed November 2, 2009).

## **Language of Materials**

Materials entirely in English.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Publication Statement**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

- Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance
- Gay college students -- Massachusetts -- Boston
- Gay rights -- Massachusetts -- Boston
- Gays -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- Massachusetts -- Boston
- Holmberg, Beth
- Holmberg, Beth
- Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Activist Conference
- Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Union
- Northeastern University (Boston, Mass.). Organization for Alternative Lifestyles

## Collection Inventory

### 1. College Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Activism, 1982-1990

#### Arrangement:

Alphabetical

#### Summary:

The college lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender records comprise approximately .7 cubic feet of material. The majority of the records date between 1983 and 1989. The series documents the activities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender college students in Boston during the 1980s. The series contains organizational files, such as Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance's constitution and meeting minutes. Also included are the newsletters of the Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance, with features on individual college groups, opinion pieces, news items, and calendars of local events; cultural artifacts from the college groups, including posters, flyers, and literary magazines; and packets for the Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Union conferences, detailing workshops, activism, conference attendees, and the process of organizing the conferences themselves.

**Physical** 0.90 cubic ft.

#### Description:

#### Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance

Clippings, 1986-1987

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Constitution (2 folders), 1986-1989

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)  
Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

Cultural Events and Programming (2 folders), 1984-1989

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)  
Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

Early Newsletters, 1982-1984

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

The Intercollegiate (8 folders), 1985-1989

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)  
Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

Letters, 1985-1986

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Membership List, 1986-1987

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Minutes, Agendas and Rosters (2 folders), 1983-1989

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)  
Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

Questionnaire, n.d.

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Representative Convention, 1986

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

The Guide to New England: Coming Out on Campus, 1988

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Individual College Groups

Boston University Lesbian and Gay Alliance, n.d., 1986-1988

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Brandeis University Lesbian-Gay-Bixsexual Coalition, 198?

Folder FF1/D3 (Mixed Materials)

Brown University Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA), 1986

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Emerson College Gay Men's Group, 1986

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Harvard-Radcliffe Gay and Lesbian Student Association, 1983-1990

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

Gays at MIT (GaMIT), 1985-1986

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)

New York University, 1987

Box 1 (Mixed Materials)  
Folder FF1/D3 (Mixed Materials)

Northeastern University Organization for Alternative Lifestyles, 1985

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Tufts University Lesbian and Gay Community, 1986

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

University of Delaware Gay and Lesbian Student Union, 1985-1986

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

University of Massachusetts at Lowell, 1985

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

## Northeast Lesbian and Gay Student Union (NELGSU)

General (2 folders), n.d., 1986

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)  
Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

Conferences (9 folders), 1984-1990

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)  
Box 5 (Mixed Materials)

T-shirts, n.d.

Box 4 (Mixed Materials)

## 2. Massachusetts Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Activism, 1984-1992 (bulk 1984-1989)

**Arrangement:**

Alphabetical

**Summary:**

The series provides a context for the Boston Intercollegiate Lesbian and Gay Alliance, documenting paramount concerns in the larger lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in Boston. The series contains a precis of the plans to repeal sodomy laws in Massachusetts and pass a civil rights bill. Of particular interest are questionnaires and replies created by the Greater Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance for the purpose of determining their endorsement of various Boston candidates in the 1986 and 1988 elections. Also included are issues of Next, a community publication, and other scattered records of activism and activity.

**Physical** 0.3 cubic ft.  
**Description:**

Boston Human Rights Commission, 1984

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Boston Pride Guide, 1989

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, 1989, 1992

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Dorchester Gala, 1986

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

## Greater Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance

General, 1987-1988

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

Questionnaires, 1987-1989

Box 2 (Mixed Materials)

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The Group: A Social/Discussion Group for Lesbians and Gay Men, 1987-1989

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

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Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, n.d., 1990

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

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The Names Project, 1988

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

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National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1987-1990

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

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Next, 1988-1989

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

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Political Activism: Flyers and Event Publicity, n.d., 1986

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)

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Writings, n.d.

Box 3 (Mixed Materials)