



Guide to the Ron Lawrence Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Lawrence, Ron, 1944-
Title:	Ron Lawrence Photograph Collection
ID:	PH-00424
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1980-1994, 2013
Physical Description:	0.04 Cubic Feet (3 folders (1 shared box))
Physical Description:	0.04 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Ron Lawrence Photograph Collection contains mainly photographs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) events (approximately 1980-1994, 2013) around Las Vegas, Nevada taken by Ron Lawrence. The collection consists primarily of photographs of the First Annual Gay Pride Banquet and Awards hosted at the Moyer Student Union at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), events at the Gay Academic Union at UNLV, and the first Gay Pride celebration in Las Vegas. Also included are photographs of the First Annual Honorarium by the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada, personal photographs of Ron Lawrence and his friends, and parties at the home of Ron Lawrence and Ernie Eged.

Preferred Citation

Ron Lawrence Photograph Collection, approximately 1980-1994, 2013. PH-00424. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Ronald "Ron" Lawrence is an activist and counselor who moved to Las Vegas, Nevada from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1979 with his husband, Ernie Eged. Lawrence received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1982 and his master's degree in

marriage and family therapy from California Lutheran University in 1987. He has been an active member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community in Las Vegas since 1979. Lawrence worked as a clinical director for Bridge Counseling in Las Vegas BEGINNING in 1987 where he created programs specifically for the LGBTQ community and support groups for HIV-positive individuals.

In 1989, Lawrence created the Community AIDS Intervention Project (CAIP) as a division of Bridge Counseling. CAIP supported LGBTQ-specific outreach programs funded by the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Centers for Disease Control. Programs under CAIP included an HIV support group, the Gay Men's Health Project, Significant Others, and a survivors group comprised of individuals who had lost loved ones due to AIDS.

Lawrence later created his own agency to support the LGBTQ community in Las Vegas, establishing the Community Counseling Center in 1990 to provide mental health care services to the LGBTQ community, and in particular the HIV and AIDS population. As of 2019 the Community Counseling Center offers mental health care services for all populations in Las Vegas. Lawrence remains actively involved with the Community Counseling Center and serves as a staff member and executive director.

Sources:

McBride, Dennis. "Community Counseling Center." OutHistory.org, Accessed December 12, 2019. <http://outhistory.org/exhibits/show/las-vegas/articles/cc>.

Sodoma, Brian. "Mental health workers a much-needed field in Nevada." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, September 7, 2014. <https://www.reviewjournal.com/life/health/mental-health-workers-a-much-needed-field-in-nevada/>.

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Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated by Ron Lawrence in 2018 and Dennis McBride in 2022; accession numbers 2018-032, 2022-032.

Processing Note

In 2019, Tammi Kim rehoused the materials and created the finding aid in ArchivesSpace. In 2022, Tammi Kim rehoused the 2022 addition and updated the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Lawrence, Ron. Interview, 1997 June 22. OH-01070. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- photographs
- Gay rights
- Gay pride celebrations
- Mental health services
- Las Vegas (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Gay Academic Union (GAU) presenting flowers to comedienne Joan Rivers at R&R Assordid Sundries: photographic print, approximately 1984	box SH-049
Terry Cordell, Michael Loewy, Ron Guthrie, Ron Lawrence: photographic prints, 1986 May 25 Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	box SH-049
First annual Gay Pride banquet and awards in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom, UNLV: photographic prints, 1983 May 07 Physical Description: 9 Photographic Prints	box SH-049
Las Vegas' first Gay Pride celebration (known as the First Annual Human Rights Seminar) held in the Fireside Lounge of the Moyer Student Union at UNLV: photographic print, 1983 May 06	box SH-049
GAU members at the Moyer Student Union: photographic print, 1983	box SH-049
Members of the Lambda Pride Coalition from Las Vegas participating in the Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade: photographic print, 1984	box SH-049
Party at the home of Ron Lawrence and Ernie Egyd on Caliente Street in Las Vegas: photographic prints, 1983 Physical Description: 4 Photographic Prints	box SH-049
Ron Lawrence: photographic print, approximately 1980 to 1984	box SH-049
Dennis McBride at UNLV: photographic print, 1986 May 25	box SH-049
First annual Honorarium for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada: photographic print, 1994 January 24	box SH-049

Ron Lawrence, Ernie Eyged, Dan Hinkley, friends Liz Wilcox and Joanie Ball in Montenegro: photographic print, 2013	box SH-049
Ron Lawrence addressing a crowd on World AIDS Day at the Boulevard Mall: photographic print, 1994 December 01	box SH-049
March on Washington: photographic print, 1993 April 25	box SH-049
Founding members (Christie Young, David Adams, Dennis McBride, Rick May, Mike Loewy, Julian Martin-Perez, and Wil Collins) of the Gay Academic Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas posed on the balcony of the Moyer Student Union over a marquee announcing "Gay Pride Week / May 6 & 14": photographic prints, 1983 May Physical Description: 2 Photographic Prints	box SH-049
First annual Gay Pride banquet and awards at the Moyer Student Union Ballroom: photographic prints , 1983 May 07 Physical Description: 11 Photographic Prints	box SH-049
First annual Gay Pride celebration seminars at the Moyer Student Union Fireside Lounge featuring Gudrun Fonfa, Michael Chavez, and Dr. Vern Mattson, 1983 May 06 Physical Description: 4 Photographic Prints	box SH-049
First annual Gay Pride banquet and awards at the Moyer Student Union Ballroom: photographic print, 1983 May 07	box SH-049