

## **Guide to the Dennis McBride LGBTQ Poster and Sign Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	McBride, Dennis
<b>Title:</b>	Dennis McBride LGBTQ Poster and Sign Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00842
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1977-2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.92 Cubic Feet (1 oversized box, 4 flat files, 4 rolls, 11 unboxed items)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	15.48 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Dennis McBride LGBTQ Poster and Sign Collection (1977-2017) consists of posters and signs created by the Las Vegas, Nevada Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community, collected by historian Dennis McBride. These handmade and commercially printed signs cover events of particular interest to the Las Vegas, Nevada LGBTQ community, including social events, entertainment venues, political rallies, and Gay Pride events.

### Preferred Citation

Dennis McBride LGBTQ Poster and Sign Collection, 1977-2017. MS-00842. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Dennis McBride grew up in Boulder City, Nevada, and received both his BA and MA in history from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He authored several histories of Boulder City, Nevada and Hoover Dam. Beginning in the 1970s, McBride started chronicling the history of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community in Las Vegas, Nevada, with his work culminating in *Out of the Neon Closet: Queer Community in the Silver State* published in 2017. He served as a curator of historical collections at the Boulder City (Nevada) Museum & Historical Society, UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives, and currently serves as the Director of the Nevada State Museum.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Dennis McBride LGBTQ Poster and Sign Collection (1977-2017) consists of posters and signs created by the Las Vegas, Nevada Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community, collected by Dennis McBride. The material provides insight into LGBTQ political activism and community activities in Las Vegas, Nevada. Signs are both handmade and commercially printed, with the commercially printed signs and posters including advertisements for events held at LGBTQ nightclubs and bars as well as Gay Pride parades, movie screenings, theatrical performances, charity events, AIDS outreach, and political events. The handmade signs deal with topics relating to marriage equality and AIDS awareness for use at parades and protest events.

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## Arrangement

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Materials remain in original order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2011 and 2017 by Dennis McBride; accession numbers 2011-17, and 2017-164.

## Processing Note

A rough inventory of the accession was created by Maggie Bukowski in 2017. To prepare the inventory, the described materials were reviewed to create a contents list, estimate dates, identify material types, and a finding aid was created in ArchivesSpace. In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Melise Leech rehoused the materials and revised the collection description in ArchivesSpace to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

Dennis McBride Collection on LGBTQ Las Vegas, Nevada 1993-2017. MS-00802. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Gay Business Directories Collection, 1992-2015. MS-00750. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Las Vegas Bugle Collection on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History, 1984-2002. MS-00476. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lee Plotkin Papers, 1955-2006. MS-00518. Special Collections and Archives, UNLV Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Reno Gay Rodeo Collection, 1977-1988. MS-00503. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Rick L. May Papers, 1982-1997. MS-00446. Special Collections and Archives, UNLV Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ted Lenhart Collection on the LGBTQ Community, 1990-2001. MS-00484. Special Collections and Archives, UNLV Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Terry Wilsey Papers on the Las Vegas, Nevada LGBT Community, 1979-2002. MS-00472. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- AIDS (Disease)
- Gay pride celebrations -- Nevada

- Gays -- Social life and customs -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- Gay rights -- 21st century
- Gay business enterprises -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Gay community -- Nevada -- 20th century
- Gay clubs -- Nevada -- Las Vegas -- 20th century
- Gay rights

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Posters: Las Vegas Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) film series, Men's Chorus, entertainment and nightclub events, theatrical productions and movie screenings, AIDS events, Pride events, <i>National Coming Out Day</i> , political events, charity events, Pahrump (Nevada) Pride, Las Vegas Gay and Lesbian Center events, 1984-2012, and undated	flat file 01  No container 00
Equal Rights Nevada, handmade protest signs on foamboard, undated Physical Description: 2 Items	No container 00
Equal Rights Nevada, handmade protest signs on posterboard, undated Physical Description: 2 Items	flat file 02
Posters: GLBT community events, Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN), Nevada Gay Rodeo events, Men's Chorus, Pride events, lectures, fund-raisers, anti-gay propaganda from Focus on the Family, nightclub, and party events, Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire fund-raiser and election, HIV-AIDS information posters, political campaign posters, theatrical productions and musical productions, menus, calendars, 1988-2017 Physical Description: 128 Items	oversized box 03  flat file 04
Las Vegas Pride posters, 2011 Physical Description: 3 Items	No container 00
Consolidated Association of Pride, Inc. (CAPI) Pride Convention poster, 2012 Physical Description: 5 Items	No container 00
Froot Loop poster, National Coming Out Day poster, 2010-2011 Physical Description: 2 Items	roll 05
Las Vegas Pride banner, Froot Loop Halloween banner, 2011, undated Physical Description: 2 Items	roll 06
Las Vegas Pride poster, 2010-2011 Physical Description: 2 Items	roll 07
Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Incorporated (SNAPI), Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Viva Las Vegas, 2000, 2003, 2010	roll 08

Physical Description: 3 Items

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Posters: Men's Chorus, GLBT community events, Nevada Gay Rodeo events, Pride events, holiday parties, <i>Maxine's</i> calendar, 1977-2013	flat file 09
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