

**L1998.08**  
**Diane Germain**  
**Collection, 1973- 2008**

**FINDING AID AUTHOR**

Gabrielle Garcia

**ACQUISITION INFORMATION**

Diane F. Germain donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego in 1999.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION**

This collection was processed by Gabrielle Garcia as part of the 2020 CSL Project. This project was guided by an overarching anti-racist framework that informs archival practice in all aspects at Lambda Archives. Therefore, along with processing the collections specified in the original narrative, we intentionally prioritize the collections of BIPOC and Transgender members of the community to preserve and disseminate their narratives, which have been historically ignored and suppressed in archives across the U.S.

This framework promotes transparency and accountability in our responsibility to those in the LGBTQ+ community that have been historically underrepresented, misrepresented and/or trivialized in archives. Our goals are to (a) gain or rebuild trust with BIPOC members of the community; (b) more fully reflect the community's diversity; (c) outwardly recognize the contributions that BIPOC have made which have enabled the community, as a whole, to flourish; and (d) improve the discoverability of these under-acknowledged histories to increase their engagement for varying purposes within the community and for research and public knowledge.

**EXTENT**

Number of containers: 1

Linear feet of shelf space: 0.25

**ABSTRACT**

## **BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY**

“Diane F. Germain is a French-American lesbian-feminist psychiatric social worker. She conducts the Lesbian History Project and created and conducted a strength group for Women Survivors of Incest and/or childhood molestation for five years. She was one of the founding members of Dykes on Hikes, The Lesbian Referral Services, Beautiful Lesbian Thespians, and California Women's Art Collective. She was an early principal member of the San Diego Lesbian Organization and a collective member of both Las Hermanas, a women's cultural center and coffee-house, and the Califia Community, a feminist educational retreat. She worked at Lambda Archives throughout the 1990s interviewing women for history and gathering collections. She later returned to serve as the Student Volunteer Coordinator. She was the staff cartoonist for HotWire: The Journal of Women's Music, Culture of Chicago, and Lesbian News. She is featured in both the anthology Tomboys! edited by Lynne Yamaguchi and Karen Barber, and Lesbian Culture: An Anthology.” <https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8jd4xjg/>

## **COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTEN**

This collection contains materials pertaining to the Califia Community (a feminist educational retreat), Alix Dobkin (a lesbian folk singer song writer), and southern California women and lesbian organizations and events (such as Lesbian Community Cultural Arts, Dykes on Hikes, Take Back the Night, and the LA Lesbian Festival). The materials include photos, info sheets, printouts, pamphlets, tickets, programs, articles, handouts, directories, booklets, cards, posters, clippings, books, and a handmade doll by Muriel Fisher.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

This collection consists of 1 box.

## **SEPARATED MATERIAL**

None.

## **SUBJECTS**

Diane F. Germain, Califia Community, Alix Dobkin, Lesbian Solidarity, Lesbian Community Cultural Arts (LCCA), Dykes on Hikes, Take Back the Night, Karen Merry, Muriel Fisher, women's music, women musicians and singers, women's movement, feminism, lesbians, organizations - lesbian, social events, Joyce Marcus

## CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS

This collection is open and available for research use. Copyright restrictions apply.

## PREFERRED CITATION

The suggested citation for the collection is:

[Item Description]

Diane Germain Collection, 1973- 2008

Lambda Archives of San Diego

San Diego, California

## RELATED MATERIAL

L1997.01, L2001.07, L2007.03, L2010.16, L2010.19, L2010.26

## LOCATION NOTE

C.10.3.4

## LANGUAGES

English

## CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	Califia Community 1976-1986	1976-1986	
1	2	Alix Dobkin 1991-1997	1991-1997	
1	3	Southern California Women and Lesbian History 1978-2003	1978-2003	
1	4	Miscellany 1973-2008	1973-2008	