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Marti Corrine Mackey
Collection, 1989-1992

FINDING AID AUTHOR

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Phyllis Jackson donated these materials on behalf of Marti Mackey to Lambda Archives of San Diego in 1997.

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

Corinne 'Marti' Mackey was an African-American lesbian activist and writer. She founded LAGADU (Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United) in 1989, in response to frustrations that communities of color, especially Black LGBTQ folks, were not being

adequately represented in local LGBTQ activism, spaces, and communities. She worked with the San Diego LGBT Center, the Human Dignity Ordinance Task Force, and was a volunteer instructor at the local police academy. Mackey was a long-time writer and journalist with a column Det Hoodoo in the Gay and Lesbian Nation and a contributor to the San Diego Reader. Mackey and Phyllis Jackson were long-time partners. She passed away from cancer at age 42.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains materials pertaining to Marti Mackey's life, her writing career, her art, and Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United (LAGADU). The materials include newspapers, printed articles, correspondence, illustrated cards, event programs, clippings, and an illustrated flyer.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 1 box and no series.

SEPARATED MATERIAL

In this field, list any materials that have been removed from the collection and transferred to another collection, department (e.g., the library), or institution.

1. Videos: [V0592-V0593]
 - a. "Nigger God Seduction"
 - b. "The Gathering"
2. Photos: [P125 (cold room, box 3)]
 - a. Photos of Marti Mackey and Phyllis Jackson with Phyllis' grandchildren

SUBJECTS

Marti Mackey, Phyllis Jackson, Gay and Lesbian Nation, San Diego Reader, Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United (LAGADU), African Americans, organizations, visual arts, newspapers, editorials, performing arts

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]
Marti Mackey Collection, 1989-1992
Lambda Archives of San Diego
San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

None.

LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	Marti Mackey Columns and Articles from Gay and Lesbian Nation	1989-1991	
1	2	Marti Mackey Columns and Articles from Gay and Lesbian Nation	1989-1991	
1	3	Other Marti Mackey Articles and Writing	1991	
1	4	Det Hoodoo Response Letters	1990-1991	
1	5	Lesbians and Gays of African Descent United (LAGADU)	1991-1992	
1	6	Original Art		