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Gay Men of African Descent, Inc. records

1986 - 2001

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Summary

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Abstract: The Gay Men of African Descent, Inc. records (1986 - 1998) document the development of the largest black, gay-run, educational, social and political organization in the United States. Records include board of directors materials, a fairly comprehensive collection of newsletters, and information on GMAD's funding sources. Documentation on the organization's earliest years are augmented by transcripts of oral history interviews with both early and active members.

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Creator History

Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD) was founded in 1986 by the Reverend Charles Angel to build coalitions that would address and combat homophobia and racism, as well as HIV/AIDS. The organization represented the largest constituency of black gay men on the East Coast, and it is the nation's largest and oldest black gay organization dedicated exclusively to the welfare of black gay men. GMAD implemented its mission to empower black gay men through education, social support, political advocacy, and health and wellness promotion, via a wide range of programs targeting black "Men Who Have Sex With Men" (MSM) in the New York City metropolitan area.

Among other programmatic activities undertaken by GMAD were the issues of the inequities of HIV/AIDS funding and outreach to black gay men. Programs reflecting these efforts have ranged from discussions at weekly Friday Night Forums, peer counseling, and HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns to acknowledging advocates of the health of black gay men. The monthly newsletter has featured a schedule of GMAD's programming and original reporting, as well as information about the organization. GMAD continues to host community social events, educational seminars, and weekly forums on issues related to public policy and advocacy.

Scope and Content Note

The Gay Men of African Descent, Inc. records (1986 - 1998) document the development of the largest, black, gay-run, educational, social, and political organization in the United States. Records include board of directors organizing and leadership materials; a fairly comprehensive collection of newsletters which capture the organization's direction and programmatic activities from 1988 - 1999; and information on GMAD's funding sources. Documentation on the organization's earliest years are augmented by transcripts of oral history interviews with both early and active members who share accounts of GMAD's founding and struggle to develop into a full-fledged advocacy organization. There are transcripts for George Bellinger, Jeff Haskins, Kevin McGruder, Philip Reed, Colin Robinson, Kenneth Tolbert, Derwin Keith Vega, and C. Ralph Wilson.

Arrangement: Arranged into five series: I. Early documents; II. Board of Directors; III. Programs; IV. General office files; and V. Financial records.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American gay men -- New York (State) -- New York
African American gays
African American gays -- Intellectual life
African American gays -- Social conditions
African Americans -- Intellectual life
AIDS (Disease) -- New York (State) -- New York -- Prevention
AIDS (Disease) -- Social aspects -- New York (State) -- New York
Associations, institutions, etc -- New York (State) -- New York
Black author
Gay liberation movement
Gay liberation movement -- New York (State) -- New York
Gay men -- Services for -- United States
Gay men -- United States
Gay men -- United States -- Social conditions

Gay men -- United States -- Social life and customs
Gays' writings, American
Homophobia -- New York (State) -- New York -- Prevention
Racism -- New York (State) -- New York -- Prevention
Safe sex in AIDS prevention -- New York (State) -- New York
Sexually transmitted diseases
Sexually transmitted diseases -- Psychological aspects

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Newsletters
Oral history
Transcripts

Names

Angel, Charles, 1952-1986
Bellinger, George, 1955-
Haskins, Jeff, 1955-
McGruder, Kevin, 1957-
Reed, Philip, 1949-2008
Robinson, Colin
Robinson, Colin, 1950-
Tolbert, Kenneth
Vega, Derwin Keith, 1957-
Wilson, C. Ralph, 1955-
Gay Men of African Descent, Inc.

Container List

b. 1 f. 1 Early documents 1986 - 1990

This series contains a collection of documents that illustrate the organization's early years primarily as a support group. Materials found here range from minutes of meetings chaired by Charles Angel and Colin Robinson in 1986, to executive committee notes, proposed organizational structure notes, meeting agendas, letters, flyers, and treasurer's reports. Of interest is an article about the dedication of the Charles Angel Room at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center. Another early document is arguably the first flyer produced by the young organization in the fall of 1986. The flyer, "An Appeal to the Black Family and All Segments of the Progressive Community," called for a cross-cultural dialogue between gays and heterosexuals in black communities. Charles R.P. Pouncy, an early member of the organization, donated this folder to the organization in 1990.

Board of Directors 1986 - 1997

This series contains information about the structure and development of the board throughout the years, and provides an overview of the organization. There are six subseries: By-laws and amendments; agenda and meeting materials; elections; committees; Managing/Executive Director Colin Robinson; and early members. The By-laws and Amendments subseries is composed of various versions of GMAD's by-laws, some of which have annotations by Colin Robinson. Also included are notes by Bert Hunter (1989) about the proposed structure and by-laws of the organization, along with a memorandum from the board to the membership concerning a revision of the by-laws.

The Agendas and Meeting Materials subseries consists mainly of agendas and various addendum/attachments from past meetings and memorandum and reports from committees about elections, employment, events, financial information, staff hiring, and membership.

In the subseries Elections, the files contain ballots, candidate information, and membership lists. Minutes from monthly and special board meetings, which relate specifically to elections, are arranged chronologically. This series is restricted because it contains personal information on GMAD's membership.

The Committees subseries contains information about two board-appointed committees: the HIV Program Initiative and Strategic Planning. These files contain agendas, flyers, job announcements, letters, reports, questionnaires, sign-up sheets, and notes related to each committee's objectives.

The Managing/Executive Director Colin Robinson (1994-1995) subseries contains files generated by Colin Robinson, who held both titles at different times. Correspondence, memorandum, board minutes and related notes, vision statements, recommendations to the board, reports, and drafts of employment agreements can be found in these files. Notably there is a letter (August 4, 1995) from Robinson to the board that details his reasons for leaving his position as executive director, and lays out a history of his tenure with the organization as the managing director. Much of the material concerns the role of the board, formalizing the managing director and program assistant's position, information pertaining to a board retreat in 1994 that focused on the strategic plan to strengthen the board and organizational development. The records do not contain discrete bodies of files for most of the past executive directors or managing directors, including founder Charles Angel, Harold Robinson, Elbert Gates, Joe Pressley, Lawrence Abrams, Cary Alan Johnson, Robert Penn, or Kevin McGruder.

In the Early Members subseries, there are files for Colin Robinson and C. Ralph Wilson, both of whom served the organization in various capacities. Robinson, 1989 - 1993, along with Rev. Angel, co-chaired the first meetings of GMAD. This series is essentially a sampling of Robinson's records.

From its inception, Robinson served the organization in various capacities as a board member, "Calendar/Newsletter" editor, managing director, and executive director before resigning in 1995. Arranged chronologically, these files include (often heavily annotated) board agendas and minutes, membership applications, newsletter working materials, program questionnaires, and a copy of the proposal to the Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media, which funded the AIDS FILMS/GMAD collaborative HIV/AIDS awareness educational video, *Party*. (For more detailed information about the *Party* video, see Program series description below). Materials found here include flyers and newsletters from the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center and Gay Men's Health Crisis, another organization for which Robinson volunteered and worked. There are also letters Robinson penned in his capacity as a board member of the New York-based black gay writing collective, Other Countries.

The files for C. Ralph Wilson, 1995 - 1996, a former board member, are comprised of two folders of documents that were kept during his tenure as board secretary. The files include budgets for programs, correspondence, a listing of the board of directors, memoranda, minutes, organizational plans, reports, and notes. Some of the materials have annotations. Also included is a memorandum concerning Colin Robinson's lawsuit against GMAD for back pay in 1996.

Smaller categories in this series include biographies and resumes of former board members, contribution agreements, correspondence, executive committee reports, executive director search information, financial committee reports, lists of board members, memoranda, pledges of confidentiality forms, strategic reports, and other related reports.

Arranged into six subseries: (1) By-laws and amendments; (2) Agenda and meeting materials; (3) Elections; (4) Committees; (5) Managing/Executive Director Colin Robinson; and (6) Early

Board of Directors (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 2 501 (c) (3) Certificate of Incorporation 1990 - 1992
 - By-laws and amendments 1989 - 1996
- b. 1 f. 3 1985 - 1995
- b. 1 f. 4 Draft 1996
- Agendas and meeting materials 1991 - 1997
- b. 1 f. 5 1991 - 1995
- b. 1 f. 6 1996 - 1997
- Elections (restricted) 1989 - 1997
- b. 1 f. 7 1989
- b. 1 f. 8 1991
- b. 1 f. 9 1992
- b. 1 f. 10-11 1993
- b. 1 f. 12-14 1994
- b. 2 f. 1-3 1995
- b. 2 f. 4 1996
- b. 2 f. 5 1997
- Committees 1991 - 1992
- b. 2 f. 6 HIV program initiatives 1991 - 1992
- b. 2 f. 7 Strategic Planning Committee 1991 - 1992
- Managing/Executive Director Colin Robinson 1994 - 1995
- b. 2 f. 8 Retreat 1994 October 22
- b. 2 f. 9-10 Reports, correspondence, memos, and notes 1994 - 1995
- b. 3 f. 1 Vision statement 1994 - 1995
- b. 3 f. 2 Management report 1995 July 8
- Early members 1986 - 1996
- Colin Robinson
- b. 3 f. 3 1986 - 1989
- b. 3 f. 4 1990
- b. 3 f. 5-6 *AIDSFilms and The Party* 1991 - 1992
 - Includes notes.
- b. 3 f. 7-8 Co-Chair and Chair 1991 - 1992
- b. 3 f. 9 Board of Directors notes 1992 October - September 1993
- b. 3 f. 10 Restructuring Committee – proposals and notes 1993
- b. 3 f. 11 Reports, correspondence, memos, and notes
- b. 3 f. 12-13 C. Ralph Wilson 1995 - 1996
- Other
- b. 3 f. 14 Biographies and resumes ca. 1995
- b. 4 f. 1 Constituency questionnaire 1997 January
- b. 4 f. 2 Contribution agreement 1995
- b. 4 f. 3 Correspondence, incoming 1996 - 1999
- b. 4 f. 4 Correspondence, outgoing 1992 - 1997

Board of Directors (cont.)

Other (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 5 Executive Committee meeting reports 1996 November 4
- b. 4 f. 6 Executive Director search 1995 - 1996
- b. 4 f. 7 Financial Committee reports 1996
- b. 4 f. 8-11 General 1991 - 1996
Includes computer system information and training notes.
- b. 4 f. 12 List 1996 - 1997
- b. 4 f. 13 Memoranda 1990 - 1997
Minutes
- b. 4 f. 14 1991 - 1993
Incomplete.
- b. 4 f. 15-16 1994 - 1995
- b. 4 f. 17-18 1996
- b. 4 f. 19 1997 January - August
- b. 4 f. 20 Organizational plan
- b. 4 f. 21 Pledge of confidentiality forms 1996
- b. 4 f. 22 Proposal for program evaluation, Haftan Eckholdt 1995 June 5
- b. 4 f. 23 Reports 1994 - 1997
- b. 4 f. 24 Retreat – Rainbow Mountain Resort 1996 November 1
- b. 4 f. 25 Staff orientation for the Board of Directors manual 1995 September 9
- b. 4 f. 26 Volunteer projects undated

Programs 1988 - 2001

This series contains records for GMAD's programmatic activities including annual programs, Friday Night Forums, co-sponsored events, workshops, and miscellaneous programs in which GMAD may have participated. The records here represent a sampling of programs and events held during 1986 - 1998, the totality of which provides valuable insight into the various issues engaging black gay men, including relationships, HIV/AIDS, literature, and the arts. There are four subseries in this series: Newsletters; Committees; Programs; and Oral History Project.

The newsletters subseries provides the most comprehensive and detailed description of GMAD's activities found in the collection. The organization's newsletter (initially titled the *Calendar*, later renamed *Angel Times* and *GMAD Newsletter*, respectively) records the numerous activities and the development of the organization in the 1980s and early 1990s. There are gaps in publication, and it is unclear whether issues were not produced for a particular month or are simply missing. Additionally, there are production files, which include drafts, letters, clippings, calls for submission, memoranda, flyers, and other information for inclusion in the newsletters produced in 1995 and 1996.

The Committees subseries represents a fraction of the various committees that came into being from the time of GMAD's inception. Judging from the scarcity of materials found here, compared with the information in the newsletters about committees that were formed, it is clear that several committees' files are missing. Arranged alphabetically by committee, this subseries contains agendas, flyers, job announcements, letters, reports, questionnaires, sign-up sheets, and notes related to each committee's objectives. Committees represented here include the Action Committee; "Harambee" Committee; Program Advisory Committee; Program Development Committee; Programming and Planning Committee; Steering Committee; and Whole Support Group Committee.

The Programs subseries contains files for a number of events, one-time and ongoing, that GMAD has conducted over the course of its existence. Arranged alphabetically, there is information about GMAD's tenth anniversary, annual fashion show, Friday Night Forums, and Kwanzaa celebrations.

There are folders concerning fund raising events including a benefit for *Black Is...Black Ain't*, the late Marlon Riggs's last documentary, and the African-American Caribbean MSM Conference, both in 1995. Several files for the "Lifestyles Genesis Learning Series Program," a program that was funded by the Black Leadership Conference on AIDS, and the video, *Party*, can also be found here.

In 1993, GMAD, in collaboration with AIDS FILMS, produced *Party*, 1991 - 1995, a professional video for safe sex educators and community organizations to use as a guide in HIV prevention outreach. The files include contracts, correspondence, crew and funding information, mailing lists, production materials, steering committee minutes, submitted scripts, and notes. Considered the first safer sex videotape produced by black gay men for black gay men, *Party* was written by Washington, DC, playwright Alan Sharpe and directed by Charles Sessoms. The half-hour video was designed to stimulate group discussion and encourage values clarification and peer support among black men around a range of HIV and STD risk reduction issues.

The Oral History Project was initiated to coincide with the formal depositing of the organization's archival records at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. It was funded by the Borough of Manhattan President's Office for New York City (fiscal year 2000/2001.) The purpose of the project was to provide insight into GMAD's genesis by interviewing early members of the organization, and persons associated with Charles Angel, in order to augment the history found in the records. The interviews took place in late 2000 and ended in July 2001. This subseries includes transcriptions of the following interviews: George Bellinger, Jr., Kevin Coleman, Bonnie Harrison, Jeff Haskins, Kevin McGruder, Philip Reed, Colin Robinson, Harold Robinson, Kenneth Tolbert, Derwin Keith Vega, and C. Ralph Wilson.

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Newsletters 1988 - 1999

b. 5 f. 1 1988

b. 5 f. 2 1989

Programs (cont.)

Newsletters (cont.)

- b. 5 f. 3 1990
Includes March and October–November issues.
- b. 5 f. 4 1991
Includes June, August, October, September, and November issues.
- b. 5 f. 5 1992
Includes March, April, June, and September–December issues.
- b. 5 f. 6 1993
- b. 5 f. 7 1994
- b. 5 f. 8 1995
- b. 5 f. 9 1996
- b. 5 f. 10 1997
- b. 5 f. 11 1998
- b. 5 f. 12 1999
- b. 5 f. 13-20 Production files 1995 - 1996
- Committees 1992 - 1997
 - b. 6 f. 1 Action 1997 April - May
 - b. 6 f. 2 Beyond 28 Days 1992
 - b. 6 f. 3-4 Harambee 1992
 - b. 6 f. 5 Program Advisory 1995
 - b. 6 f. 6 Program Development 1996
 - Program and Planning Committee 1992 - 1993
 - b. 6 f. 7 Minutes
 - b. 6 f. 8 Program materials
 - b. 6 f. 9 Restructuring – "Recommendation to the Board of Directors"
 - b. 6 f. 10 Whole Health Support Groups 1993
- Programs 1988 - 1997
 - b. 7 f. 1-2 Anniversary celebration 1996 December 7
 - b. 7 f. 3 African American and Caribbean MSM Conference 1995 September
 - b. 7 f. 4 African American Day Parade 1993 - 1997
 - b. 7 f. 5-6 AIDS Awareness Day 1993 - 1994
 - b. 7 f. 7 AIDS Walk – New York 1997 May 18
 - b. 7 f. 8 Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble – fundraiser 1995 April 1
 - b. 7 f. 9 "An Angel Among Us" 1988 December 3
 - b. 7 f. 10 Annual picnic 1996 August 24
 - b. 7 f. 11 *Black is ... Black Ain't fundraiser* 1995 June 3
 - b. 7 f. 12 "Brother to Brother: Words from the Heart" benefit with Essex Hemphill and Larry Ducketta 1989 April 7
 - b. 7 f. 13 "Brother to Brother...Brother to Brother ..." 1990 November 16
 - b. 7 f. 14 "Children of the Rainbow" with Black AIDS Mobilization (BAM!) 1992 January 8
 - b. 7 f. 15 "A Conversation with ..." co-sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign 1997
 - b. 7 f. 16 Drop-in group 1996

Programs (cont.)

Programs (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 17 Empowerment workshop undated
- b. 7 f. 18 Entrepreneurship program 1996 October 3 - November 13
- b. 7 f. 19 Evaluation forms (miscellaneous)
Annual Fashion Show
 - b. 8 f. 1 2nd annual 1993 January 31
 - b. 8 f. 2 "Purity '94" (3rd annual) 1994 April 10
 - b. 8 f. 3-4 "The Strength of Kings and Warriors" (4th annual) 1995 April 30
 - b. 8 f. 5 "Into the Millennium" (5th annual) 1996 May 5
 - b. 8 f. 6 "Pride: In the Name of Love" (6th annual) 1997 June 22
 - b. 8 f. 7 Kuumba fashion show undated
 - b. 8 f. 8 "Get on the Bus!" 7th Annual Black Lesbian and Gay Pride weekend, Washington, DC 1997 May 23 - 25Annual Kwanzaa Celebration
 - b. 8 f. 9 1st annual 1988 December 30
 - b. 8 f. 10 3rd annual 1990 December 28
 - b. 8 f. 11 5th annual 1993 January 1
 - b. 8 f. 12 6th annual 1994 January 1
 - b. 8 f. 13-14 7th annual 1994 December 30
 - b. 8 f. 15 8th annual 1995 December 30
 - b. 8 f. 16 9th annual 1996 December 28
 - b. 8 f. 17 10th annual 1997 December 27Lifestyles Genesis Learning Series program
 - b. 8 f. 18-19 Agreement and contract 1990 - 1991
 - b. 8 f. 20 Correspondence and notes 1991 - 1994
 - b. 8 f. 21 General information 1991
 - b. 8 f. 22 Teaching guide undated
 - b. 9 f. 1 Weekend retreat 1990 July 27
 - b. 9 f. 2-3 Workbook and work plan 1991
 - b. 9 f. 4 "Lift Every Voice Sing" 1993 August 27
 - b. 9 f. 5 *Lush Life: A Biography of Billy Strayhorn – discussion and book signing with David Hajdu*
 - b. 9 f. 6 "The Magic of HIV" ca. 1992
 - b. 9 f. 7 Mix 96: 10th New York Lesbian and Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival 1996 November 14 - 24
 - b. 9 f. 8 New York State legislative visits, co-sponsored by People of Color in Crisis (POCC) 1995 June 21 - 23
 - b. 9 f. 9 "Paradigms of Pride" 1994Party
 - b. 9 f. 10 Assignment of rights 1995 November 1
 - b. 9 f. 11 Contracts and time sheets 1992 - 1993
 - b. 9 f. 12 Correspondence 1994 - 1995
 - b. 9 f. 13-15 Crew contracts and scouting 1992

Programs (cont.)
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Party (cont.)

- b. 9 f. 16 Daily print log 1992
- b. 9 f. 17 Equipment rental 1992
- b. 10 f. 1 General information 1992 January - April
- b. 10 f. 2 Steering Committee for African American Gay Men's Film 1992 - 1993
Includes minutes, correspondence, and notes.
- b. 10 f. 3 Joyce Mertz, Gilmore Foundation 1992
- b. 10 f. 4 Letters regarding film festival 1992 - 1994
- b. 10 f. 5 List of writers and submissions ca. 1992
- b. 10 f. 6 Mailing lists 1995
- b. 10 f. 7 Permit from City of New York, Mayor's Office for Film, Theatre, and Broadcasting 1992
- b. 10 f. 8 Press releases 1992 - 1993
- b. 10 f. 9 Production materials 1992 December
- b. 10 f. 10-13 Requests for video 1994 - 1995
- b. 11 f. 1-3 Script fragments and revisions 1992
Script submissions
 - b. 11 f. 4 Booth, Eric Stephen. *Je Ne Regrette Rien (play script)* 1991
 - b. 11 f. 5 Carter, Wendell. *All the Driving in the Holy Land Is Done in the Name of Allah (play script)* undated
 - b. 11 f. 6 Carter, Wendell. *Hurricane House (play script)* undated
 - b. 11 f. 7 Davis, Tito Antonio. *Dreams of Butch Realness (play script)* 1991
 - b. 11 f. 8 Foster, Guy-Mark. *Lasius Niger (The Black Ant) and Legacy (short stories)* undated
 - b. 11 f. 9 Jackson, Reginald T. *Diane of Avenue D (play script)* ca. 1992
 - b. 11 f. 10 James, G. Winston. *Martine, John, and Church (short stories)* 1991 - 1992
 - b. 11 f. 11 Penn, Robert E 1985 - 1992
Includes play scripts *Whittling in the Dark* and *Reconciliation*, and the skit, *Men on Africa*.
 - b. 11 f. 12 Sharpe, Alan. *Heart Beats (play script)* 1991
 - b. 11 f. 13 Wadud, Ali. *In My Brother's House (play script)* 1990
 - b. 11 f. 14 Washington, Eric K undated
Includes short stories *The Exotics* and *A Dependency of Thing on Thing*.
 - b. 11 f. 15 Wright, Allen 1991
Includes *Gounda's House* (play script) and the short stories, *Yes, But ...*, *Choices*, and *Beggars*.
 - b. 11 f. 16 Wright, Bil. *For All We Know: An Evening with Fred Astaire and Billie Holiday (short story)* 1992
 - b. 11 f. 17 Wright, Bil. *They're all Over the Neighborhood and Other Casualties of War (play script excerpt)* ca. 1992
- b. 12 f. 1 Peer outreach training list of volunteers 1996 September
- b. 12 f. 2 Public Service Announcements featuring Colonel Abrams party at Sidebar 1997 February 20
- b. 12 f. 3 Relationships between Black Lesbians and Black Gays undated
- b. 12 f. 4 Street outreach initiative undated
- b. 12 f. 5 "Tongues Untied/Ethnic Notions" 1989 December 8

Programs (cont.)
Programs (cont.)
Party (cont.)

- b. 12 f. 6 Town Meeting on same-sex marriage 1996
 - b. 12 f. 7 What Lesbian and Gay People of Color Ought to Know about the Persian Gulf: A Teach-In 1990 January 18
 - b. 12 f. 8 West Indian and Gay 1990 September 7
 - b. 12 f. 9 Working notes
 - b. 12 f. 10 Yo! Gay Men of African Descent (youth organization of Gay Men of African Descent) 1995 - 1997
 - b. 12 f. 11 Miscellaneous flyers 1994
 - b. 12 f. 12 Programs by other organizations or individuals
- Oral history project 2000 - 2001
- b. 12 f. 13 Bellinger, George Jr 2001 March 1
 - b. 12 f. 14 Haskins, Jeff 2001 February 21
 - b. 12 f. 15 Reed, Philip 2001 March 12
 - b. 12 f. 16 Tolbert, Kenneth 2001 February 29
 - b. 12 f. 17 Vega, Derwin Keith 2001 February 15
 - b. 12 f. 18 Wilson, Ralph C 2001 February 22

General office files 1988 - 1999

Records in this series consists of two subseries: Subject Files and Miscellaneous Alphabetical Files. Both sets of files were found as units and have been kept as they were organized by GMAD. The Subject Files subseries contains files pertaining to the day-to-day activities of GMAD. Categories within these files include personnel policies and procedures manual drafts, resumes, position announcements, consultant information, memoranda, minutes of staff meetings, and statistical information. The Miscellaneous Alphabetical Files are comprised primarily of flyers, letters, publications, notes, and general information sent to GMAD. Files range in size and depth, and provide a rich context of GMAD's development, as well as its alliances within the black and gay communities. Notable black LGBTQ organizations include ADODI (New York chapter), African Ancestral Lesbian United for Societal Change, Audre Lorde Project, Black Lesbian and Gay Centre Project, Caribbean-Identified Lesbian and Gay Alliance, Jacks of Colour, National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference and Institute, Other Countries, People of Color in Crisis, and S.H.A.D.E.S., Inc. Publications included are *BLK*, *Black Leather in Color*, *Buti Voxx*, *Ebony Connections*, *JFY Magazine*, and *Rainbow Connections*. The subseries also includes a file of miscellaneous non-GMAD programs.

Arranged into two subseries: (1) Subject files and (2) Miscellaneous alphabetical files.

Subject files 1989 - 1997

- b. 13 f. 1-2 AIDS Social Services Manager applicants 1994 - 1995
- b. 13 f. 3-4 Applicants for various positions 1994
- b. 13 f. 5-7 Black gay events, history, and media 1995 - 1996
- b. 13 f. 8 Center for Children and Families, Inc 1995
- b. 13 f. 9 Children of the Rainbow ca. 1992
Includes multicultural curriculum information.
- b. 13 f. 10 *Chocolate Babies by Open City Films* 1997
- b. 13 f. 11 Clippings 1986 - 1990
- b. 13 f. 12 Conference 1990s
Correspondence

General office files (cont.)

Subject files (cont.)

Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 13 f. 13-15 Incoming 1992 - 1999
 - b. 14 f. 1
 - b. 14 f. 2 Interoffice 1997
- b. 14 f. 3-4 Outgoing 1990 - 1999
 - b. 14 f. 5 Development Consultant Gerard Ferguson 1996
 - b. 14 f. 6 Development Consultant Emily Trautman 1996 - 1997
 - b. 14 f. 7 External training 1996
 - b. 14 f. 8 Facilitator and trainer Steven Latture 1995
 - b. 14 f. 9 Fourth African - African American Summit
 - b. 14 f. 10 International gays and lesbians of African descent 1991 - 1997
 - b. 14 f. 11 Health and life insurance 1993 - 1994
 - b. 14 f. 12 HIV Prevention Program Coordinator 1996 September - November
 - b. 14 f. 13 IRS 1991 - 1992
 - b. 14 f. 14 Latinos 1991
- b. 14 f. 15-16 Legal 1996 May
 - Lyon Financial Services, Inc., d/b/a Business Credit, Leasing vs. Gay Men of African Descent, Inc.
 - b. 14 f. 17 List of uptown New York City churches undated
 - b. 14 f. 18 Management information 1991 - 1994
 - b. 14 f. 19 Media 1995 - 1996
 - b. 14 f. 20 Medical references 1996
- b. 14 f. 21-22 Meeting minutes 1995 - 1996
 - b. 14 f. 23 Memoranda 1989 - 1995
 - b. 14 f. 24 Miscellaneous forms
 - b. 15 f. 1 Notes
 - b. 15 f. 2 Obituaries 1993 - 1995
 - b. 15 f. 3 Part-time bookkeeper 1996 September
 - b. 15 f. 4 Position announcements 1994 - 1996
 - b. 15 f. 5 Program associate for counseling, facilitation, and training 1995
- b. 15 f. 6-9 Personnel policies and procedures 1994 - 1996
 - Includes drafts and final versions.
 - b. 15 f. 10 Phone information 1994 - 1995
 - b. 15 f. 11 Potential consultants 1996
 - b. 15 f. 12 Press coverage 1996
 - b. 15 f. 13 Press releases 1995 - 1996
 - b. 15 f. 14 Rental information 1997
 - b. 15 f. 15 Resignation letter from Gordon E. Easley 1997 January 23
- b. 15 f. 16-18 Resumes 1994 - 1996
 - b. 15 f. 19 Riggs, Marlon 1994
 - b. 15 f. 20 State Department of New York, Division of Human Rights 1992 - 1993
- Statistics
 - b. 15 f. 21 AIDS and estimate of black gay population 1994 - 1995
 - b. 15 f. 22 General 1995

General office files (cont.)

Subject files (cont.)

- b. 15 f. 23 Social security information 1994 - 1995
- b. 16 f. 1 Volunteer resumes and information 1996 - 1997
- b. 16 f. 2-4 Youth Coordinator, HIV prevention program search 1997
- Miscellaneous alphabetical files 1988 - 1999
- b. 16 f. 5 Act-Up 1991
- b. 16 f. 6 ADODI 1995 - 1996
- b. 16 f. 7 African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change 1992
- b. 16 f. 8 AIDS-Related Community Services (ARCS) 1992
- b. 16 f. 9 AIDS Action Council
- b. 16 f. 10 AIDS Resources Center (ARC) 1992
- b. 16 f. 11 ASTRAEA 1992 - 1993
- b. 16 f. 12 Audre Lorde Project 1996
- b. 16 f. 13 Aya Institute 1997
- b. 16 f. 14 A
- b. 16 f. 15 Bedford-Stuyvesant organizations 1996
- b. 16 f. 16 BLK 1992
- b. 16 f. 17 Blacklist undated
- b. 16 f. 18 Black Gay and Leadership Forum 1988
- b. 16 f. 19 Black Lesbian and Gay Centre project 1990
- b. 16 f. 20 Black Leather in Color 1992 - 1994
- b. 16 f. 21 Black MSM Prevention Group 1996
- b. 16 f. 22 Body Positive 1992
- b. 16 f. 23 Brooklyn's Lesbian and Gay Political Club 1991
- b. 16 f. 24 The Brother's Network 1994
- b. 16 f. 25 Brothers United in Support undated
- b. 16 f. 26 Buffalo Hide: Newsletter of the Wewah, Barcheeampe – Native Two Spirits of New York City 1993
- b. 16 f. 27 Buti Voxx 1993 - 1994
- b. 16 f. 28 B
- b. 17 f. 1 CDA/CBO Exchange 1994 - 1995
- b. 17 f. 2 The Cairos Project/Colorlife 1992
- b. 17 f. 3 Caribbean-Identified Lesbian and Gay Alliance 1996
- b. 17 f. 4 Caribbean Pride 1999
- b. 17 f. 5 The City of New York 1991 - 1996
- b. 17 f. 6 Clinical Guidance Group 1995
- b. 17 f. 7 Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights 1991 - 1992
- b. 17 f. 8 Colours Organization, Inc. newsletter 1995 - 1996
- b. 17 f. 9 Colourwax 1993
- b. 17 f. 10 Community Resource Exchange 1992 - 1997
- b. 17 f. 11 C
- b. 17 f. 12 Ebony Connections, Inc 1988

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Miscellaneous alphabetical files (cont.)

- b. 17 f. 13 The Empire State Pride Agenda 1991 - 1994
- b. 17 f. 14 Equity Institute, "Equity News" 1991
- b. 17 f. 15 E
- b. 17 f. 16 F
- b. 17 f. 17 Gay Men of the Bronx 1993
- b. 17 f. 18 Gay Men's Health Crisis 1989 - 1994
- b. 17 f. 19 Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Inc 1988 - 1997
- b. 17 f. 20 Harlem Opera, Inc 1999
- b. 17 f. 21 Hetrick Martin Institute 1991 - 1994
- b. 17 f. 22-23 HIV/AIDS research information
 - b. 18 f. 1 Hispanic AIDS Forum 1991 December 14
 - b. 18 f. 2 H
 - b. 18 f. 3 *JFY magazine*
 - b. 18 f. 4 Jacks of Color 1992 - 1993
 - b. 18 f. 5 I-K
 - b. 18 f. 6 Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc 1991 - 1992
 - b. 18 f. 7 Lavender Light 1993
 - b. 18 f. 8 Lesbian and Gay People of Color AIDS Leadership Commission 1990
 - b. 18 f. 9 Lesbian and Gay People of Color Steering Committee 1992 - 1995
 - b. 18 f. 10 Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center 1992 - 1993
 - b. 18 f. 11 Liberation Bookstore undated
 - b. 18 f. 12 Men of All Colors Together 1992
 - b. 18 f. 13 Minority Task Force on AIDS 1992
 - b. 18 f. 14 MOCHA (Men of Color Prevention Program) 1987
 - b. 18 f. 15 M
 - b. 18 f. 16 Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt 1991 - 1992
 - b. 18 f. 17 National Academic Congress of People in the Life 1994
 - b. 18 f. 19 National Black Lesbian and Gay Conference and Institute 1991 - 1995
 - b. 18 f. 20 National Conference on African Americans and AIDS 1999
 - b. 18 f. 21 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 1992 - 1995
 - b. 19 f. 1 National Minority AIDS Council 1992 - 1995
 - b. 19 f. 2 National Task Force on AIDS Prevention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together undated
 - b. 19 f. 3 Native American Gays and Lesbians of New York City 1991
- b. 19 f. 4-6 New York AIDS Coalition 1991 - 1996
 - b. 19 f. 7 New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project 1993
 - b. 19 f. 8 Non-Profit Coordinating Committee of New York City 1991 - 1996
 - b. 19 f. 9 Nonprofit Facilities Fund 1996
- b. 19 f. 10 N
- b. 19 f. 11 Outloud! Lesbian and Gay Cultural and Business Expo 1994
- b. 19 f. 12 Other Countries 1991 - 1994

General office files (cont.)

Miscellaneous alphabetical files (cont.)

- b. 20 f. 1 Out With It: Gay and Straight Teens Write About Homosexuality 1996
- b. 20 f. 2 O
- b. 20 f. 3 People About Changing Education (PACE) 1994 - 1995
- b. 20 f. 4 Paul Rapoport Foundation, Inc 1995
- b. 20 f. 5 People of Color in Crisis 1993 - 1998
- b. 20 f. 6 P
- b. 20 f. 7 Q
- b. 20 f. 8 Rainbow Connections 1991
- b. 20 f. 9 Rainbow Repertory Theatre 1992
- b. 20 f. 10 Ronald K. Brown/Evidence 1995
- b. 20 f. 11 R
- b. 20 f. 12 San Francisco Coalition on AIDS 1990 - 1994
- b. 20 f. 13 S.H.A.D.E.S., Inc., The Society of Homosexuals of African Descent of Essex and Southward, Inc 1995
- b. 20 f. 14 Stonewall Democratic Club
- b. 20 f. 15 S
- b. 20 f. 16 T
- b. 20 f. 17 U-Men, U-Sweat 1991
- b. 20 f. 18 United for AIDS Action 1992 - 1993
- b. 20 f. 19 Upper Room AIDS Ministry 1991 - 1992
- b. 20 f. 20 VOCAL – Voices of Color Against AIDS and for Life 1990
- b. 20 f. 21 V
- b. 20 f. 22 Weems-Works 1988
- b. 20 f. 23 W
- b. 20 f. 24 Y

Financial 1990 - 1998

The bulk of the financial records were not transferred to the Schomburg Center. There are two subseries in this collection, Grants and General. The files found in the grants subseries include those that deal with grant-funded projects related to GMAD's HIV/AIDS prevention outreach efforts. Leading this series are files dealing with GMAD's fiscal outreach to a number of large grant giving organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New York State Department of Health, and United States Conference of Mayors. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) files focus primarily on GMAD's efforts to secure a grant from that agency's "Cooperative Agreements for Minority and Other Community Based Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Projects" for two years without success. The files include drafts of the grant proposal, consultant information, correspondence, letters of support, and meeting notes. Colin Robinson, who spearheaded the two grant-making efforts, heavily annotated many of these documents, particularly the grant proposals. The New York State Department of Health files are largely composed of a grant GMAD received in 1994 from the state's AIDS Institute program, "Peer Delivered HIV Outreach and Prevention Programs Targeting Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities." Files for GMAD's Peer Initiative Program consist of budgets, consultant information, correspondence, proposals, reports and surveys, and workplans. The United States Conference of Mayors files relate to a grant GMAD received, "Collaborative HIV Prevention Grants Program", which helped the organization to provide HIV prevention outreach through a number of program initiatives including film screenings, town meetings, and national conferences. Also found in these files are budget summaries, correspondence, contracts, grant proposals, general information, meeting information, newsletters, program overviews, reports, vouchers, and workplans.

The General subseries consists of financial files that were found with the general office files, but were placed here for consistency. There are files for budgets, financial accounts, reports, IRS information, proposals, and payroll information, as well as other miscellaneous files.

Arranged into two subseries: (1) Grants and (2) General.

Grants 1992 - 1998

Centers for Disease Control

- b. 21 f. 1 Community Connections for HIV Prevention videoconference 1993 April 28
- b. 21 f. 2 Contract for Diana Abramo, consultant 1992
- b. 21 f. 3-5 Minority and other community-based HIV virus prevention project 1991 - 1993
Includes drafts of proposals and correspondence.

New York City Department of Health

- b. 21 f. 6 Correspondence 1998
- b. 21 f. 7 Division of HIV, Outreach and Community Development – collaborative agreement 1993 December

AIDS Institute

- b. 21 f. 8 Budgets 1994 - 1996
 - b. 21 f. 9 HIV Early Identification and Intervention Services quarterly report outline 1996 October
 - b. 21 f. 10 Peer-delivered HIV outreach and prevention programs 1994
- ### Peer Initiative
- b. 22 f. 1 Consultants information and proposal edits 1996
 - b. 22 f. 2 Contract and proposal 1995 March
 - b. 22 f. 3 Correspondence 1994 - 1996
 - b. 22 f. 4-8 Monthly reports 1995 March - December
 - b. 22 f. 9-16 Monthly surveys 1995 August - 1996 October

Financial (cont.)

Grants (cont.)

New York City Department of Health (cont.)

AIDS Institute (cont.)

Peer Initiative (cont.)

- b. 22 f. 17 Vouchers 1995 December - 1996 February
- b. 23 f. 1 Peer stipend information 1993 - 1995
- b. 23 f. 2 Request for Proposal – peer-delivered HIV outreach and prevention programs targeting racial and ethnic minority communities 1994
- b. 23 f. 3-4 Work plan 1996
- b. 23 f. 5 Bureau of Maternity Services and Family Planning – HIV statistics quarterly report 1996 October - December
- b. 23 f. 6 Bureau of HIV Program Services for module RFP proposal 1996 January
- b. 23 f. 7 Incoming correspondence 1996 - 1998
- U.S. Conference of Mayors, collaborative HIV/AIDS grant
- b. 23 f. 8 Budget summaries 1995
- b. 23 f. 9 Contracts 1994 May
- b. 23 f. 10-12 Correspondence 1993 - 1997
- b. 23 f. 13 Final report, executive summary 1996
- b. 23 f. 14 General information 1995
- b. 23 f. 15 Grantee meeting 1994 October 20
- b. 24 f. 1 Program overview undated
- b. 24 f. 2 Proposal ca. 1993 - 1994
- b. 24 f. 3-4 Reports 1994 - 1995
- b. 24 f. 5 Technical Assistance Reports and AIDS Information Exchange newsletter 1989 - 1995
- b. 24 f. 6-8 Vouchers 1995
- b. 24 f. 9 Work plan 1995 April 15
- General 1990 - 1998
- b. 25 f. 1-3 Budgets and statements 1994 - 1997
- b. 25 f. 4 *Colorlife! Magazine – fiscal sponsorship* 1994
- b. 25 f. 5 Community Resource Exchange – City Connect Federal Grantsmanship Network 1994 - 1995
- b. 25 f. 6 Confirmation of grant, contract, or federated fundraising allotment payments and receivables 1997
- b. 25 f. 7 Credit accounts 1994
- b. 25 f. 8 Funding Exchange – eviction letter 1995
- b. 25 f. 9 General operating supporting grants – reports 1995
- b. 25 f. 10 IRS 1992 - 1994
- b. 25 f. 11 Invoices and miscellaneous information 1993 - 1998
- b. 25 f. 12 List of bills 1995 - 1996
- b. 25 f. 13 The New York City AIDS Fund proposal 1993 - 1996
- b. 25 f. 14 Paychex – payroll 1994 - 1995
- b. 25 f. 15 Projected fiscal year 1995
- b. 25 f. 16 Quarterly report 1995 February - April
- b. 25 f. 17 Stadlander's Managed Pharmacy Services 1996 - 1997
- b. 25 f. 18-19 Statements 1990 - 1996