

# David Nelson papers, 1983-2012

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Nelson, David
<b>Title</b>	David Nelson papers
<b>Dates</b>	1983-2012 (inclusive) 1983 2012
<b>Quantity</b>	9 boxes, (13.5 linear feet)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Accn2713
<b>Summary</b>	The David Nelson papers contain documents, memorabilia and news clippings spanning his tenure as an activist for the rights of Utah's LGBT community. Nelson was an activist and spokesperson for the rights of the gay and lesbian communities. He also founded the Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats (GLUD), an organization that lobbied for the rights of, and promoted participation within, the gay community in local and national politics.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.</a> Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library University of Utah 295 South 1500 East Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860 Telephone: 801-581-8863 <a href="mailto:SPCreference@lists.utah.edu">SPCreference@lists.utah.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this Collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

David Keith Nelson was born in Salt Lake City in 1962. He attended the University of Utah from 1982 through 1984, majoring in political science. Nelson's decades long career as an activist and spokesperson for the rights of the gay and lesbian communities began during this time when he founded the Military Law Task Force of Salt Lake City and served as vice president of the Lesbian and Gay Student Union. Among other activities, many of which are documented in the collection, he ran in 1985 as a nonpartisan candidate for the 3rd District seat of the Salt Lake City Council. In 1990 he founded the Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats (GLUD), an organization that lobbied for the rights of, and promoted participation within, the gay community in local and national politics. Nelson was actively involved in the Clinton and Gore campaigns of 1996 and 2000, and he served as Utah Delegate to the Democratic National Conventions during these years. He founded Stonewall Shooting Sports of Utah in 2002 to promote awareness of Second Amendment rights among the LGBT communities. Nelson has also played an active role as publisher, editor, and regular contributor to local publications including *Triangle Magazine*, *Salt Lake Metro* and *QSaltLake*.

## Content Description

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## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain any necessary copyright clearances.

Permission to publish material from the David Nelson papers must be obtained from the Special Collections Manuscript Curator.

### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The donor's original order has been maintained.

### Acquisition Information

Donated by David Nelson in 2013.

### Processing Note

Processed by Matthew Weathered in 2013.

### Separated Materials

Video tapes and photographs have been transferred to the Multimedia Archives in Special Collections.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### I : LGBT Activism

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Correspondence	1988-1994
1	2	Curriculum Vitae	
1	3	David Nelson for Utah Democratic Secretary, Campaign Materials	1993-1994
1	4	Democratic National Committee Meeting	2001
1	5	Files Discs Contains digital files of various electronic Correspondence.	
1	6	Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats (GLUD)	1990-1994
1	7	Greeting Cards and Invitations	1993-2005
1	8	Homosexuality in Schools, Literature and Correspondence	
1	9	Lawrence O'Brien Democratic Party Achievement Award	1998
1	10	LGBT Newspapers Contains copies of the <i>Community Reporter</i> and <i>Triangle Magazine</i> .	1985-1986
1	11	" Membership Incentives in Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats" by Alex Thornell	1993
1	12	Olympic Organizing Committee Appointment Materials	1995
1	13	Photographs	1993-1996
1	14	Presidential Inauguration Materials	1997
1	15	Salt Lake City Council Race Contains materials from Nelson's campaign as well as newspaper clippings.	1985
1	16	Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission Bill	1986-1987
1	17	Salt Lake County Anti-Discrimination Legislation	1992-1993

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	18	Stonewall Shooting Sports of Utah	2003
1	19	Utah Democratic Gay and Lesbian Caucus, Rules of	
1	20	Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	2011-2012
1	21	Utah State Democratic Party	2005-2006
1	22	Wesley Clark Campaign Materials	2004
1	23	Utah Pride Festival	2007
1	24	Newspaper Clippings	1983-2012

## II : 1996 and 2000 Presidential Elections

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	1	Americans for Democratic Action	1996
2	2	Chicago Jobs and Living Wage Campaign	1996
2	3	Clinton-Gore Action Kit	1996
2	4	Clinton-Gore Surrogate Speaker's Kit	1996
2	5	Clinton-Gore Utah Steering Committee	1996
2	6	Convention Delegate Materials	1996
2	7	Democratic Leadership Council	1996
2	8-10	Democratic National Committee (DNC), Campaign Training Manual	1996
2	11	Democratic National Convention, Official Documents	1996
2	12	Democratic National Convention, Official Proceedings	1996

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
2 13	Democratic National Convention, Welcome Packet	1996
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3 2	Human Rights Campaign	1996
3 3	Invitations and Affiliated Organizations' Literature	1996
3 4	National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Campaign Publications	1996
3 5	Utah Lesbian and Gay Committee	1996
3 6	Utah State Democratic Party, Coordinated Campaign Plan	1996
3 7	Americans for Democratic Action	2000
3 8	Affiliated Organization Materials	2000
3 9	Convention Delegate Materials	2000
3 10	Democratic National Convention, Official Documents	2000
3 11-12	Democratic National Convention, Welcome Packet	2000
4 1	Gay and Lesbian Americans for Gore, Utah Committee	2000
4 2	Gore Campaign Literature	2000
4 3	Hotel Organizing Project	2000
4 4	Human Rights Campaign	2000
4 5	Invitations	2000
4 6	LGBT Materials	2000
4 7	Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center	2000
4 8	Magazines, Election Issues	2000
4 9	Promotional Materials	2000

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4 10	Utah State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan	2000
4 11	Utah State Democratic Committee, Delegate Selection Materials	1999-2000
4 12	Utah State Democratic Party, Constitution	2000
4 13	Western States Presidential Primary	1999

### III : General Materials

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
5	Awards, Fliers and Convention Memorabilia	1993-2008
6-8	Democratic National Convention Memorabilia	1996-2000
9	Newspapers, Election Editions	2000
10	Certificates	
11	Framed Documents	
12	Campaign and Stonewall Shooting Sports Banners	

## Names and Subjects

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