

Will Roscoe papers, 1975-2006

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Roscoe, Will
Title	Will Roscoe papers
Dates	1975-2006 (inclusive) 1975 2006
Quantity	0.2 linear feet, (35 digital files (197 MB))
Collection Number	Mss 796
Summary	This collection includes the <i>Lambda</i> newsletter published at The University of Montana-Missoula from 1975-1976, a scrapbook of Lambda activities, a 1976 interview with founding member, Will Roscoe, and Roscoe's undergraduate papers relevant to the life and challenges of being homosexual as a student and citizen in the 1970s.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana-Missoula.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Will Roscoe grew up in Missoula, Montana. In 1975 he helped found the Lambda Alliance at the University of Montana-Missoula. It was Montana's first LGBT organization. He served as an intern at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in 1976, and the following year he formed the Oregon Gay Alliance, a statewide coalition of LGBT groups. After relocating to San Francisco in 1978, he organized a successful campaign to obtain United Way membership for the Pacific Center for Human Growth in Berkeley, the first LGBT social service agency in the nation to receive that status. He subsequently worked with Harvey Milk in the "No on 6" campaign against the Briggs Initiative. After attending the first Radical Faerie gathering in Arizona in 1979, he became colleagues with Harry Hay, co-founding Nomenus, which operates a LGBT retreat center in southern Oregon.

In 1995 he edited and published a selection of writings by Hay, the "father" of the gay liberation movement. Roscoe's first book, *The Zuni Man-Woman*, received the Margaret Mead Award of the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology, as well as the Lambda

Literary Award for gay men's nonfiction. In 2003, he received a Monette-Horowitz Achievement Award for research and scholarship combating homophobia. His book, *Jesus and the Shamanic Tradition of Same-Sex Love*, received a Lambda Literary Award in 2005.

Content Description

This collection includes paper and digital copies of the *Lambda* newsletter published at The University of Montana-Missoula from 1975-1976, a scrapbook of Lambda activities with clippings, letters, and photographs, and a 1976 interview with founding member, Will Roscoe. The collection also includes digital copies of Will Roscoe's undergraduate papers relevant to the life and challenges of being homosexual as a student and citizen in the 1970s. Also included are digital copies of Will Roscoe's high school history paper about Frank Little, press surrounding a later plagiarized version, and a 2006 article about Frank Little by Roscoe.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Copyright not transferred to The University of Missoula-Montana.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Preservation Note

Digital files require software that can open and read Portable Document Format files and JPEG image files

Custodial History

Will Roscoe created and/or held the materials prior to donation.

Acquisition Information

Donated by Will Roscoe, May 2008.

Processing Note

Print materials were placed into folders by the processor. Digital files received on CDROM were transferred to local storage.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	List of Missoula Gay History Materials donated by Will Roscoe with brief background on "Gay Liberation in Missoula, 1975-1976" A digital version of this file is available.	undated
1/2	<i>Lambda</i> newsletter A digital version of the newsletters are available.	1975-1976
1/3	Summary of Lambda activities	1975-1976
1/4	Lambda scrapbook of clippings, photos, and letters A digital version of the scrapbook is available.	1975-1976
1/5	Will Roscoe interview transcript	1976
Electronic_file		
electronic file	Undergraduate paper titled "15,000 Niggers or Homophobia in Missoula"	1975
electronic file	Undergraduate paper titled "Let My People Come Out: Meanings of Homosexuality"	1975
electronic file	Undergraduate paper titled "A Project for the Creation of a Sexual Minorities Counseling Service"	1975
electronic file	Undergraduate paper titled "Lambda Help Line"	1976
electronic file	"Sometimes I Still Feel...Like a Freak, A Collection of Writings"	1975
electronic file	"The Murder of Frank Little: 'An Injury to One is an Injury to All,'" a paper written to fulfill a high school history requirement	1973
electronic file	Various articles concerning the plagiarized Frank Little edition, including October 8, 2006 <i>Butte Standard</i> article by Will Roscoe (reprinted in the Helena Independent)	2003-2006

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Gay college students--Montana--Missoula

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Personal Names :

Roscoe, Will--Archives

Corporate Names :

University of Montana--Missoula--Alumni and alumnae

University of Montana--Missoula--Students--Societies, etc.

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Lambda Alliance (University of Montana)
(contributor)

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