

Finding Aid to the Richmond Young Papers, 1957-1995 (#1995-06)

Extent:

7 cartons, 1 box, 2 oversize folders (8 linear feet)

Acquisition Information:

Gift of Peter Geiger in May 1995.

Access:

Collection is open for research.

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Creator:

Young, Richmond

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Political campaigns--United States--History--20th century--Pictorial works.

McCarthy, Eugene

Council on Religion and the Homosexual (San Francisco, Calif.)

Biographical Information

Richmond Young was born in San Francisco and raised and educated in Marin County. He was active in both local gay and lesbian politics and Democratic politics on the local and state levels. In 1968 Young served as Northern California coordinator for the Eugene McCarthy for President campaign. He was a member of President Clinton's San Francisco Steering Committee and a delegate to the California Democratic Council. He was active in the California Democratic Party, the Alice B. Toklas and Stonewall Democratic Clubs in San Francisco and Dignity, a lay movement of LGBT Catholics. Young died of complications due to AIDS in 1995 on his 43rd birthday.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Richmond Young papers document the political activism of civic leader Richmond Young (1952-1995). Young was a longtime San Francisco political and AIDS activist. Starting in 1968, when he served as Northern California coordinator for the Eugene McCarthy for President campaign, Young worked on behalf of gay, lesbian and Democratic candidates on the local, state and national level. The collection includes correspondence; diaries; materials related to Democratic Party politics, local, statewide and national elections; materials related to Young's student activism; subject files; and biographical materials. The collection includes one box of material relating to the Council on Religion and the Homosexual. Most of the original folder titles and order were maintained.

Container Listing

Carton 1:

Biographical materials, 1957-1995

Correspondence, 1987-1991

Photos

Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club materials, including information related to elections, candidates and endorsements; by-laws; correspondence; annual dinners; membership materials; board materials; reports; and materials related to political actions; circa 1981-1994

Harvey Milk Democratic Club materials, circa 1984-1994

Carton 2:

Stonewall Democratic Club materials, including articles, campaign activity, board material, by-laws, membership information, photos, correspondence, elections, endorsements, questionnaires, 1988-1992

Bill Clinton materials, including Clinton Delegate Caucus information; materials re: gay & lesbian issues; correspondence, 1992-1993

Materials re: various local, state and national elections, 1964-1992, including McCarthy, 1972; U.S. Senate, 1992; Brown for Governor, 1974; Marin Community College Board, 1972-1974.

Materials re: various Democratic orgs, including the Central Democratic Committee (CDC), and Federation of Young Democrats, 1970s-1980s

Subject files re: gay & lesbian issues, from "Gay Communications" to "Lesbians" to "National Lesbian and Gay Task Force" (NLGTF)

Carton 3:

Subject files, including AIDS, ACT UP, Gay Games, the Huerta Case, Abortion, Nuclear Weapons, Prop. 6, Nancy Pelosi, circa 1972-1992.

Includes materials related to the Central Democratic Committee, the Democratic Convention and other Party-related subject files.

Carton 4:

Predominantly subject files, including materials related to the Central Democratic Committee and the Democratic Party, 1967-1992, and materials related to his student activism days (from 1967 to 1972) at the College of Marin.

Carton 5:

Diaries and date books, including loose pages from daily engagement books, 1950s-1987
Videotapes of Eugene McCarthy at UC Berkeley (2)—Sony V-30H (for Helical Scan video tape recorders), 1975

Carton 6:

Predominantly subject files, circa 1975-1992, including materials related to various elections and campaigns

Materials re: various elections and propositions, with the bulk being related to Eugene McCarthy's 1976 presidential campaign. These include correspondence, news clippings, and campaign materials

Carton 7:

Dignity materials, including information about national conventions; contributions; liturgical programs; articles; lectors; membership; board materials; information about Dignity USA, Dignity Santa Rosa, and Dignity Inc.; bulletins; and news clippings, circa 1981-1993

Box 1:

Contains materials related to Council on Religion and the Homosexual (folder list in box), 1972-1987

Oversize Folder 1

Political and exhibit posters: includes campaign posters for Eugene McCarthy, Jerry Brown, George Moscone and Bill Clinton; and a 1966 benefit for Phil Drath's write-in Campaign for Congress, by Stanley Mouse, circa 1966-1993

Portrait by [L'Olgual], 1995

Oversize Folder 2

Eugene McCarthy paper hanger and paper bags