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ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives Research Collection Finds Permanent Home at the University of Southern California Libraries

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives donates materials documenting the history and culture of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities to USC.

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Los Angeles, CA – [October 26, 2010] – ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, dedicated to preserving the legacy of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Americans, announced the partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) that will provide a permanent home to its vast collection. ONE has been housed on the grounds of the USC campus for over a decade. Now, the collections will become a permanent part of the USC Libraries, ensuring that the collection will remain intact and will receive the highest standards of care.

“ONE has always been recognized as the largest gay archive in the world,” says Greg Williams, ONE Archives Vice President. “This material was collected, saved and gifted to us by previous generations of LGBT activists, and it is this generation’s responsibility to preserve this material and make it accessible.”

“We are thrilled to receive this support from USC. It not only helps us continue to preserve our history, it also acknowledges the importance and meaning of our work at ONE Archives,” said Board President, Joseph R. Hawkins, Ph.D. “However, it’s critical that the community understand we will still rely heavily on their support both for the donation of materials and for financial support for care of the collections.”

Our Mission:
ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives honors the past, celebrates the present, and enriches the future of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. We foster acceptance of sexual and gender diversity by supporting education and research about our heritage and experience worldwide.

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives is dedicated to collecting, preserving, documenting, studying, and communicating our history, our challenges and our aspirations.

USC will help to safeguard the general preservation of the collection by providing archival supplies, funding for some operational needs and appointing a Head of Collections to oversee the archive. ONE Archives’ Board of Directors will continue to fundraise from individuals and granting institutions in order to hire project archivists, conduct a robust acquisitions program, and provide programs for the public.



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“The USC Libraries will make the ONE Archives collection accessible to future generations of students, scholars and researchers at USC and around the world,” said Catherine Quinlan, Dean of the USC Libraries. “The collection will support teaching and research in history, gender studies, anthropology, literary studies and so many other disciplines. I thank the ONE Archives Board of Directors for their confidence in the USC Libraries and for entrusting these unique and valuable materials to our care.”

ONE Archives’ collections have been used for countless books, articles, television programs and films, including contributions to the Academy Award-winning film MILK.

Researchers and others interested in LGBT life and culture are encouraged to visit ONE. Information about ONE and its collection, which will continue in its current location at 909 West Adams Boulevard in Los Angeles, can be found at www.onearchives.org.

About ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives

Incorporated in 1952, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives is the oldest ongoing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization in the western hemisphere.

ONE Archives honors the past, celebrates the present, and enriches the future of all LGBT people by fostering acceptance of sexual and gender diversity through support of worldwide education and research about LGBT heritage and experience. ONE is dedicated to collecting, preserving, documenting, studying, and communicating LGBT history, challenges, and aspirations. With more than two million artifacts it is believed to house the largest collection of LGBT memorabilia in the world.



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