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Summary

Main entry: Dunlap, David W.

Title: David W. Dunlap Papers, 1993-1999

Size: 3.5 linear feet (8 boxes)

Source: Gift of David W. Dunlap

Abstract: The David W. Dunlap Papers contain materials from the period of Dunlap's career in which he covered the gay, lesbian and AIDS beat for the New York Times. The collection consists of printed copies of Dunlap's articles and the research materials used to write them. Special materials include audio recordings of interviews and events, photographs from gay rights parades and business cards collected by Dunlap.

Access: Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.

Preferred citation: David W. Dunlap Papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

Special formats Photographs, sound recordings, video recordings
Biographical note

David W. Dunlap is a *New York Times* reporter specializing in the history of architecture and land developments in the vicinity of New York City. He is the author and photographer of *On Broadway: A Journey Uptown over Time*, which won a Citation of Excellence from the American Institute of Architects. He is also the co-author and photographer of *Glory in Gotham: Manhattan’s Houses of Worship* and the photographer of *The City Observed: New York*. From 1994-1999, Dunlap covered the gay, lesbian and AIDS beat for the New York Times.

The *New York Times* introduced its first official gay and lesbian beat in October 1994. Dunlap, a member of the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) was a real estate reporter for the paper before he began following gay and lesbian issues for the Metro and National sections. The decision to officially document gay and lesbian news for the *Times* had its origin in conversations between editors Rich Meislin, Joe Lelyweld and Dunlap following the AIDS-related death of reporter Jeffrey Schmaltz in November 1993. Schmaltz pioneered serious and organized reporting on gay, lesbian and AIDS issues for the *Times*. Dunlap said he hoped to “expand what readers of the *Times* understand to be the lesbian and gay communities geographically, economically, racially, ethnically, politically, and spirituality.” He was sometimes criticized for covering the news from a politically left position, and ignoring gay and lesbians in the conservative, Republican and libertarian communities.
**Scope and content note**

The collection includes printed copies of Dunlap's articles and the research materials he used to write them, including sound recordings of interviews with notable individuals, recordings from political events, and videotapes.

**Arrangement note**

The David W. Dunlap Papers are organized in the following series:

Series II. Sound and video recordings, 1993-1995
Series descriptions and container list

The articles are arranged chronologically along with additional correspondence, references and research materials. Related materials in Box 8 contain articles about the *New York Times* gay and lesbian beat and Dunlap's articles on gay and lesbian issues before 1994. These related materials also include business cards and contact information collected by Dunlap.

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**Series II. Sound and video recordings, 1993-1995**
Sound recordings include press conferences and interviews used by Dunlap to write articles. The videos are also research materials used by Dunlap.

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| 00151   | Benjamin Nichols interview, 1995 Jul 27 (1 Sound Files (0:46:50) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)  
Mayor Benjamin Nichols of Ithaca, NY discusses his opinions on gay marriage. From article, 'For Better or Worse,' 1995 July 27. |
| 00152   | White House AIDS Conference, 1995 Dec 6 (3 Sound Files (2:02:42) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)  
| 00153   | Lou Sheldon interview, 1994 Dec 19 (4 Sound Files (1:51:57) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)  
Interview with Lou Sheldon, Presbyterian minister and founder of the Traditional Values Coalition. From 'Minister Brings Anti-Gay Message to the Spotlight; A clergyman with powerful friends and little tolerance for homosexuals,' 1994 Dec 19 |
| 00154   | Charles Socarides interview, 1995 Dec 24 (2 Sound Files (1:34:09) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)  
Interview with Dr. Charles Socarides regarding the psychology of homosexuality. From 'An Analyst, a Father, Battles Homosexuality,' 1995 Dec 24. |
| 00155   | Sheila Kuehl interview, 1994 Nov 11 (2 Sound Files (1:22:08) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)  
Interview with Sheila Kuehl, the first openly gay candidate to win a seat in the California Legislature. From 'Zelda's Unwavering Love Is No Longer Unrequited' 1994 Nov 11. |
| 00156   | Barney Frank interview, 1995 Feb 12 (1 Sound Files (0:26:49) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)  
Interview for article, 'Gay Leaders Resisting Attacks Against Gains,' 1995 Feb 12 |
00157  William Weld, 1995 Jun 22 (3 Sound Files (0:44:14) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3) Speeches by William Weld for the Log Cabin Republicans (tracks 1 and 2) and the HRCF (track 3), 1995 Jun 22.

00159  Gerry Studds interview, 1995 Feb 12 (1 Sound Files (0:27:19) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3) Interview for article, ‘Gay Leaders Resisting Attacks Against Gains,’ 1995 Feb 12

00160  Steve Gunderson interview, 1995 Feb 12 (1 Sound Files (0:33:08) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3) Interview for article, ‘Gay Leaders Resisting Attacks Against Gains,’ 1995 Feb 12

00161  Rudy Giuliani Speech, 1995 Jun 21 (1 Sound Files (0:42:29) : Digital, stereo ; 192k MP3)

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Inside the Homosexual Agenda: Gay Rights, Special Rights, 1993 (Videotape) Pertains to 'Minister Brings Anti-Gay Message,' 1994 Dec 19

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