

Guide to the Karen Monast Collection of 1993 March on Washington and Marriage Equality 2017.018

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Summary Information

Repository:	Local History & Genealogy Division
Source:	Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
Title:	Karen Monast collection of 1993 March on Washington and Marriage Equality
ID:	2017.018
Date [inclusive]:	1991-2014, bulk 1991-1993
Date [bulk]:	Bulk 1991-1993
Physical Description:	1.8 Cubic Feet 5 boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Realia [box]:	1-5
Abstract:	This collection consists of materials collected by Karen Monast during the 1993 March on Washington and other pride events. The materials date between 1990 and 2014, with a bulk of the materials dated between 1991 and 1993. The materials consist of clothing, buttons, pins, photographs, stickers, and other ephemera.

Preferred Citation

Karen Monast Collection of 1993 March on Washington and Marriage Equality, [box#:folder#].
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Biographical / Historical

Karen Monast

Monast was at the March on Washington in 1993. The pictures of the March were her own personal photographs. She wore the pink hat while recording names and addresses of March attendees. Monast was given the "Marshal" t-shirt after turning in her attendance note pads to the volunteer tent. The "It's a Queer World" t-shirt was purchased by Monast at the March.

The March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation was a large political rally held in Washington D.C. on April 25, 1993. An estimated one million people attended, making it one of the largest protests in American History.

March organizers agreed on seven primary demands:

Passage of a lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender civil rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments.

A massive increase in funding for AIDS research, education, and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.

Legislation to prevent discrimination against lesbians, gays, bi-sexual, and transgendered people in the areas of family, diversity, custody, adoption, and foster care and that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures.

Full and equal inclusion of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender people in the educational system, and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender studies in multicultural curricula.

The right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and an end to sexual discrimination.

An end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms,

An end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, identification, race, religion, identity, sex and gender expression, disability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

This collection consists of five boxes divided into four series:

Series I: Clothing, circa 1993, undated

Series II: Ephemera, Undated

Series III: Pins and buttons, 1991, undated

Series IV: Miscellaneous, 1990-1993, 2014

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 100 College Avenue, Suite 100, Rochester, New York 14607 on August 11, 2016 [Acquisition number 2017.018].

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this collection.

Conditions Governing Use

Permission to publish, reproduce, distribute, or use in any current or future manifestations must be obtained in writing from the Rochester Public Library Local History and Genealogy Division.

Processing Information

This project was made possible by a grant from the Documentary Heritage Program of the New York State Archives, a program of the State Education Department.

Processing Information

Collection was processed and rehoused. The articles of clothing were removed from a deteriorating, plain, white, plastic bag and placed into archival boxes with tissues paper and minimum folds. All of the photographs from the scrapbook were removed and placed in acid-free envelopes and labeled with the page number they were removed from. Some items were not removed from the scrapbook pages because they could not be removed without damaging the materials.

Processing Information

According to deed of gift, any duplicates or items found unsuitable to the RPL collections and not retained should be returned to the donor. Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 100 College Ave., Suite 100, Rochester, New York 14607.

Custodial History

This collection was donated to the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley by Karen Monast in late 2014. The collection was then donated to the Rochester Public Library by the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley on August 11, 2016.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Same-sex marriage
- Gay rights
- Gay pride parades
- Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley
- March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bi Equal Rights and Liberation (1993 : Washington D.C.)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Clothing, circa 1993, undated	box 1-3	
Title/Description	Instances	
"It's a queer world after all, March on Washington April 23, 1993" t-shirt, 1993	box 1	item 1
"Marshall" t-shirt, 1993	box 1	item 2
"Marriage Equality New York (MENY)" t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 3-4
"Linked by Love" t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 5
"I Do! New Yorkers for Marriage Equality" t-shirt, Undated	box 1	item 6
"Together Proud and Strong" Teal ball cap, circa 1991-1993	box 2	item 1
"Official M.O.W." pink ball cap, circa 1993	box 3	item 1

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Series II: Ephemera, Undated		box 4	
Title/Description	Instances		
Umbrella, Undated	box 4	item 1	
Necklace, linked chain, Undated	box 4	item 2	
Necklace, rainbow flag, Undated	box 4	item 3	
Matchbook, Undated	box 4	item 4	
Mousepad, Undated	box 4	item 5	
Orange cloth drawstring bag, Undated	box 4	item 6	

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Series III: Pins and buttons, 1991, undated		box 5	
Title/Description	Instances		
Pink triangle pin, 1991	box 5	item 1	
Round pin, lambda logo, Undated	box 5	item 2	
"I support gay rights" pin, Undated	box 5	item 3	
"There are more of us than you think!" round pin, Undated	box 5	item 4-5	
"God, Please save me from your followers" round pin, Undated	box 5	item 6	
Dog tags "Operation Lift the Ban," Human Rights Campaign Fund, Undated	box 5	item 7	
"NY=Marriage Equality" Human Rights Campaign, round pin, Undated	box 5	item 8-9	
"I Do Support Marriage Equality" MENY round pin, Undated	box 5	item 10	

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Series IV: Miscellaneous, 1990-1993, 2014		box 4	
Title/Description	Instances		
Provenance letter and records inventory, 2014, undated	box 4	folder 1	
Scrapbook, 1993	box 4	folder 2	
Rochester Pride Parade photographs, 1990-1992	box 4	folder 3	
Stickers and business cards, Undated	box 4	folder 4	

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