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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Vassar College. Library

Title: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Lives Manuscript Collection

Dates: 1990-2002

Quantity: 1.4 cubic feet (3 boxes)

Abstract: Memoirs, manuscripts, diaries, correspondence and other materials documenting the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons affiliated with Vassar College.

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Administrative History

Planning for the Vassar College Libraries' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Lives Collection began in 1996 when Psychology professor John Schoonbeck approached Vassar College librarian Nancy Mackechnie about creating a collection of primary-source records documenting the experiences of LGBT members of the Vassar College community. The initial mission of the project was to provide research materials that were by and about lesbians and gay men affiliated with Vassar College. As the project evolved, it grew to include bisexual and transgender members of the community, although the final title of the project was officially "The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Lives Library Project." Inclusion of "Transgender" into the project title was considered in March 2000 at the suggestion of Shannon Wyss (VC 1995), but ultimately rejected by the project oversight committee, although the project description was amended to include a mention of transgender experiences.

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Scope and Content Note

Memoirs, manuscripts, diaries, correspondence and other materials documenting the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons affiliated with Vassar College. Unpublished material was solicited in 1999 and received between 1999 and 2001. In addition, some early funding was used to purchase books and videos relating to LGBT life for the Main Library.

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Access and Use

Access

The Baguer manuscript and Wyss correspondence are currently restricted. The rest of the collection is open for research according to the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#) without any additional restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

Permission to quote (publish) from unpublished or previously published material must be obtained as described in the [regulations of the Vassar College Archives and Special Collections Library](#).

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Related Material

Related Materials

- [David McDaniel and Richard Redlon Papers, 1980-1990](#)
- LAGA-VC (Lesbians and Gay Alumnae/i - Vassar College) Records
- [Vassar College LGBTQ Oral History Project](#)
- [Other writings by Anne MacKay housed in the Vassar College Alumnae/i Collection can be found by searching the Vassar College Online Catalog. These include MacKay's published books, collections of poetry, five unpublished works of Lesbian Science Fiction written in the 1990s, and the oral history of MacKay's transgender friend, Sandy Dee, which MacKay transcribed and edited.](#)

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Anderson, Tobias
- Baguer, Carlos
- Lieber, Jeffrey (Jeffrey D.)
- MacKay, Anne, 1928-2012
- Wyss, Shannon

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Alumni and alumnae

Subjects:

- Bisexual college students--New York (State)
- Gay college students--New York (State)
- Gay men's writings
- Lesbian college students--New York (State)
- Lesbians' writings

- Transgender college students--New York (State)

Document Types:

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Drafts

VCL Categories:

- LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer) Life and Culture
- Literature and Writing
- Vassar College

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Forms part of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Lives Collection.

[Top](#)**Encoding Information**

Encoded by Laura Streett, January 2009. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, July 2025.

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Lives Manuscript Collection, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, March 2009. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, July 2025.

Acquisition Information

The journals of Tobias Anderson were the gift of Tobias Anderson, August 1999.

The Shannon Wyss letters and paper were the gift of Shannon Wyss, January 2000.

The thesis of Carlos Baguer was the gift of Carlos Baguer, March 2000.

The class paper written by Jeffrey D. Lieber was the gift of Jeffrey D. Lieber, April 2000.

Anne MacKay's drafts of "Just Lucky, I guess!" and poem collections from 1999 and 2000 were the gift of Anne MacKay, February 2001. Materials related to MacKay's book, "Wolf Girls at Vassar," were gifted by MacKay in 2002 and incorporated into the LGBT Lives Collection in 2009. [M2002-008]

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Series List

[Series I.](#) Tobias Anderson (VC 1998), 1992-2002 (12 volumes)

Twelve volumes, including diaries, dream journals, and some class notes.
Arranged chronologically.

[Series II.](#) Carlos Baguer (VC 1996), 1996 (1 folder)

Baguer's Vassar senior thesis, *"No Se Dice Nada, Se Haga Todo": The Not-So-Secret History of My Familial Closet*.

Note: Due to third-party privacy issues, this collection is currently restricted.

[Series III.](#) Jeffrey Lieber (VC 1997), 1993 (1 folder)

A paper Lieber wrote for a Vassar English class in his first year of college.

[Series IV.](#) Anne MacKay (VC 1949), 1990-2002 (2 boxes)

Primarily materials related to her book, *Wolf Girls at Vassar: Lesbian and Gay Experiences, 1930-1990*, an unpublished manuscript of memoirs entitled, *Just Lucky, I Guess!: Memoirs of a Wolf Girl or Growing up in Sheep's Clothing*, drafts of poetry, an audio cassette of Vassar speeches given by MacKay(?), and miscellaneous other writings.

Arranged into two subseries and sub-arranged alphabetically by title.

[Series V.](#) Shannon Wyss (VC 1995), 1991-2000 (2 folders)

A paper Wyss wrote while a graduate student in 1999: "Women on the Edge of the Transgender Era: Struggling to Throw Off Lesbian Feminism's Legacy," and correspondence written to friends and family during and after her time at Vassar.

Note: Due to third-party privacy issues, the correspondence in this collection is currently restricted.

Container List

Series I. Tobias Anderson (VC 1998), 1992-2002

Folder 1.1	Journal No. 1 - "Journal to Austria," 1992 Aug - 1993 Jun
Folder 1.2	Journal No. 2 - "English Journal" and "College Journal," with letter from Rana Nichols-Kiley, 1993-1994, 1996
Folder 1.3	Journal No. 3 - "Back to Austria," 1994-1995, 1999
Folder 1.4	Journal No. 4 - "Hindu Journal," circa 1995-1998
Folder 1.5	Journal No. 5, 1993-1999

Folder 1.6	Journal No. 6, circa 1999-2000
Folder 1.7	Journal No. 7, circa 2000
Folder 1.8	Journal No. 8, circa 2000-2001
Folder 1.9	Journal No. 9, circa 2001
Folders 1.10-1.11	Journal No. 10, circa 2000-2002
Folder 1.12	Journal No. 11, undated
Folder 1.13	Journal No. 12 - "Dream Journal," undated

Series II. Carlos Baguer (VC 1996), 1996

Folder 1.14	"No Se Dice Nada, Se Haga Todo": The Not-So-Secret History of My Familial Closet, 1996 [RESTRICTED]
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Series III. Jeffrey Lieber (VC 1997), 1993

Folder 1.15	Untitled paper for English 101, 1993 Dec
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Series IV. Anne MacKay (VC 1949), 1984-2002

Wolf Girls at Vassar

General files related to the writing and publishing of the book

Folder 1.16	First Edition - Notes, expenses, drafts, and correspondence, 1991-1992
Folder 1.17	Second Edition - Notes, drafts, and correspondence, 1993
Folder 1.18	First requests/communications and unused letters, 1991-1999
Folder 1.19	Permissions, 1991-1992
Folder 1.20	Promotion, 1991-1992
Folder 1.21	Related materials and other Vassar stories, 1991-1993
Folder 1.22	Reviews and letters about the book, 1992-1993
Folder 1.23	Sources, undated

Contributor correspondence and biographical pieces

Folder 1.24	VC 1934 - Muriel Rukeyser, 1991
Folder 1.25	VC 1940 - Lenore Thompson Kukle, 1991-1993
Folder 1.26	VC 1949 - Anne Mackay, undated
Folder 1.29	VC 1950s - [Name withheld], undated
Folder 1.27	VC 1950 - Mary Romig, 1990-1994
Folder 1.28	VC 1952 - Nancy Dean, 1991
Folder 1.30	VC 1952 - Pat Wilbert, 1991-1992
Folder 1.31	VC 1955 - Phoebe Shock, 1991-1992

Folder 1.32	VC 1959 - Cristina Biaggi, 1991-1993
Folder 1.33	VC 1959 - Gail Ellen Dunlap, 1991-1992
Folder 1.34	VC 1960 - Betsy Crowell, 1991-1993
Folder 1.35	VC 1960 - [Name withheld], 1990-1992
Folder 1.36	VC 1961 - Lucy Cross, 1991
Folder 1.37	VC 1961 - Charoula Dontopoulos, circa 1991
Folder 1.38	VC 1962 - Ellen Shee-Bierhorst, 1991-1992
Folder 1.39	VC 1961 - Beva Eastman, 1990-1991
Folder 1.40	VC 1964 - [Name withheld], 1990-1991
Folder 1.41	VC 1967 - Nancy S. Erickson, 1991
Folder 1.42	VC 1968 - Pat Cain, 1989-1991
Folder 2.1	VC 1968 - Karin L. Abbey, 1990-1993
Folder 2.2	VC 1969 - Ellen Anthony, 1991-1994
Folder 2.3	VC 1970 - Ann Northrop, 1990-1991
Folder 2.4	VC 1971 - Bonita Ann Palmer, 1990-1992
Folder 2.5	VC 1971 - [Name withheld], 1990-1991
Folder 2.6	VC 1972 - Ann E. Menasche, 1991
Folder 2.7	VC 1973 - Carla Duke, 1990-1992
Folder 2.8	VC 1974 - Julian de Rothschild-Blau, 1991
Folder 2.9	VC 1974 - [Name withheld], 1991-1992
Folder 2.10	VC 1975 - David Pittman, 1991
Folder 2.11	VC 1975 - Deidre McCalla, 1991
Folder 2.12	VC 1978 - Name withheld, 1990-1993
Folder 2.13	VC 1980 - Daniel Aibel, 1991
Folder 2.14	VC 1980 - George Tirre, 1990-1991
Folder 2.15	VC 1983 - Lisa Malachowsky, 1990-1991
Folder 2.16	VC 1983 - Colin D. O'Connell, 1991
Folder 2.17	VC 1984 - Susan Williams, 1991
Folder 2.18	VC 1986 - Leslie F. Klein, 1991-1994
Folder 2.19	VC 1988 - Jill Oppenheim, 1990
Folder 2.20	VC 1989 - Jana Rich, 1991
Folder 2.21	VC 1989 - Valarie Walker, 1991
Folder 2.22	VC 1990 - Karin Cook, 1991
Folder 2.23	VC 1990 - Kim Glickman, 1991-1993

Other Writings

Folder 2.24	"Breaking the Silence," drafts and responses, 1990
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Folders 2.25-2.26	"Just Lucky, I Guess!: Memoirs of a Wolf Girl or Growing up in Sheep's Clothing," 1995
Folder 3.1	Miscellaneous Vassar Writings, 1984-1996
Folder 3.2	"Recent Poems, Mostly Lesbian," 1999
Folder 3.3	"Poems, Mostly Lesbian," 2000
Folder 3.4	"Lesbian Poems, 1943-2002," circa 2002
Folder 3.5	Vassar speeches, undated (audiotape)

Series V. Shannon Wyss (VC 1995), 1991-2000

Folder 3.6	Correspondence, 1991-2000 [RESTRICTED]
Folder 3.7	"Women on the Edge of the Transgender Era: Struggling to Throw Off Lesbian Feminism's Legacy," 1999

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