Jim Blanton AIDS Collection, 1985-1994
Collection: Mss. 2007:4

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Jim Blanton AIDS Collection, 1985-1994

Collection Number: Mss. 2007: 4

Creator: James Blanton

Extent: 5 boxes

Administrative Information

Provenance: Gift, 2007

Access Restrictions: Collection is open for research

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Scope and Content Note

James Blanton was a co-founder (1990) of the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement (SCGLPM) and a longstanding member of its steering committee. In the late 1990s and 2000s, he was a Producer of Rainbow Radio, South Carolina’s first GLBT radio show, and occasional co-host.

This group of materials collected by Blanton is part of the Department’s “AIDS and its Impact” Collection. It is organized into three main parts: clippings, ephemera, and offprints about HIV/AIDS originating from within South Carolina; a similar group of materials from around the country, both of which are arranged chronologically; and a collection of videotapes of AIDS-related television programming. Also included in this collection is a sweatshirt commemorating The Names Project AIDS Quilt in Washington, D.C. (1988-89) and a collection of pins and buttons originating from the activist and church communities.
The collection of clippings, offprints, and ephemera contains issues of newsletters from South Carolina-based AIDS and public health organizations, their literature and brochures, newspaper clippings, and magazine and journal offprints. Also notable is a group of materials documenting the activities of Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services of South Carolina (PALSS) from 1986-1989.

A separate collection of books, public health manuals, and other monographs from Mr. Blanton’s collection has been added to the book collections of the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections and are cataloged individually as part of the Aids and Its Impact Collection.

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**Container List**

**Box 1**
- Correspondence, 1986-1991, no date
- Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services of South Carolina (PALSS), 1986-1989
- Clippings and ephemera – South Carolina, 1986-1990 (5 folders)

**Box 2**
- Clippings and ephemera – South Carolina, 1992-1993, no date (3 folders)
- Clippings and ephemera – National, 1985-1989 (5 folders)

**Box 3**
- Clippings and ephemera – National, 1990-1994, no date (6 folders)

**Box 4**
*Videotapes*
- Oprah Winfrey with Louise Hay, April 5, 1988, Donahue with Bernie Siegel and Louise Hay, April 8, 1988
- Phil Donahue with Bernie Siegel and Louise Hay, April 8, 1988
- The Quilt – Washington, D.C., Oct. 8-9, 1988, Geo. Wendt Reading with Archie Harrison, 1985
- Real Life: An AIDS Survivor, no date, Absolute Positive: Point of View with Peter Adair (ETV), June 18, 1991
- PBS online teleconference, Sept. 9, 1999
- Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt, no date
- Doors Opening: A Positive Approach to AIDS – Louise Hay
Louise Hay – Conversations On Living, no date
“Silver Lake Life: The View From Here. An AIDS Home Movie on Point of View."
Stuart Grasbery’s, “Just As I Am.”

**Box 5**
The Names Project, sweatshirt, 1988
Names Project, armband, 1988
15 buttons and pins