LGBTQ Oral History Project

The centerpiece of the Queer Archives Project is the LGBTQ oral history project, which will collect and preserve the experiences and reflections of Lafayette’s LGBTQ alumni, faculty and staff. Members of the LGBTQ community are invited to tell their stories of life at Lafayette and reflect on their time on campus.

The project is collecting memorabilia, mementos, photographs, and materials LGBTQ alums, faculty, and staff wish to share.

The Lafayette LGBTimeline

The Queer Archives Project is in the process of developing a Digital Humanities project. The Lafayette LGBTimeline will connect oral history interviews with other materials related to LGBTQ history and culture at the College and more broadly.

The evolving Lafayette LGBTimeline will be designed to make the College’s LGBTQ history available for other projects connected to teaching, learning and research in LGBTQ Studies.

Educational and Research Experiences for Students

The Queer Archives Project is linked to the Lafayette student academic experience through courses in the Women’s & Gender Studies Program and through the College’s EXCEL program, which supports students as they engage with faculty in research.

The QAP originated out of WGS 340: Sexuality Studies. In WGS 340, students engage with the Archives in a classroom setting, designing individual projects focused on LGBTQ issues and history.

EXCEL and other research opportunities are also available for students through the Lafayette LGBTimeline digital humanities project and other associated QAP initiatives.
Ways to Support the Queer Archives Project...

- Participate in an LGBTQ interview as an alum, faculty, or staff member
- **Donations** can support:
  - Interview transcription services
  - Student EXCEL research
  - Travel for interviews and conferences
  - Building digital platforms
  - Endowment of an academic prize for students in LGBTQ studies
- **Contact**: archives@lafayette.edu, 610-330-5148

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The Queer Archives Project is committed to:
- Raising the visibility of LGBTQ people at Lafayette by capturing and preserving the College’s Queer history
- Supporting learning, teaching and research in the area of LGBTQ Studies, particularly through connections with the Women’s and Gender Studies Program
- Contributing to a more inclusive climate at Lafayette College

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