

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project  
Oral History Initiative**

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How to use this index

Each subject is followed by a list of abbreviations. These abbreviations refer to individual oral history narrators. All oral history recordings and transcripts are in the LGBTQ History Collection, Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Libraries.

Abbreviations

A = Anonymous  
AB = Anton Black  
AR = Ashley Rhame  
BM = Barbara Maberry  
CL = Catina Lowery  
CSW = Carolyn Sue Wilson  
DJ = Daniel Jones  
DM = Don Muse  
DS = Daddy Sam  
EJ = Erika Joyner  
EW = Edna Whittier  
GB = Gail Burress  
GG = Garland Gravely  
GJ = Gerry Jennings  
GSR = G. Samantha Rosenthal  
JB = James Ernest Best, Jr.  
JC = Joe Cobb  
KLB = Kathryn L. Beranich  
KO = Kim O'Donnell  
L = Liza  
LB = Larry Bly  
LC = Linny Caldwell  
LF = Larry Forrest  
LL = Lisa Lamphier  
LS = L Saunders  
M = Martha  
MB = Mary Boenke  
MB2 = Michelle Bennett  
MB3 = Michael Blankenship  
MGK = Miss Grace Kelly  
MSR = Myer S. Reed  
NK = Nancy Kelly  
NP = Nathaniel Preston

P = Price  
PS = Peggy Shifflett  
PT = Peter Thornhill  
R = Rissa  
RC = Riley Chattin  
RCH = Rev. Catherine Houchins  
RD = Ronald “Ron” Davidson  
RJ = Robin Jordan  
RS = Rodger Saunders  
RW = Rosemary Wyman  
SR = Shamaill Ross  
SS = Sally Seagraves  
TF = Tommy Feazell  
TJ = Toya Jones  
TV = Trish Valentine  
VL = Virginia Irene Lindsey  
WC = Whitney B. Conley  
YCS = Yodie Cleveland Swain

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### **1. Organizations**

#### *A. LGBTQ organizations in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order*

Gay Alliance of the Roanoke Valley (GARV) (1971 – 1972) – GJ; DJ;

- Daniel Jones – TF;

Free Alliance for Individual Rights (FAIR) (1977-1978, Roanoke) – DJ;

Positive Alternative Lifestyles (PALS) (1980 – 1983, Lynchburg) – GJ; TF;

Blue Ridge Lambda Alliance (c. 1981 – 1986, Lynchburg) – GJ; PT; TF;  
 - Jennings, Gerry – PS; MSR; TF;

Dignity-Integrity group (Catholic/Episcopalian gay support group in Roanoke)  
 (early 1980s) – GJ;

The Gay Rap Group (gay support group in Roanoke) (early-1980s) – GJ; TF;  
 - At the Madonna House – TF;

First Friday (lesbian organization in Roanoke) (1980 – early 1990s) – GJ; PS; LC;  
 KLB; NK; GB; LL;  
 - The Fabulous February Fling (annual dress ball) – KLB; GB;  
 - Documentary film about (*see The Unlikely Story of the Lesbians of First  
 Friday*; 2019) – KLB; GB;  
 - First Friday reunions (2018; 2019) – GB;

Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreat (held annually 1981 – late 1980s) – PS; KLB; NK;  
 GB;  
 - at Camp Carysbrook – GB  
 - at Camp Rim Rod (near Clifton Forge?) – GB  
 - conflict over presence of children at the retreats – GB

The Bowties (drag performance group at The Park in the 1980s) – CSW;  
 The Centurions (a leather social club in Roanoke) (1980s) – DS;  
 The Rogues Levi/Leather Club (Roanoke) (1980s?) – DS; TF;  
 - Lee Cruise – TF;

Roanoke AIDS Project (c. late 1980s – 1990s) – GJ; MB3; TF;  
 Friendship Bowling League (gay and lesbian bowling organization) – TF;  
 Various AIDS support groups (in Roanoke) – GB; MSR;  
 Roanoke Valley Gay and Lesbian Alliance (1980s) – GJ;  
 Gay Supper Club (Roanoke; late 1980s-early 1990s) – MSR;  
 Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations (ALGO) (late 1980s – early 1990s,  
 Roanoke) – GJ;  
 - ALGO Service Award – GJ;  
 - Garrison, Sam – GJ; MB; RCH; MSR;

Lesbian educational group (name unknown, c. 1989-1991 in Roanoke) – PS;  
 Blue Ridge AIDS Support Services (BRASS) (early 1990s – mid-2000s) – LB;  
 Western Virginia AIDS Council (1990s?) – BM;  
 Sisters in the Name of Love (Drag queen-led AIDS support organization; 1990s?) –  
 BM; MGK;  
 - AIDS benefit shows – MGK;

Roanoke PFLAG (c. 1992 – 2004/2005) – MB; BM; RJ; RC; MSR;  
 - Mary Boenke – RCH; MSR;

The Blue Ridge Society (early transgender support group in Roanoke) (1990s) – VL;  
 OUTRight (youth group – late 1990s – 200s) – RC;  
 Roanoke Pride (1997-present) – VL; BM; AB; LF; RCH; NP; GSR;  
 - divisions in the community between pro-Pride and anti-Pride – LF;

Soulforce (Lynchburg) – RCH;  
 - Mel White – RCH;

Ricketson GLBT Memorial Library (Roanoke) (active 2000-2003) – MB; RCH; GSR;  
 - Harris, Ed – MB;

Interfaith Sexual Minorities (ISM; group in Roanoke; mid-2000s) – RCH;  
 Ladies and Gents of the Blue Ridge (transgender support group in Roanoke)  
 (mid-2000s – present) – TV; VL; EJ; P;  
 Floyd PFLAG (c. 2008 – present) – RW; JB; KO;  
 Roanoke Diversity Center (2013 – present) – RS; EJ; R; GG; MB2; LC; GB; RC; RCH;  
 NP; CL; P; GSR; PK;  
 - Diversity Camp (2014-present) – RS; LC;  
 - Frank House (co-founder) – GSR;  
 - Rainbow Cinema (c. late 2010s) – RS;  
 - Speaker’s Bureau – NP;  
 PRISM Foundation (2014 – present) – BM; AB;  
 - LGBTQ clothing closet project (c. 2018) – AB;  
 Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project (2015 – present) – VL; WC; RJ; GB; RCH;  
 SR; GSR;  
 Lynchburg Diversity Center (c. late 2010s) – L;  
 The House of Expression (2019-present) – SR; GSR; PK;  
 - Father GG Expression (Garland Gravely) – SR; PK;

*B. LGBTQ organizations outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order*

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) – RCH;  
 Affinity Community Services (Chicago) – CL;  
 BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth) – GG;  
 Diversity Thrift (Richmond, VA) – NP;  
 Equality Virginia (statewide LGBTQ advocacy organization) – JB; NP;  
 - People of Faith for Equality in Virginia (subgroup) – JB;  
 - Transgender Advocacy Speakers Bureau – NP;  
 Gay Activists Alliance (1969 – 1970s, New York City) – DJ;  
 - Morty Manford – DJ;  
 - The “Zap” (direct action tactic) – DJ;  
 Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (Chicago) – CL;  
 Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) – RC;  
 Gay Student Union (University of Virginia, Charlottesville) – GJ; M; RJ;  
 Gay youth groups – GG;  
 Highlander Center – LS;  
 The History Project (Boston, Massachusetts) – GSR;  
 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) – MB; NP;  
 - Corporate Equality Index – NP;  
 Kappa Beta (transgender support group in Charlotte, North Carolina, founded in  
 1988; now known as the Carolina Transgender Society) – TV;  
 Lambda Legal – CL;  
 - Racism within the organization – CL;  
 - Workplace harassment – CL;  
 Leather Archives & Museum (Chicago) – DS;  
 Lesbian Herstory Archives (New York) – KLB; NK;

- donation of materials by First Friday members – KLB;

Lyon Street Women (lesbian women’s collective in Mount Pleasant, Michigan)  
(1970s) – EW

Michigan Organization for Human Rights (founded in 1977) – EW;

Out and Equal (conference) – SR;

PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) – MB;

- The Transgender Network (national group within PFLAG) – MB;
  - o T-Net newsletter – MB;
- T-Coords (Transgender Coordinators) – MB;
- Positions on transgender issues – MB;

Radical Faeries – LC;

- Harry Hay – LC;

Southern Comfort (annual transgender conference in Atlanta, Georgia) – TV;

Tri-Ess (national heterosexual cross-dressing organization) – EJ;

*C. Other organizations in Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order*

AmeriCorps – L;

Blue Ridge Behavioral Services – PK;

Boy Scouts – JB;

Carilion (medical empire) – P;

Council of Community Services (Roanoke) – LB; RJ; MGK; NP;

- AIDS support services – MGK;
- Relationship with the LGBT community – RJ;

The Drop-In Center – BM; DM; RC; SR;

- Gay men’s support group – SR;

Fashionista Roanoke – GG;

First Fridays (downtown art night in Roanoke; not to be confused with the lesbian organization First Friday) – RS;

Free Masons – NP;

Girl Scouts – EW; RC;

Housing Connections – CL;

The Humble Hustle Co. (organization in Roanoke) – AR;

Local Colors – NP;

No Justice, No Peace – Roanoke (c. 2020-2022) – PK;

Norfolk & Southern Railroad company – MSR;

Plenty! (grassroots food justice organization in Floyd, Virginia) – RW;

Points of Diversity – PK;

The Red Hats (social group for older women) – TV;

Rescue Mission (homeless services agency) – RC;

Roanoke Fine Arts Council – RD;

The Ruritan Club (Meadows of Dan, Virginia) – JB;

Salem Museum & Historical Society – GB;

SARA Roanoke (sexual assault response organization) – P;

Shriners – NP;

TAP (Total Action for Progress) – BM; PK;  
Trust House / ARCH – BM;  
Women’s soccer league (Roanoke) (2011-present) – EW;  
Women’s Softball League (Salem, Virginia) (1970s/1980s) – PS; KLB;

## 2. Places

### A. *Queer bars, clubs, and restaurants in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order*

Elmwood Diner (mid-1920s – early 1970s, restaurant, Roanoke) – DJ; CSW;  
The Coffeepot (1940s/1950s, lesbian hangout, Roanoke, Virginia) – PS;  
The Trade Winds (c. 1953 – early 1980s, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RD; PT; DJ; MGK; CSW; LF; MSR; MB3; TF;  
- “Zap” (protest) against Trade Winds (1971) – DJ;  
- gay owners – CSW;  
- drag shows and pageants there – CSW;  
- Bamboo Room (top floor drag performance venue) – MB3;  
- and Black clientele – CSW;  
    o as racially integrated place in late 1970s / early 1980s – LF;  
The Last Straw (c. 1973 – 1993, bar, Roanoke) – GJ; RD; DS; PT; DJ; DM; MGK; LF; MSR; MB3; GSR; TF; LL;  
The Horoscope (c. 1975 – 1978, dance club, Roanoke) – DJ; MGK; CSW; MSR; GSR; TF;  
- and Black clientele – CSW;  
Nite & Day (c. 1977 – 1979, restaurant, Roanoke) – RD; DJ; GSR;  
- Lucky – GSR;  
Murphy’s (c. 1978 – 1979, dance club, Roanoke) – GJ; PT; DJ; MGK; CSW; MSR; MB3; GSR; TF;  
- Becoming a Black straight dance club afterward (maybe early 1980s?) – MB3;  
- Martin’s – GSR;  
Taylor House (late 1970s / early 1980s, lesbian hangout, Salem, Virginia) – KLB; NK; GB;  
The Park (1978 – present, dance club, Roanoke)  
- GJ; EW; RD; DS; WC; RS; VL; PT; DJ; BM; SS; PS; DM; GG; MB2; RJ; KLB; NK; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; YCS; GB; MSR; NP; MB3; SR; GSR; L; TF; LL;  
- increased security following the Orlando massacre (2016) – DM;  
- Gay men’s opposition to drag queens during its early years – MGK;  
- Current hostile climate toward older, veteran drag queens – MGK;  
- straight people at The Park – NP; L;  
Backstreet Café (c. 1982 – 2017, bar, Roanoke)  
- GJ; EW; DS; RS; DJ; DM; GG; MB2; A; YCS; NP; GSR; LL;

- Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – EW; DS; WC; SS; DM; MB2; A; RC; RCH; JC; P; SR; LS; TF;
  - o Annual vigils afterwards – JC;
  - o Danny Overstreet – TF;
  - o Hundreds march from Elmwood Park to Backstreet Café after the shooting (2000) – DS;
  - o MCCBR response to Backstreet shooting – SS; RCH;
  - o National media response – DM; TF;
  - o Ronald Edward Gay – DS; A; TF;
  - o Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;
  - o Survivors’ suicides – TF;

- The Front Row (2017 - ) – GSR;

Hugo’s (mid-1980s) – GB;

Macado’s (mid-1980s – present, restaurant, Church Avenue, Roanoke) / Cuba Pete’s – RD; WC; RS; GG; KLB; A;

The Cornerstone (short-lived bar in Roanoke, mid-1980s) – KLB;

The Alternative (c. 1990-1991, dance club, Roanoke) – BM;

The Dutch Inn (Martinsville, VA; periodic drag show venue?) – NP;

Morning Brew Coffee Company (2010s – present) – TJ;

*B. Queer bars, clubs, and restaurants outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order*

216 (club in Charlottesville, Virginia) – MGK;

Broadway Café (lesbian gathering spot in Richmond) – TF;

Café Lafitte in Exile (New Orleans, LA) – MSR;

The Cha Cha Club (gay bar in Richmond) – TF;

Feldman’s (gay bar in Richmond, Virginia) – VL;

The Friend’s Bar (Jacksonville, NC gay bar) – MB2;

The Garden Lounge (early gay bar in North Carolina) – RD;

Legends (gay bar in Raleigh, North Carolina) – MGK;

Locklands (gay bar in Richmond) – TF;

The Lost and Found (Washington, D.C.) – MSR;

Mythos (gay bar in Charlotte, North Carolina w/ black clientele) – MGK;

My-O-My Club (New Orleans, LA) – DJ;

Pier 21 (dance club in Greensboro, North Carolina[?]) – JB;

The Shamrock (gay bar in Bluefield, West Virginia) – MGK;

Warehouse (gay bar in Greensboro, North Carolina) – MGK;

*C. Queer spaces, neighborhoods, and communities in Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order*

319 Harrison Street (Lynchburg) – GJ; PT; TF;



Bullitt Avenue (gay cruising site, Roanoke) – LB; DJ; CSW; LF; MSR; MB3;  
 The Butcher Block (gay cruising site at Bullitt Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE; 1980s) – RS; LF;  
 Campbell Avenue (sex work scene) – A;  
 Downtowner Motel – DJ; CSW;  
 Elmwood Park (Roanoke) – EW; RD; DS; DJ; MGK; CSW;  
 Floyd, Virginia queer community – EW; LS; L;  
     - Queer farming community – LS; L;  
 Greyhound Bus Station (Bullitt Avenue, Roanoke, 1950s-1970s) – DJ; CSW; MB3;  
     - glory holes in bathroom doors – MB3;  
 Highland Avenue brothel (early 1990s) – A;  
 Highland Park (Roanoke) – GJ; EW; RD; RS; SS; YCS; GB; RC; RCH;  
     - as gay cruising site – RS;  
 Marilett Frames (lesbian-owned frame shop in Grandin Village) – PS;  
 The ‘meat market’ (City Market prostitution scene) – LF;  
 Oakey’s Field (Salem) – PS; KLB;  
 Old Southwest (Roanoke) – GJ; DJ; PS; DM; GG; MB2; KLB; YCS; GB; MSR; MB3;  
 TF;  
     - as gay ghetto – MSR;  
     - gay men’s involvement in rehabilitating homes – MSR;  
 Out Word Connections (bookstore) – RC;  
 Roanoke City Market – DM; MGK; CSW; LF; GSR;  
     - as red-light district – MGK; CSW; LF;  
     - Gay scene around the City Market – CSW;  
 Roanoke, Virginia gay community – DM;  
 Roanoke, Virginia lesbian community – SS; PS; KLB; LL;  
     - racial dynamics – KLB; GB;  
 Rural communities – LS; L;  
     - building queer community – L;  
     - Experiences of queer youth in rural areas – LS;  
     - Rural queer activism – LS;  
     - Queer farmers – LS;  
     - small-town economies – L;  
     - social networks – L;  
     - Trump Country – L;  
     - Walmart – L;  
 Salem Avenue (downtown Roanoke red light district; 1970s) – DM; A; MGK; LF;  
 Salem, Virginia lesbian community – PS;  
 Tanglewood Mall – NP; MB3;  
     - Barnes and Noble store (gay hangout) – NP;  
 Wasena Park (Roanoke) – GJ; LB; RS; PS; YCS; RC; RCH;  
     - as gay cruising site – RS;  
 YMCA (gay hangout; Church Avenue in Roanoke) – CSW;

*D. Queer spaces, neighborhoods, and communities outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order*

Atlanta, Georgia – MGK  
 Birmingham, Alabama – P;  
 Boston gay scene – GG;  
 The Castro (San Francisco) – KO;  
 Charlotte, North Carolina – JB; CSW; RCH;  
     - Nightlife – JB;  
     - drag scene – CSW;  
     - MCC church there – RCH;  
 Chicago, Illinois – LF; CL; PK;  
     - Andersonville – CL;  
     - Boystown – CL;  
 College Station, Texas gay scene (late 1970s) – PS;  
 Des Moines, Iowa – LL;  
 Eureka Springs, Arkansas gay community – KLB;  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida gay scene – KO;  
 Gay bathhouses – EW; RS; MSR;  
 Gay bookstores (Roanoke; D.C.; Cleveland; &c) – RS; KO; A; LF; NP;  
     - as site for sex / cruising – RS; LF;  
 Greensboro, North Carolina – NP; P; SR;  
 Honolulu, Hawai‘i – GSR;  
 Jacksonville, North Carolina – MB2;  
 Lansing, Michigan gay scene (1980s-1990s) – EW;  
 Los Angeles, California, lesbian scene – KLB;  
 Miami gay scene – GG;  
     - South Beach – GG;  
 New Orleans – MSR;  
     - gay bar scene – MSR;  
     - French Quarter – MSR;  
 New York City – DM; KLB; MB3; GSR;  
     - Brooklyn, New York – GSR;  
     - Greenwich Village – NP;  
 Norfolk, Virginia – RD; KLB; CSW; AR;  
     - gay bar scene – DJ;  
     - drag scene – CSW;  
 North Carolina drag scene – CSW;  
 Raleigh, North Carolina drag performance scene – MGK;  
 Richmond, Virginia gay scene – RS; GG; TF;  
     - Virginia War Memorial Carillon (gay cruising site in Richmond) – RS;  
 Saginaw, Michigan gay scene (1980s) – EW;  
 Southern California gay scene (1980s) – LC;  
 Timberfell (gay men’s resort in Tennessee) – RD;  
 Washington, D.C. – GG; CSW; MSR; TJ;  
     - DuPont Circle – KO; TJ;  
     - as Roanoke folks’ gay stomping ground – MSR;  
     - Gay bathhouses – MSR;

Wow Café (lesbian theater space in NYC) – KLB;  
“Wrinkle room” – a gay bar or establishment that caters mostly to older men – RD;

*E. Other places/spaces in Southwest Virginia*

7-11 (convenience store) – MB2;  
Abingdon, Virginia – KLB;  
Alaska – PK;  
Appalachian Mountains – RJ;  
Appalachian Power Company – M;  
Ararat (Patrick County), Virginia – JB;  
Avenham (Roanoke neighborhood) – DM;  
Beamer’s – GSR;  
Bedford, Virginia – PT; CSW;  
    Bedford Lake (swimming park in Bedford, VA) – MB3;  
Billy’s (formerly known as Billy’s Ritz) (bar in Roanoke) – DS; RS; A; MGK; GSR;  
Black-owned businesses – AR;  
Blacksburg, Virginia – MSR; LS; PK;  
Blue Ridge Parkway – RJ;  
Buchanan, Virginia – TF;  
The Cascades (hiking trail in Giles County) – KO;  
Catawba, Virginia – PS;  
The Capitol (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM; MGK;  
Chick-Fil-A – MB2;  
The Chili Shop (bar/restaurant in Roanoke in the 1960s) – DJ;  
Christiansburg, Virginia – RCH; CL; PK;  
CoLab (co-working space in Roanoke, Virginia) – GSR;  
Community Hospital – KLB; A;  
Community Inn (Grandin Village, Roanoke) – WC;  
Corned Beef & Co. (bar in Roanoke) – MB2; GSR;  
CUPS (coffeehouse) – MB2;  
Douthat State Park – PS;  
Dress Barn (clothing store in Roanoke) – TV;  
El Ray apartments (Raleigh Court) – A;  
Fagg, Virginia – NK;  
Floyd, Virginia – JB; LS;  
    - Mardi Gras celebration – JB;  
    - Artist community – LS;  
FloydFest – MB2;  
Franklin County, Virginia – SR;  
Gainsboro (neighborhood in Northwest Roanoke) – AR;  
    - Henry Street (Gainsboro) – LF;  
Giles County, VA – MB3;  
Goodwill (thrift store) – GB;  
Grand Home Furnishings – M;

Grandin Theater – TF;  
     - Miss Grandin Theater competition – TF;  
 Grandin Village – MB2; Harrisonburg, Virginia – PS;  
     - lack of gay community in the 1960s and 1970s – PS;  
 Heironimus (department store in Roanoke, Virginia) – RD; TF;  
 Henry County, Virginia – NP;  
 Hermitage Roanoke (senior living community) – JC;  
 Holiday Inn at Tanglewood Mall (Roanoke) – VL; MGK;  
     - The Elephant Walk (bar and restaurant inside the Holiday Inn) – VL;  
 Hopkins Gap, Virginia – PS;  
     - attitudes towards homosexuality – PS;  
 Hotel Roanoke – RD;  
 Hunting Hills (Roanoke neighborhood) – DM;  
 The Iroquois (bar in Roanoke) – A;  
 The Jefferson Center (performing arts venue, Roanoke) – MGK; CSW; LF;  
 Kroger – CSW;  
 Lakeside Amusement Park (Salem) – A;  
     - racism at Lakeside – A;  
 Lewis Gale Hospital – A;  
 Lincoln Terrace housing project (Roanoke, Virginia) – DM;  
 Lynchburg, Virginia – PT; R; RJ; TF; PK;  
     - LGBT community (or lack thereof) – R;  
     - Conservatism of the city, and influence of Jerry Falwell – R;  
 Lynchburg Public Library – M;  
 Martinsville, Virginia – MGK; NP;  
     - Furniture manufacturing history – NP;  
 Maysville, Kentucky – L;  
 McAlister’s Deli (restaurant at Towers, Roanoke) – BM;  
 Miller & Rhoads (department store) – TF;  
 Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea – MB2;  
 Mill Mountain Theater – MB2;  
 Miss Tonies (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM; MGK;  
 Monument Avenue (Richmond) – TF;  
     - Removal of Confederate monuments – TF;  
 Natural Bridge – MB3;  
 O’Charleys (chain restaurant at Valley View Mall, Roanoke) – RD;  
 The Ole Belmont (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM;  
 Our Lady of Nazareth Church buildings (Campbell Avenue, Roanoke) – GJ;  
 The Manhattan (downtown Roanoke bar in the 1970s?) – DM; MGK;  
 The New Market (downtown Roanoke bar) – MGK;  
 The New Wood (former bar in Roanoke in the 1970s) – RD;  
 Northwest Roanoke – DM; AR;  
     - Melrose neighborhood – AR;  
 The Patrick Henry Hotel (Roanoke) – LB; DS; A; MGK; MB3;  
 Pulaski, Virginia – CL;  
 Radford, Virginia – SS; MSR;

Raleigh Court (Roanoke neighborhood) – A;  
 Restaurant industry – MB2;  
 Roanoke County – GG; PK;  
     - Public libraries – PK;  
 Roanoke County Women’s Club building – GB;  
 Roanoke Memorial Hospital – A;  
 Roanoke Public Libraries – DJ; PS; AR; GSR;  
 Roanoke Regional Airport – TV;  
 Roanoke Rescue Mission – LB;  
 The Roanoke Theater – RD;  
 Roanoke County Women’s Club – KLB; NK;  
 Salem, Virginia – BM; RC; MB3; TF;  
 The Samaritan Inn (on Salem Avenue) – AB;  
 Shawsville, Virginia – JC;  
 Sheraton Inn (Roanoke) – VL;  
 Southeast Roanoke – DM; RCH;  
     - as food desert – RCH;  
 Starkey, Virginia (Roanoke County) – MB3;  
 Stritesky’s Florist (Roanoke) – TF;  
 Taubman Art Museum – TJ;  
 Thalhimers (department store) – TF;  
 Thrifty Inn (Roanoke) – A;  
 VA hospital in Salem, Virginia – MSR;  
     - HIV/AIDS care in the 1980s – MSR;  
 Valley Country (country music bar in Roanoke in the 1980s) – BM;  
 Valley View Mall – WC; MGK;  
 Vinton, Virginia – YCS;  
 YWCA – LL;

*F. Other places/spaces outside of Southwest Virginia*

Alabama – P;  
 Atlanta, Georgia – AR; JC; TJ;  
 Charlottesville, Virginia – TJ;  
 Cleveland Heights, Ohio – MB;  
 Colonial Williamsburg – MSR;  
 Durham, North Carolina – SS;  
 Florida – AR;  
 Gary, West Virginia – CSW;  
 Georgetown (Washington, D.C.) – YCS;  
 Greensboro, North Carolina – MGK;  
 King’s Dominion (theme park outside of Richmond, Virginia) – RS;  
 London, England – LS;  
 Los Angeles, California – KLB;  
 Mount Airy, North Carolina – NP;

New Jersey – AR;  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – NP;  
 The Philippines – SR;  
 Phoenix, Arizona – MSR;  
 Portsmouth, Virginia – RCH;  
 Raleigh, North Carolina – WC;  
     Rex hospital (Raleigh, North Carolina) – A;  
 Rock Creek, North Carolina – A;  
     - history of the Township of Patterson – A;  
 San Diego, California – SR;  
 Sanford, North Carolina – SS;  
     - presence of KKK – SS;  
 Schenectady, New York – GSR;  
 Southside Virginia – MSR;  
     - La Crosse, Virginia – MSR;  
     - Marengo, Virginia – MSR;  
 Toronto, Canada – YCS;  
 Tucson, Arizona – LS;  
 Ventura, California – RCH;  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia – TJ;  
 Walt Disney World – AR;  
 Winchester, Virginia – R;  
 Wichita, Kansas – JC;

### **3. Media**

#### *A. LGBTQ publications in Southwest Virginia – in approximate chronological order*

Big Lick Gayzette (Roanoke, 1971) – GJ; DJ;  
 Virginia Gayzette (Roanoke, 1972, 1978) – DJ;  
 PALS Newsletter (1980-1983) - TF;  
 Blue Ridge Lambda Press (Lynchburg, then Roanoke, 1983 – 2008) – GJ; PT; RCH;  
 MSR; TF;  
     - “pink pages” – TF;  
     - Willy Waltzer (pseudonymous column in the *Blue Ridge Lambda Press*) – TF;  
 Skip Two Periods (lesbian newspaper in Roanoke, 1983 - 1988) – PS; KLB; NK; GB;  
     - the “Condor Sisters” (column in newspaper) – KLB;  
     - “Lez Fun” (column in newspaper) – NK;  
 Shout (gay newspaper in Roanoke in the 1980s) – DS;  
*The Unlikely Story of the Lesbians of First Friday* (film; 2019) – KLB; GB;  
     - Kathryn L. Beranich (director) – GB;

*B. LGBTQ publications outside of Southwest Virginia – in alphabetical order*

The Advocate (gay magazine) – KO; NP; TF;  
Alex Sanchez (writer) – RC;  
*Amazon* (feminist newspaper in Milwaukee in the 1970s) – KLB;  
*Beebo Brinker* book series – PS;  
The Blade (Washington, D.C. newspaper) – DM;  
*Curve* (lesbian magazine) – NP;  
Fitness magazines – RC;  
Gay Community News (Boston newspaper) – GJ;  
Gay newspapers – M; RJ;  
    - lesbian newspapers – RJ;  
Gay Yellow Pages – JB;  
James Howe (children’s books author) – NP;  
John Francis Hunter, *The Gay Insider: USA* (national gay guidebook, 1972) – DJ;  
*Invisible Lives* (book) – RC;  
The Ladder (lesbian magazine) – LL;  
The Lesbian Connection (magazine published in Michigan, 1974 – present) – EW;  
Lesbian pulp fiction – PS;  
*Lesbian Woman* (book) – M;  
David Levitahn (YA books author) – NP;  
*The Newsletter* (Durham, NC gay newspaper?) – NK;  
*Our Trans Children* (publication of PFLAG) – MB;  
*Out* (gay magazine) – NP; TJ;  
Patricia Nell Warren – RC; RCH;  
    - *Front Runner* (novel) – RCH;  
*Playgirl* (magazine) – MB3;  
*QNotes* (LGBTQ publication in Charlotte, NC) – RCH;  
Rita Mae Brown – MB2; RC;  
    - *Rubyfruit Jungle* (novel) – MB2;  
    - *Sneaky Pie* series – RC;  
*Trans Forming Families* (publication of PFLAG) – MB;

*C. Other media in Southwest Virginia*

102 Jamz (Greensboro, NC radio station) – SR;  
“Cooking Cheap” (nationally-syndicated television show produced in Roanoke)  
    (1981-2002) – LB;  
    - the ‘Cook Sisters’ (a segment performed in drag on the show) – LB;  
Journalism – LS;  
    - The place of women and femmes in journalism – LS;  
Rare Press (Roanoke-based publisher) – AR;

Soul Sessions (poetry event in Roanoke) – AR;  
     Harvest Blaque (performing artist in Roanoke) – AR;  
 The Daily Advance (Lynchburg newspaper) – PT;  
 The Roanoke Times – DJ; NK; RCH;  
*The Roanoke Tribune* (newspaper) – AR;  
 The Roanoker (magazine) – MGK;  
 The Speakeasy on 11<sup>th</sup> Street (poetry event in Roanoke, 2019-2020) – AR;  
 Uncle Looney (local television personality) – MSR;  
 WBRA (Blue Ridge Public Television) – NK;  
 WDBJ-7 (television station in Roanoke) – KLB; RCH;  
     - Keith Humphry (reporter) – KLB;  
 WROV (radio station in Roanoke) – LB;  
 WSLS (television station in Roanoke) – KLB;  
 WTOY (radio station) – MB3;  
 WVTF (radio station) – MB2;  
     - controversy over airing the program “Fresh Air” (c. 1990) – MB2;

#### *D. Television & Film*

Angelina Jolie – LS;  
 Anna Nicole (television personality) – KLB;  
 Bette Midler – KLB;  
*Beverly Hillbillies* (television show) – DM;  
 Caitlyn Jenner – R; GG;  
*Chicago MD* (Television show) – YCS;  
 Daniel Boone – P;  
*The Danish Girl* (film, 2015) – RW;  
*Dark Shadows* (television show, 1966-1971) – PT;  
*David Susskind Show* (television show) – NK;  
*Disclosure* (documentary film) – PK;  
 Dyke TV (NYC television station) – KLB;  
 E Entertainment Television – KLB;  
 Ellen DeGeneres – DS; KO; MB; NK; LS;  
 Ethel Merman – DM;  
*Family Ties* (television show) – AB;  
 Filmmaking – LS;  
     - Documentary filmmaking – LS;  
*Genderqueer* (documentary film) – RC;  
*Gone with the Wind* (film, 1939) – DS;  
*I Dream of Genie* (television show) – KLB;  
 Judith Light – KLB;  
 Katy Perry – LS;  
     - “I Kissed a Girl” (song) – LS;  
*Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* (film) – LS;  
 Laverne Cox – R; GG; NP;



Lesbian themes in motion pictures / films – NK;  
 Mary Tyler Moore – KLB;  
*M.A.S.H.* – RC;  
 Michael J. Fox – AB;  
*Modern Family* (television show) – NP;  
 Mr. T – AB;  
*The Music Man* –RC;  
 Neil Patrick Harris – NP;  
*Nightline* (television show) – TF;  
 Oprah Winfrey – YCS;  
*Orange is the New Black* (television show) – NP;  
 Pamela Anderson & Tommy Lee – PK;  
 Representation of LGBT people on TV / in films – DM; NP;  
 “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In” (television show) – JC;  
*RuPaul’s Drag Race* – MGK; LF;  
 Sexism in the television industry – KLB;  
*Sordid Lives* (film, 2000) – RD;  
*Star Trek* (television series) – P;  
 Television industry – KLB;  
     - Television commercials – LS;  
*To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar* (film) – TF;  
*Transparent* (television show) – KLB;  
*True Hollywood Story* (television show) – KLB;  
*Queer as Folk* (television show) – NP;

#### *E. Visual arts*

Costume design (for drag pageantry) – TF;  
 Gay art / erotic art – TF;  
 Photography – LS;  
     - Appalachian photography – LS;  
     - Documentary photography – LS;  
     - Gilles Peress (photographer) – LS;  
     - Julie Rae Powers (photographer) – LS;  
     - Roger May (photographer) – LS;

#### *F. Music & Performing Arts & Literary Arts*

African American LGBTQ people in media, representations of – YCS;  
 Alok Vaid-Menon – L;  
 American Croatian Silver Strings Tamberitsa Orchestra (Milwaukee) – KLB;  
 Aretha Franklin – AB; CSW;  
*Billboard* (magazine) – DM;  
 Border’s bookstore – JC;  
 Blues music – RJ;

Broadway music – CSW;  
 Carol Burnett (comedian) – MB3;  
 Celebrities – R; GG;  
     - African American LGBT celebrities – GG;  
 Cher – MB;  
 Cris Williamson – GB;  
 Culture Club (musical group) – AB;  
 Debby Boone (singer) – NK;  
 Deniece Williams – MGK;  
 Diana Ross – MGK; CSW; MB3;  
 Disco – PT; DJ; MSR;  
 Donna Summer – PT; DJ;  
 Dorothy Prince (singer) – PK;  
 Elizabeth Acevedo (poet) – AR;  
 Emily Dickenson (poet) – JC;  
 Elton John – R; MB3;  
 Elvis Presley – RJ;  
 Eminem – AB;  
 Fashion industry – GG;  
 Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention – KLB;  
 “Fresh Air” (radio program) – MB2;  
     - interviews with gay people – MB2;  
     - the show’s lesbian audience – MB2;  
     - Terry Gross (host) – MB2;  
 Gays in the media – DS; DM;  
 “The Great American Trailer Park Show” (off-broadway show) – AB;  
*Harper’s Bazaar* (fashion magazine) – GG;  
 Jennifer Holliday – MGK;  
*Hustler* (magazine) – A;  
 Indigo Girls – RC;  
 Jackson 5 – MGK;  
 James Kirkup – DJ;  
 Janet Jackson – CSW;  
 June Millington – GB;  
 Kate Clinton (lesbian comedian) – KLB; NK;  
 Lady Bunny (famous drag performer) – MGK;  
 Lesbian music scene – GB;  
 Liberace – R;  
 Linda Tillery (musician) – GB;  
 Little Richard – AB;  
 Martha Reeves & the Vandellas (musical group) – MB3;  
 Michael Jackson – AB;  
 Music industry – DM;  
 National Public Radio (NPR) – MB2; RCH;  
 Olivia Records – NK;  
 Opera Roanoke – TF;

Patti LaBelle – MGK; CSW;  
 Plaveryavda (Croatian dance group in Milwaukee) – KLB;  
*Playboy* (magazine) – KLB;  
 Publishing – AR;  
 Ravinia (music festival in Chicago) – KLB;  
 Ray Charles – AB;  
 Roberta Flack – AB;  
 Rock Hudson – R  
 Rock & Roll (music) – RJ;  
 Role of women in media – KLB;  
 The Roots (musical group) – SR;  
 Rosie O'Donnell – GB;  
 RuPaul – MGK;  
 Split Britches (lesbian theater group) – KLB; NK;  
 Stevie Wonder – AB;  
 Theater – DM;  
     Women's theater – KLB;  
 U2 (band) – AB;  
 Bobby Vee (musician) – MB3;  
 The Village People (musical group) – MB3;  
*Village Voice* (NYC newspaper) – KLB;  
     - Michael Musto (gossip columnist) – KLB;  
*Vogue* (fashion magazine) – GG;  
 Women's music industry – KLB; NK;  
 Writing (fiction) – AB;  
     - Science fiction – AB;

#### **4. Education & Work**

##### *A. Schools, colleges, and universities in Southwest Virginia*

Averett University (Danville, Virginia) – NP;  
 Blacksburg High School – LC;  
 Bluefield College (Baptist college) – RCH;  
 Carson Newman (Baptist college) – RCH;  
 Cave Spring Elementary School – MB3;  
 Cave Spring High School – GJ; MB3;  
 Christiansburg Industrial Institute – CL;  
 Dearington Elementary School (Lynchburg) – PT;  
 Dunbar High School (Lynchburg) – PT;  
 Fairview Elementary school – SR;  
 Ferrum College – PT; R; DM; LF; SR;  
     - lack of diversity – SR;

Floyd County High School – RW; JB; KO;

- Diversity Club – JB; KO;
- Rate of suicide attempts – JB;
- Teacher-student sexual assault – KO;
- Failure of administration to protect LGBTQ students – KO;

Glenvar High School – MB3;

Green Valley Elementary School – MB3;

Hidden Valley Middle School – PK;

Hidden Valley High School – PK;

Highland Park Elementary School – JC;

Hollins University – MB; KLB; RC;

- Women’s Center – MB;

Huff Lane Intermediate School (Roanoke) – TJ;

Jefferson High School – DJ; DM;

Lakewood Junior High School (Lynchburg, Virginia) – PT;

Liberty University – R; TF;

Lincoln Terrace Elementary School – DM;

Lucy Addison Middle School – SR;

Montgomery County school district – EJ; CL;

- policy on transgender students – EJ;

North Cross school (Roanoke) – A;

Patrick Henry High School – DM; GG; A; SR;

Radford University – SS; PS; LC; MSR; SR;

- co-education – MSR;
- homophobia – SS; MSR;
- lesbian student life in the late 1970s, early 1980s – SS;
- P.E. [physical education] club – SS;

Randolph College – GB;

Raleigh Court elementary school (Roanoke) – A;

Roanoke College – DJ; BM; MB2; KLB; NK; GB; GSR:

- Fintel Library – MB2;
- CUPS coffeeshop on campus – MB2;

Salem High School – TF;

School integration (in Southwest Virginia in the 1960s and 1970s) – GJ; PT; DJ; DM; CSW; CL; TF;

- busing – PT; SR;

Virginia Episcopal School (college preparatory school in Lynchburg) – PT;

- homosexuality among the students – PT;

Virginia Heights elementary school (Roanoke) – A; TJ;

Virginia Tech – PS; LC; NK; GB; MSR; NP; MB3; CL; SR; L;

- Christian Youth Group (late 1960s – early 1970s) – LC;
- Gay Student Alliance / Gay Student Union (late 1970s – ?) – NK; MB3;
  - o Gay Awareness Week / Denim Day (1979 event) – NK; GB;
    - Denim Day 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration at Virginia Tech (2019) – GB;
  - o Administration’s response to Gay Student Alliance – NK;

- Governor's response to Gay Student Alliance – NK;
  - Homophobia – NK;
  - Lambda Horizons (Virginia Tech gay student group, 1980s) – TF;
  - LGBTQ at Virginia Tech (organization) – L;
  - Sociology Department – PS;
  - Squires Student Center – NK;
  - War Memorial Gym – NK;
  - West Eggleston (dormitory) – NK;
  - the Women's Collective (student group in late 1970s) – NK;
    - Women's Week (December 1977 event) – NK;
  - Women's reading group (early 1990s) – LC;
- Virginia Western Community College – EW; BM; GG; YCS; RC; MB3;  
 William Fleming High School (Roanoke) – A; YCS; AR; SR;  
 Woodrow Wilson Junior High School (Roanoke) – AB;  
 Wytheville High School – CL;

*B. Schools, college, and universities outside of Southwest Virginia*

- Arizona State University – PK;  
 Bates College (Lewiston, Maine) – GSR;  
 Bridgewater College – M; RJ;
  - Pride Week celebration (2010s) – M;
  - Gay student union (2010s) – M;
 Bristol High School (Bristol, Tennessee) – VL;  
 CalArts (the California Institute for the Arts) – GSR;  
 Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio) – MB;  
 DePaul University (Chicago) – CL;  
 Divine Savior High School (Milwaukee) – KLB;  
 Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) – SR;  
 East Carolina University – SS; MB2;  
 Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT; New York) – GG;  
 Fork Union Military Academy (private military school in Fork Union, Virginia) – VL;  
 Hampden-Sydney College (all-men's college) – PT; A;  
 James Madison University – PT; PS; M; RJ;  
 James Woods High School (Frederick County, Virginia) – R;  
 John Hanley High School (Winchester, Virginia) – R;  
 Longwood University – AR;  
 Mary Baldwin College (all-women's college) – KO;  
 Michigan State University – EW;  
 Milwaukee Area Technical College – KLB;  
 Milwaukee Independent School – KLB;  
 New Bern Senior High School (New Bern, North Carolina) – MB2;  
 North Carolina State University – TV;  
 North Park University (Chicago) – CL;  
 Oberlin College – MB;

Old Dominion University – LC;  
 Perkins School of Theology (Dallas, Texas) – JC;  
 Phillips Business College – M;  
 Shenandoah University (formerly Shenandoah Conservatory of Music) – BM;  
 South Gwinnett High School (Atlanta, Georgia) – AR;  
 Southwestern College (Winfield, Kansas) – JC;  
 Tennessee Technological University – VL;  
 Texas A & M University – PS;  
 Texas Tech University – PS;  
 Tulane University – MSR;  
 Union College (Schenectady, New York) – GSR;  
 University of Virginia, state system – RJ;  
 University of Virginia, Charlottesville – GJ; M; RJ; MSR;  
     - Gay Student Union (early 1970s) – M; RJ;  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – RD; DJ;  
 University of North Carolina, Greensboro – JB; MB2;  
 University of Pittsburgh – NP;  
 University of Richmond – KO;  
 University of South Carolina – RJ;  
 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) – RW; GG; TF;  
     - Queerness among the student body – TF;  
 Walatosa East High School (Milwaukee) – KLB;  
 Wayne State University (Detroit, Michigan) – EJ;  
 Wellesley College – MB;  
 William & Mary College – MSR;  
     - gay community in the 1960s – MSR;

*C. Issues for LGBTQ students, faculty, and staff*

Academia – PS; MSR;  
     - sexism / patriarchy within – PS;  
     - homophobia within – PS;  
     - tenure and promotion – PS; MSR;  
 Boys homes / boarding schools – R;  
 Bullying and harassment – RW; KO; R; DM; A; MGK; NP; MB3; P; PK;  
 Children coming out in schools – YCS;  
 Discussion of gay issues in class – LS; L;  
 Dorm mothers – M;  
 Drum majorette / marching band – MGK;  
 Gay teachers in public schools – NP;  
 Gender-segregated facilities – M;  
 High school gay and lesbian student clubs – RD;  
     Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) – NP;  
 High school reunions – RCH;  
 LGBT school teachers – MB2;  
 Libraries, accessibility of LGBT books – M; MB2;

P.E. class – MGK;  
Policing – PK;  
    School to prison pipeline – PK;  
Prom – MGK;  
Racism in public schools in Virginia – CL; PK;  
Student loan debt – YCS;

#### *D. Areas of Study & Research*

Arts management – MB2;  
Biology – RJ;  
Choir – TF;  
Cosmetology – YCS;  
Gay and Lesbian Studies – KLB;  
History – PS; GSR;  
    - Appalachian histories of resistance – LS;  
        o Coal miners' wars – LS;  
    - Black History – MB3; CL; PK;  
        o Black History Month – MB3;  
    - Lesbian herstory – PS; KLB; NK;  
    - Women's history – PS;  
    - LGBTQ history – RCH; NP; GSR;  
        o and whiteness – GSR;  
        o generational conflict – GSR;  
LGBT literature – RCH; NP;  
Library Science – M;  
Music – GSR;  
Sociology – PS; RJ; MSR;  
    - Rural sociology – PS;  
    - Sociology of food use – PS;  
    - Sociology of religion – MSR;  
Student teaching – RC;  
Trans studies – GSR;  
Treatment of homosexuality in scholarly research – M; MB2;  
Women's Studies – PS; KLB;

#### *E. Occupations*

Custodial work – TF;  
Farming – L;  
    - Flower farming – L;  
    - Horses – L;  
    - Land privilege / Land sharing – L;  
    - Farming as a queer space – L;  
    - #QueerFarmers (hashtag) – L;  
Fashion industry – GG; TF;

- Tim Gunn – GG;
  - Andre Leon Talley – GG;
  - LGBTQ people in the fashion industry – GG;
  - Modeling – GG;
- Gardening – L;
- Home gardening – L;
  - Food security in rural Appalachia – L;
- Housekeeping – CSW;
- Interior decoration – RD; TF;
- Types of employment available to gay men – TF;
- Window dressing – TF;
  - Hairdressing – TF;
  - Florists – TF;
  - Interior design – TF;
- Work/life balance / workaholism – GG; JC; TJ;
- Youth unemployment – BM;

## **5. Religion**

### *A. Religious organizations in Southwest Virginia*

- African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church (denomination) – NP;
- Assemblies of God – JB;
- Black churches (in Southwest Virginia) – JB; GG; A; MGK; AB; LF; YCS; AR; NP;
- church choir – A; MGK; LF;
  - gay people in the church – AR;
  - views on homosexuality in the Black church – GG; MGK; LF; AR;
- Church of the Brethren (denomination) – MB3;
- First Baptist Church (downtown Roanoke) – BM;
- Jerry Falwell – PT; R; MB2; RCH; TF;
- Thomas Roads Baptist Church (Falwell’s church in Lynchburg) – RCH;
- Jehovah’s Witnesses – JB; R; M; PK;
- Loudon Avenue Christian Church – YCS; MB3;
- Rev. William Lee – YCS;
  - acceptance of gay and lesbian congregants – MB3;
- Metropolitan Community Church – EW; JB; EJ; GB; RCH; JC; MB3; TF;
- Metropolitan Community Church of the Blue Ridge (Roanoke) (1986 – present) – EW; TV; BM; EJ; SS; MB2; RJ; LC; CSW; GB; RC; RCH; JC; MB3; P; SR; GSR; TF;
    - o The Skittles (house band in the 2010s) – EJ; SS;
    - o storefront locations on Kirk Avenue – SS;
    - o beginnings at the Unitarian Universalist Church (1986-1998) – SS; RCH;
    - o involvement in Pride in the Park – SS;



- response to Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – SS; P;
  - approach to atheists / non-believers – RJ;
  - Rev. Joe Cobb – MB2; LC; GSR;
  - Richard Ward III – RCH;
  - food pantry – RCH;
  - Metropolitan Community Church in Winston, North Carolina(?) – JB;
  - MCC congregation in Richmond, VA – MB3;
  - MCC congregation in Norfolk, Virginia – RCH;
    - unnamed Black lesbian pastor (early 1980s) – RCH;
  - Church teachings – EJ;
- The Mormon Church – JB;
- Neff Powell (Episcopal Archbishop) – TF;
- Pentecostal Holiness Church (denomination) – NP; TJ;
- Presbyterianism – TF;
- Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church – MB3;
- Seventh-Day Adventists – JB; KO;
- Southern Baptist Church (denomination) – NP; P; TF;
- The Society of Friends / Quakers – EW; JB; KO; CL;
- in Roanoke, Virginia – EW;
  - in Floyd, Virginia – JB; KO;
  - Testimony of Equality – EW;
- St. James Episcopal Church (Roanoke) – DJ;
- St. John’s Episcopal Church (Roanoke) – TF;
- Unitarian Universalists – MB;
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke – VL; MB; LC; JC; GSR;
  - Becoming a Welcoming Congregation – LC;
- Unity Church (Roanoke) – MB3;
- Valley Word Ministries (church in Roanoke) – AR;

### *B. Religious organizations outside of Southwest Virginia*

- Affirmation (LGBT support group for Mormons) – JB;
- Jimmy Creech (minister and LGBTQ advocate) – RCH;
- Newman House (Catholic campus organization) – MB2;
- United Methodist Church – JC;
- position on homosexuality – JC;
- Westboro Baptist Church – DS; DM;

### *C. Religious publications and media*

- For the Bible Tells Me So* (documentary film) – JB;
- Gaychurch.org – JB;
- Homosexuality: A straight BYU student’s perspective* (book) – JB;
- Jack Rogers, *The Bible and Homosexuality* (book) – JB;

*D. General issues in religion*

Atheism – M; RJ; P;  
Baptism – P;  
Baptist (denomination) – RCH; PK;  
    - Southern Baptist – PT; RCH; NP;  
The Bible – TV; JB; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH; NP; TF; PK;  
Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC; TF;  
Bible Study classes – MB3;  
Biblical literalism – R;  
Buddhism- AB; RC;  
Calvinism – PK;  
Chaplains – RC;  
Christianity  
– JB; PT; GG; M; MB2; LC; A; AB; LF; YCS; RC; RCH; AR; JC; NP; MB3; P; TJ; SR;  
TF; PK;  
    - Christian saints – RC;  
    - Evangelicalism – M;  
    - God – PT; R; GG; RJ; LC; A; YCS; RCH; RC;  
    - Hell - TJ;  
    - The Jesus Movement (1960s-1970s) – LC;  
    - Sin – YCS; TF;  
Christianity and homosexuality – TV; PT; BM; M; LC; NK; AB; RC; MSR; AR; MB3;  
P; TJ; TF; PK;  
Christianity and racism – PK;  
Christianity and transphobia – VL; TJ;  
Christian education – LC; RCH;  
Christian summer camps – RCH;  
    - Vacation Bible School – NP;  
Christian youth groups – NP;  
Church versus state – M;  
Episcopalians – RC; TF;  
Ex-gay ministries – LC;  
Gay churches vs. regular churches – YCS;  
Jesus communes – MB3;  
Jesus Christ – LC; A; RC; RCH;  
Judaism – RC;  
    - Kabbalah – RC;  
Missionary work – LC;  
Native American religions – LC;  
    - Naraya (Shoshone practice) – LC;  
“Open and affirming” churches – RCH;  
Puritanism – TF;  
The Reformation Project – JB;

Relationship with nature – RJ;  
Religion and sexuality – JC;  
Roman Catholicism – RC;  
Secular humanism – M;  
Seminary – JC;  
Shamanism – RC;  
Spirituality / Faith – R; GG; RJ; LC; AB;  
John Shelby Spong (Episcopal theologian) – MB3;  
Sunday school – NP; TJ; PK;  
Zen Buddhism – JB;

## **6. Government**

### *A. Electoral politics*

1968 Democratic Party Convention in Chicago – EJ;  
- street protests – EJ;  
1972 Presidential Election – GJ; DJ;  
- Virginia Democratic Party state convention (Roanoke, 1972) – DJ;  
1980 Presidential Election – NK;  
- Ronald Reagan – NK; TF;  
2016 Presidential Election – TV; DJ; EJ; NK; YCS;  
- Ted Cruz – TV;  
2020 Presidential Election – YCS;  
U.S. Representative Michele Bachman – JB;  
U.S. President Joe Biden (2021 – ) – YCS; P; L; TF;  
Bill Bestpitch (Roanoke City Councilmember) – MB;  
Joel Burns (Fort Worth, Texas City Councilmember) – JB;  
U.S. President George W. Bush (2001 – 2009) – GSR;  
Pete Buttigieg – NP;  
Hillary Clinton – YCS;  
Joe Cobb (Roanoke City Councilmember, 2018 - ) – NP; SR;  
Mayor Richard Daley (Chicago, 1960s) – EJ;  
Democratic Party – DJ; DM; YCS;  
- liberal / progressive politics in Roanoke – RJ;  
Senator John Edwards (Virginia) – BM; NP;  
U.S. Representative Barney Frank – MB  
LGBT participation in electoral politics – DJ; DM;  
Gay bashing in Virginia politics – KO;  
Attorney General Mark Herring (Virginia) – MB2;  
U.S. Representative Virgil Goode – MB  
U.S. Representative Morgan Griffith – JB;  
U.S. Senator Jesse Helms – DJ; NK;

Sherman Lea (mayor of Roanoke, 2016 – ) – BM;  
 Governor Bob McDonald (Virginia) – MB2;  
 U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell – TF;  
 U.S. President Barack Obama (2009 – 2017) – MB2; LC; CSW; YCS; NP;  
 U.S. Vice President Mike Pence (2017 – 2021) – YCS;  
 Political campaigns – JC;  
 Delegate Sam Rasoul (Virginia) – BM; NP;  
 Republican Party – SS;  
     - The Tea Party (2000s – 2010s) – MB2;  
 Roanoke City Council – DM; MSR; JC;  
 Eleanor Roosevelt – KLB;  
 U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders – YCS;  
 Mayor Noel Taylor – MB3;  
 U.S. President Donald Trump (2017 - 2021) – EJ; M; MB2; AB; CSW; YCS; LS; L;  
     - Anti-LGBTQ politics under Trump administration – AB;  
     - Family separation policy at U.S.-Mexico border – YCS;  
     - “Make America Great Again” slogan – YCS;  
     - border wall with Mexico – YCS;  
     - rise in hate crimes since Trump was elected – MB2;  
     - travel ban (2017) – M; MB2;  
 U.S. Senator John Warner – MB  
 U.S. Senator Mark Warner – JB;  
 U.S. Senator Jim Webb – JB;  
 Roy White (Roanoke-area candidate for U.S. Congress in 1970 and 1972) – DJ;

*B. Crime, policing, and the judicial system*

Anti-cross-dressing laws – DM;  
 Anti-solicitation law – A;  
 Assault – R;  
 Bail collection – A;  
 Blackmail – RJ; JC;  
 Bounty hunting – A;  
 Criminal justice system – R; A; MGK; PK;  
 Court system, treatment of gays – WC;  
     - court psychologist – R;  
     - court-appointed lawyers – A;  
 Galax Police Department – A;  
 Judicial system in Virginia – KO;  
     - patriarchy and heteronormativity among judges – KO;  
     - Public defenders – A;  
 Police brutality – DM; A; CL;  
 Police harassment of gays – RS; A;  
 Police repression of gay bookstores – RS;  
 Policing and racial justice – MB;

Prisons – R; A;

- LGBT community within prisons – R;
- Rape within prisons – R;
- Solitary confinement – A;
- Roanoke City Jail – PK;

Roanoke City Police Department – DS; RS; DJ; DM; A; MGK; MSR; JC; MB3; SR;

- entrapment of sex workers – A;
  - o Crackdown on transvestite prostitution downtown – DM; A; MGK; CSW;
- relationship with the LGBTQ community – DS; JC;
- relationships with the Black community – DM;
- involvement in crackdowns on gay cruising – RS;
  - o clearing out cruising locations in Highland Park – RS;
  - o collecting license plates of gay cruisers at Elmwood Park – DJ;
- Chief of Police (in the 1970s) – MSR;
- Chief Tim Jones (2010s) – JC;
- Vice Squad – A; MSR; TF;
  - o sexual assault of prostitutes – A;
  - o undercover cops – MSR;

Salem Police Department – RC;

Stealing / theft – R;

The Wall (prison in downtown Richmond) – A;

The War on Drugs – A;

Wasena Park police sting (1998 – 1999) – RS; MB; RC; RCH;

### *C. United States Armed Forces*

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” – JB; PT; RC;

Homosexuality in the military – RD;

- “wrinkle room” (where military officers paid younger men for sex) – RD;

ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps) – A;

U.S. Air Force – DS;

U.S. Marines – MB2;

- “WMs” (women marines) – MB2;

U.S. Navy – RD; VL; SR;

- service in Norfolk, Virginia – RD;

The Vietnam War (1955 – 1975) – GJ; LB; GSR;

- Anti-war demonstrations – GJ; GSR;
- Service in the U.S. army – LB;

War in Afghanistan (2001 – 2021) – GSR;

War in Iraq (2003 – 2011) – GSR;

The War on Terror – GSR;

### *D. Government institutions, legislation, and policy*

Charlotte, North Carolina bathroom ordinance (2016) – WC;  
 Child Protective Services (CPS) – PK;  
 Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation – TF;  
 Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) (1973) – GJ; M;  
 Congressional lobbying – MB;  
 Constitutional amendment to outlaw gay marriage in Virginia (2006) – NP;  
 Corporation for Public Broadcasting – MB2;  
 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) – M;  
 Department of Social Services (DSS) – LC;  
 Employment non-discrimination ordinances – RJ;  
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – PK;  
 Fiscal conservatism – SS;  
 Gun control – YCS;  
 HB2: The Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act (North Carolina’s ‘bathroom bill’,  
 2016) - EJ; MB; DM; NK;  
 Heighra House (drug program in Virginia) – A;  
*Lawrence v. Texas* (2003 Supreme Court decision) – CL;  
 Medicaid – PK;  
 National Endowment for the Arts – MB2;  
*Roe v. Wade* (1973 Supreme Court decision) – DM; CL; TF;  
 Social Security Administration – M;  
     - Social Security benefits – GB;  
 Sodomy laws / criminalization of homosexuality – RJ;  
 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP; food stamps) – L;  
 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – M;  
 Transgender policies under the Obama administration – AB;  
 U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) – JB;  
 U.S. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) – JB;  
*Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015 Supreme Court decision) – M; AR; LL;  
 Veteran Administration (VA) – MSR;  
 Virginia Alcoholic Beverages Control (ABC) board – PT; DJ; TF;  
     - “known homosexual” language – TF;  
 The Virginia Values Act (2020) – NP;  
 Youth Risk Behavior Survey – JB;

## **7. Social Movements**

### *A. National LGBTQ movements, events, and people*

Anita Bryant (leader of national anti-gay movement, late 1970s) – DJ; PS; KLB; NK;  
 Boy Scouts of America – MB; A; MGK;  
     - discrimination against gays – MB;

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon – M;  
 Gay Liberation (1970s) – DJ; M; RJ; CSW;  
 Lesbian feminism – M; RJ; KLB; NK;  
 Lesbian separatism – EW; KLB; GB;  
 LGBTQ activism – MB; MB2; AB; CSW; MSR; P; SR;  
     - Southern queer movements – LS;  
     - uses of violence – MB;  
 Harvey Milk – EW; WC; RCH;  
 Matthew Shepard – RS; AB; RCH; SR;  
 Millennium March on Washington (2000) – MB;  
 Pulse nightclub shooting (2016) – AB; YCS; TF;  
 Safe spaces – AR;  
 The Stonewall Uprising (1969, New York City) – EW; JB; DJ; MB; M; NP; CL;  
     - and whiteness – CL;

*B. Other social movements, issues, and national events*

American Civil Liberties Union – CL;  
 Anarchism – GSR;  
 Animal rights – GSR;  
     - and racist literature – GSR;  
 Anti-pipeline activism – LS;  
 Anne Frank – M;  
 Anti-war movement (late 1960s / early 1970s) – GJ; RW; DJ; EJ; LC; KLB; GSR;  
 Banksy – JB;  
 Black freedom movement / Civil Rights movement (1950s-1970s) – EW; RW; MB; DM;  
 KLB; CL; TF;  
     - Black Panthers – PK;  
     - Black Power – KLB;  
     - Church Women United – TF;  
     - Exclusion of gay people – CL;  
     - police brutality against African Americans (1950s-1960s) – DM;  
     - the Reconstruction era (1865-1877) – EW;  
 Black Lives Matter movement (2013-2020s) – AR; CL;  
     - Trayvon Martin – AR;  
     - Eric Garner – AR;  
     - George Floyd – CL; GSR;  
 Boycotts – MB2;  
 Cooperatives – EJ; KLB;  
     - Appalantic Federation of Co-Ops – EJ;  
     - women's cooperatives – KLB;  
 The COVID-19 pandemic (2020-2021) – CL; P; GSR;  
 Deindustrialization – NP  
 Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam (1965-1972) – EJ;  
 Earth Day (1970) – GJ;

Environmentalism – MB; PK;  
 Feminism – EW; M; LC; KLB; NK; YCS; RC;  
     - the Suffragette movement (late 19<sup>th</sup> century / early 20<sup>th</sup> century) – EW;  
     - the women’s movement (1960s – 1970s) – M; KLB; CL;  
         o Exclusion of Black women – CL;  
     - #MeToo movement – LS;  
 First World versus Third World – KO;  
 Gentrification – DM;  
 The Great Depression – MB; A;  
 Major Hasan (Fort Hood shooter) – A;  
 Hippies – EJ; LC;  
 Immigration politics – M; MB2;  
 John Birch Society – KLB;  
 Kent State Massacre and national student strike (1970) – DJ;  
 Ku Klux Klan – SS; NK; YCS; CL; PK;  
 Leftism – GSR;  
     - and whiteness – GSR;  
 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963) – MB;  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. – MB; TJ; TF;  
 Moral Majority – R;  
 NAACP – CL; PK;  
 Native Americans / Indigenous peoples – VL; L;  
     - Land acknowledgement – L;  
     - Land back movement – L;  
         o Land Back tax – L;  
     - Settler colonialism – L;  
     - Tutelo people (indigenous people of Southwest Virginia) – L;  
 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA; 1994) – NP;  
 The New Left – EJ;  
 Public housing – PT;  
 People Against Racism (white anti-racist organization in Detroit, Michigan, 1960s?)  
     - EJ;  
 Planned Parenthood – DM; MB2; RC;  
 Political correctness – NK;  
 Poverty – PK;  
 Race relations – GJ; SS; R; RJ; AR;  
 Racism – PT; R; DM; GG; M; A; YCS; AR; CL; L; TF; PK;  
 Reparations – L;  
     - For indigenous peoples – L;  
 Reproductive rights – DM;  
 The Right to Die – MB;  
 Rural gay migration to cities – MB2;  
 Russian invasion of Ukraine (2022) – TF;  
     - Treatment of gay people in Russia – TF;  
 Segregation / Integration – RW; MB; SS; DM; GG; M; MSR; CL; TF;  
     - Busing – SS; SR;



- Housing – SS;
- Massive resistance (to integration) – CL;
- Restaurants – MB;

September 11, 2001 – WC; JC; MB3; P; GSR;

Sexism / misogyny – RJ;

- in the workplace – RJ;
- wage discrimination – RJ;
- misogynoir – PK;

Slavery – A; PK;

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) – EJ;

Tenant issues – RJ;

- slumlords – RJ;

Transformative justice – L;

- Accountability practices – L;

“Unite The Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia (2017) – YCS; CL;

U.S. Capitol insurrection (2021) – CL;

U.S. Civil War (1861-1865) – PS; KLB; CL;

- The Confederacy – TF;
- Robert E. Lee – TF;

White supremacy – R; YCS; TF; PK;

- Neo-Nazis – CL; PK;
- rebel flag – R; RJ;
- swastika – R;

Women’s liberation – KLB;

The Women’s March (January 2017) – NK;

Women’s rights – DM;

## ***8. Health / Medical***

### *A. HIV/AIDS*

AIDS benefit shows (drag performances) – MGK; CSW;

- concerns about where the money went – MGK;

AIDS buddy system – MB3;

HIV/AIDS crisis (1980s – 1990s)

– GJ; EW; LB; RS; PT; BM; MB; R; DM; KLB; NK; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; GB; RC;  
RCH; MSR; NP; MB3; P; LS; TF;

AIDS vigils and memorials – MB3;

AIDS quilt – MB; NK;

AZT (azidothymidine) (antiviral AIDS medication) – MB3;

Biphobia and AIDS – P;

Generational differences in responses to AIDS – MGK;

On being HIV-positive – MGK;

- treatment by medical professionals – MGK; TF;
  - treatment by others in the gay community – MGK;
  - Care for people living with HIV – RC; MB3; TF;
- HIV testing – RC;
- Lack of government response to AIDS crisis – NK;
- Lesbian responses to AIDS – EW; NK; GB; P;
- Magic Johnson – RS;
- Lansing, Michigan AIDS network – EW;
- Safe sex / Safer sex – BM; NK; MGK; RC; P;
- condoms – BM; MGK;
- Stigma for LGBT people – R; P;
- The Ryan White Fund / Ryan White – LB; DS; RS; BM;

*B. Other health issues and conditions*

- Abortion – DM; MB2; TF;
- Acne – P;
- Aging – DM; M; CSW; P; LL;
- Agoraphobia – AB; P;
- Alcoholism – PS; LC; LF; GB; MB3; TF; PK;
- Alcoholics Anonymous – MB3; P; PK;
    - o Gay Alcoholics Anonymous – P;
    - o Homophobia and transphobia within – PK;
  - Sobriety – PK;
  - within the lesbian community – PS; GB;
  - drinking culture within the group First Friday – PS; KLB; NK;
  - drinking culture at the Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreats – PS;
- Assisted living – CSW;
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) – LS;
- Autism – PK;
- Birth Control – PK;
- Cancer – AB; GB;
- Childhood sexual abuse – PK;
- Childhood trauma – LC;
- Crohn’s Disease – PK;
- Depression – RC; JC; NP; MB3; PK;
- Disability – M; PK;
- Domestic violence – RW; A; MB3; PK;
- shelters – PK;
- Drug use – RD; BM; A; AB; P; TF; PK;
- Cocaine – BM;
  - Crack cocaine – MGK;
  - Drug rehab programs – P;
  - Heroin – P;
  - Marijuana – P;

- Narcotics Anonymous – P; PK;
- Poppers (amyl nitrate) – BM;

DSM (psychology manual) – GSR;

Gambling – RD;

The ‘gay gene’ – TF;

Gender confirmation surgery (sex reassignment surgery) - VL; R; RJ; CSW; RC; P;

- Top surgery (for trans men) – P;

Gun violence – CSW;

- Gang violence – PK;

Heart attack – MSR;

Homelessness among LGBTQ people – BM; GG; AB; RC; PK;

Hormone replacement therapy – R; CSW; RC; NP; P;

- Testosterone – P;

Hunger – AB;

Incest – YCS; TF;

Intersex conditions – TV; KO;

Isolation – RC;

- rural isolation – GB;

JoAnn Loulan (writer and sex therapist) – NK;

LGBTQ youth issues – JB; LF; GB;

Lobotomy – TF;

Medical racism – PK;

Mental Health / Mental Illness – MB2; AB; LF; MSR; PK;

Multiple sclerosis – A;

Narcotics Anonymous – RCH;

Pathologization of transness – GSR;

Pedophilia – YCS;

Pregnancy – BM; JC; PK;

- Miscarriage – JC;

Psychotherapy / Counseling – VL; BM; R; LC; JC; GB; MSR; SR; GSR;

- Licensed professional counselor (LPC) certification – MSR;
- Psychological treatment of homosexuality – R; LC;
- Marriage, family, and child therapy – LC; MSR; JC;

Psych ward – P;

PTSD – LF; PK;

Racial trauma – PK;

Rape / Sexual assault – KO; PS; R; LC; A; YCS; MSR; P; TF; PK;

- Experiences of transgender people – P; PK;

Running away from home – CSW;

Self-acceptance – GG;

Self-care – TJ;

Sex education – RC;

Sexual Harassment – SR;

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) – P; TF;

- Syphilis – RS;

Social Work – GJ; MB; LC;

Stalking – JC;  
Stroke – AB;  
Suicide – TV; JB; BM; DM; AB; YCS; RC; NP; P; PK;  
Transgender-affirming healthcare – NP;  
Veganism – GSR;

## **9. Culture**

### *A. Pride Festivals, Parades*

Floyd pride parade (c. 2014 – present) – EW; RW; JB;  
“Gay Pride” (concept) – MGK;  
Hampton Roads, Virginia Pride festival – JB;  
Martinsville Pride festival (2019) – NP;  
Pride in the Park (Roanoke, 1990 – present)  
– GJ; EW; LB; RD; WC; TV; VL; SS; PS; DM; MB2; MGK; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH; JC;  
NP; TF:

- At Wasena Park (c. 1990-1996) – PS; TF;
- At Highland Park (c. 1997-2003) – SS; JC;
- At Elmwood Park (c. 2003-2019) – NP;
- Corporate sponsorship of Pride festivals – NP;
- Gay auction (to raise money for Pride) – TF;
- MCC church service at Pride in the Park – SS;
- Normalization / Mainstreaming of Pride over time – SS; NP;

Pride flag – L;

- Progress Pride flag (c. 2018) – L;

Pride marches / Pride festivals – EW; PT; DM; NP; TJ; SR; LS;  
Roanoke pride parade (2010s) – SS;  
San Francisco Pride Parade – RW;

### *B. Sports / Athletics*

Baseball – NP;  
Basketball – RC;  
Lesbian Olympics (program at the Roanoke Valley Women’s Retreats, 1980s) – PS;  
KLB; NK; GB;  
Horseback riding – PS; PK;  
Soccer – EW;  
Softball – PS; KLB; RC;

- Women’s softball league (Salem, Virginia; late 1970s) – KLB;

Sports/athletics and lesbianism – NK;  
Swimming – RC;

- Diana Nyad (swimmer) – RC;

Track – RC;  
Trans women in competitive sports – P;  
Volleyball – RC;

*C. Ballroom, Drag Performance, and Pageantry*

African Americans in drag performance – MGK; CSW;  
Ballroom culture – PK;  
Body weight / size / shape, concerns over – MGK;  
Body modification within the drag community – CSW;  
Butch queens (gender category) – PK;  
Camp (style of drag) – MGK;  
Drag / female impersonation – EW; LB; DS; PT; BM; GG; MB2; MGK; AB; CSW; TF;  
- Chow, Purina – MGK;  
- Cruise, Lee – MGK;  
- Grant, Stephanie – MGK;  
- Hart, Laura – MGK;  
- O’Hara, Neely – MGK;  
- Hartberger, Roger – MGK;  
- Jones, Jennifer – MGK;  
- Kelly, Grace – LF;  
- Kelly, Kristina – AB; MGK;  
- Lakes, Rosa – AB; MB3;  
- Salad, Enya – MGK;  
- Vega, Coco – MGK;  
- Wilson, Carolyn Sue – MGK; AB; LF; TF;  
Drag history – MGK;  
Drag pageantry – MGK; AB; CSW; LF; NP; MB3;  
- Miss Gay Roanoke (female impersonation competition; started in mid-1970s)  
- PT; MGK; CSW; TF;  
o current split into two rival pageants – MGK;  
- Miss Roanoke at Large pageant – MGK;  
- Mr. Roanoke Pride MI [male impersonator] – AB;  
Drama in the drag community – MGK;  
- sabotaging each other’s acts – MGK;  
Intergenerational conflict in the drag scene – MGK; CSW; LF;  
- disrespect toward older queens – MGK;  
Male impersonation / Drag Kings – AB;  
Michael Smith (Mr. Microphone) – RCH;  
Racial issues in the drag scene – MGK; CSW; LF;  
Street queens (trans sex workers) and relationship to drag performance – LF;  
Surgery among drag queens / in drag pageantry – CSW;  
Technologies of female impersonation (hip pads, breasts, wigs, etc.) – MGK;  
Transgender people in the competitive drag scene – AB;

#### *D. Miscellaneous LGBTQ culture*

- Ancestry.com – VL;
- Backpacking / camping – RJ; NK;
- Billiards / pool – EJ;
- Clubbing / partying – DM;
- Communal living – EJ;
- Diversity Bingo (game) – KO;
- English views on homosexuality – RJ;
- Erasure of LGBT gathering spaces – RC; LL;
- Farming / agriculture – LF; L;
- Gay assimilation into mainstream society – EW; LC; RC; AR; NP;
- Gay cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; RC; MSR; MB3;
- “Gaydar” (gay radar) – RS; TV; VL; BM; PS;
  - “Transdar” (transgender radar) – TV;
- Gay fashion – WC; RS;
  - men’s use of handkerchiefs to signal sexual intent – RS;
- Gay tourism in the United States – KO;
- Guerilla Gay Bar – GSR;
- Hiking – RJ;
- Hunting – MGK;
- Increasing homogeneity of LGBTQ community – RC;
- Internet (role in the LGBTQ community) – EJ; DM; RCH; RC; AR; P; SR; GSR; L; PK;
  - cyberbullying – DM;
  - hate speech online – DM; AR;
  - Impact of internet on closure of LGBT bookstores – RC;
  - social media – AB; AR; GSR; L;
    - o Facebook – AR; L;
    - o Hashtags – L;
    - o Instagram – L;
- Italian-Americans – M; MSR;
- Leather communities – DS; LF;
- Nerd/geek culture – AB;
- Performing music – EJ;
  - electric bass – EJ;
  - Loose Gravel (local band in Roanoke) – EJ;
- Retirement – MB; M; GB; MSR; P;
- Subjectivity / Intersubjectivity – RC;
- Terminology – M;
- Travel – GB; TJ;
  - Europe – JB;
  - Japan – LC;
  - Nepal – KO;
  - Passports – TJ;
- Volunteering / Community service – SS; GG; MB2; GB; CL;

Women's music festivals – NK;  
- rules about gender at women's music festivals – NK;

## ***10. Relationships & Encounters***

### *A. Romantic and sexual relationships*

Artificial insemination – BM;

Celibacy – JB;

Cheating / having an affair – JC; MB3;

Dating – SS; PS; GG; KLB; CSW; LF; YCS; MSR; AR; JC; MB3; SR; GSR; PK;

- Online dating – DS; RS; GG; AR; MB3; LL;
  - o Craigslist – MB3;
  - o Silver Daddies (dating website) – MB3;
- Age differences in dating – GG;
- In the lesbian community – KLB; LL;

Divorce – JB; EJ; BM; JC; MB3; P;

- Divorce within the LGBTQ community – BM;

Domesticity – LC;

The “Down low” / “DL” (men who are secretly having sex with other men) – RS; LF; TF;

Interracial dating – DM; A;

Interracial sexual attraction – R;

Lesbian relationships – GB; LL;

Long-distance relationships – YCS; GB; L;

Long-term relationships – RJ;

Marriage – DM; M; MB2; AB; JC; MB3; GSR; PK;

- Heterosexual marriage – EJ; JC;
- Interracial marriage – MB; PK;
- Same-sex marriage / marriage equality – EW; RD; RW; DS; TV; KO; BM; PS; DM; M; AR; JC; MB3; CL; SR; LS; TF; LL;
  - o Legal and financial benefits for couples – M;
  - o Same-sex weddings – M; LL;
  - o and whiteness – CL;
- Transgender persons and marriage – TV;
- Married people, in the closet – GB;

Monogamy – LL;

Open relationships – VL; M;

Polyamory – M; NP;

- creating poly families – NP;

Prostitution – RD; DS; RS; DM; A; MGK; AB; YCS;

- By men within the U.S. Navy – RD;
- by transvestites in Roanoke – DS; DM; MGK;

- by men at gay cruising areas in Roanoke – RS;
- Romantic relationships – RJ; AB; CSW; YCS; MSR; AR; MB3; TF;
- Gay love vs. straight love – TF;
- Romantic relationships involving transgender people – RC;

### *B. Relationships with family members*

Adoption – BM; MB2; LC; NK; JC; MB3;

- LGBTQ adoption & families – CL; TJ;
  - o Rates among LGBTQ people of color – CL;

African-American families and homosexuality – DM; YCS;

Being a parent to an LGBTQ child – RW; MB;

Choosing your own family – MB2; NP;

Coming out

– EW; RD; RW; DS; WC; RS; JB; KO; PT; BM; EJ; MB; SS; PS; DM; M; MB2; LC; KLB; NK; MGK; LF; YCS; GB; RC; RCH; MSR; AR; JC; NP; TJ; GSR; L; TF; PK;

- the “closet” – EJ; GG; MB2; NK; RC; RCH; JC; P; TF;
- in Black families vs. white families – YCS; TJ;

Disownment – MB2; RC;

Drag family – MGK; AB; CSW;

- Interplay between drag family and bio family – AB;

Fostering children – LC; A;

Gay families (chosen families) – MB2; MGK; NP;

Gay relatives – MGK; LF;

Gay women with children – PS; KLB; NK;

Homophobia within one’s family – PS;

Motherhood – RW; WC

Parenting – BM; WC; NK; AB; YCS; JC; NP; MB3; PK;

- Custody issues for gay and lesbian parents – WC;
- Legal issues for gay and lesbian parents – BM; NK;
- Relationship with adult children – JC; MB3;
- Relationship with stepchildren – TF;

Relationship with family members

- DM; GG; KLB; NK; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; YCS; AR; P; TJ; SR;

- Relationship with parents – BM; PS; SS; M; MB2; NK; CSW; LF; YCS; GB; RC; RCH; MSR; AR; JC; NP; MB3; P; TJ; L; TF; PK;
- Relationship with stepparents – NP;
- Relationship with grandparents – NP; SR; PK;
- Relationship with nieces and nephews – TJ;
- Relationship with siblings – EJ; PS; DM; GG; M; NK; CSW; LF; SR; TF;
- Relationship with in-laws – M; MB3; TF;



### *C. Relationships within the LGBTQ community*

Ageism within the gay community – DM; GG; LF;  
Biphobia within the LGBTQ community – KLB; NK; L;  
Class differences among gay men – TF;  
Cliques within Roanoke’s gay community – MGK;  
Divisions within Roanoke’s LGBTQ community – RCH;  
- The dominance of white gay men in LGBTQ organizing and spaces – CL; GSR;  
Friendships – AR; MB3; TJ;  
- Female friendships – CL;  
Gender roles in lesbian relationships – PS; MB2;  
Generational differences in LGBTQ communities – SR;  
Homonormativity – NP;  
Labels within the queer community (including the LGBTQ+ acronym, in its various forms) – RS;  
- “Baby gay” (term) – SR;  
- “Dyke” (term) – CL; P; PK;  
- “Faggot” (term) – MGK; YCS; NP; MB3; P; LS;  
- “Gay” (term) – CSW; LF; RCH; MSR; L;  
- “Homo” (term) – NK;  
- “Lesbian” (term) – PS; NK; RCH;  
- “LGBT”; “LGBTQ” (terms) – NK; LF; CL; P; SR; GSR;  
- “Pride” (term) – GSR;  
- “Sissy” (term) – CSW;  
- “Stud” (term) – SR;  
- “Queer” (term) – PS; LC; KLB; MSR; MB3; GSR; LS; L; TF;  
Lack of lesbian participation in Roanoke’s bar scene – DJ;  
Metronormativity – GSR;  
Misogyny within the gay community – EW; TF;  
Relationships between gay men and lesbians – DM; LC; KLB; NK; GB; TF; LL;  
Self-hating among gays and lesbians – JB;  
Transgender community in Roanoke – AB;  
Transphobia within the gay and lesbian community – DJ; TV; VL; MB; NP;

### *D. Relationships with straight / cisgender communities*

Allies/Allyship – NK; AB; RC; LS; L;  
Conversion therapy – RW; PK;  
Discrimination against gay customers – MB2;  
LGBTQ issues in the workplace – WC; RS; SS; MB2; RJ; KLB; RC; SR;  
- Coming out in the workplace – SS; PS; YCS; MSR;  
- Employment /workplace discrimination against LGBTQ people, especially trans people – AB; CSW; NP; CL; P;

- LGBTQ workplace advocacy – SR;
- GGs (“genetic girls”; cisgender girls) versus TGs (transgender girls) – TV; VL;
- Heteronormativity – WC; LC;
- Homophobia – RW; TV; JB; BM; EJ; PS; R; GG; RJ; NK; AB; YCS; GB; GSR; LS;
  - among medical professionals – PS;
  - basis in gender relations – NK;
  - in the workplace – SS; MB2;
  - in the Black community – GG; LF; PK;
- Intersectionality between LGBTQ activism and other movements – RW;
- Patriarchy – PS; M; RJ; L;
- Rednecks / the term “redneck” – VL; EJ; R; RJ; LS; TF;
- Relationships with neighbors – CSW;
- Relationships with straight people – GG; RJ; L;
  - Relations between straight women and gay men – DM; GG;
- Reparative therapy – JB;
- Sexism – RJ;
- Skinheads – R;
- Sports bars (heteronormative environment) – EJ;
- Straight customers at gay bars – DJ; BM; GG;
- Straight girls kissing – LS;
- Tenant issues for gay couples – RJ;
- Transphobia – TV; VL; P; PK;
  - Deadnaming – P;
- Violence against LGBTQ people – WC; BM; NK; A; AB; CSW; YCS; RC; SR; TF; PK;
  - “gay bashing” – BM; YCS; TF;
  - Violence against transgender persons – WC; VL; SR;

## ***11. Identity***

### *A. Race*

- African American LGBT experiences – PT; DJ; R; DM; GG; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF; YCS; AR; NP; CL; PK;
  - Visibility of Black LGBTQ community in Roanoke – AB;
  - African American community attitudes toward homosexuality – AR;
- Anti-Asian racism – CL;
- Biracial people – CL;
- Emotional labor (educating people about race) – CL;
- History of African Americans in Southwest Virginia – CL;
- Intersectionality – CL;
  - of race, gender, and sexuality in the Black lesbian experience – CL;
- Latinx population in Southwest Virginia – NP;
- “Mulatto” (term) – CL;

Multiracial ancestry – YCS;  
 The N word (term) – YCS; CL; PK;  
 Native American ancestry – YCS;  
 “Negro” (term) – CL;  
 Post-racial ideology – NP;  
 Racial diversity within the LGBTQ community – GG;  
 Racial identity – YCS;  
 Racism within the gay community – DJ; DM; CL; TF;  
     Experiences of people of color in LGBTQ spaces – SR;  
 White guilt – GSR;  
 White privilege – CL; GSR;  
     - LGBTQ people and white supremacy – GSR;  
     - White gay privilege – CL;  
 “White trash” (term) – TF;

## *B. Gender*

Agender – NP;  
 Androgyny – AB; RC;  
 Barbie dolls – MGK;  
 Biological explanations for gender/sexuality – CSW;  
 Body weight / size / shape – MGK;  
 Body hair – RC;  
 “Bunny” (term for butch boys) – MGK;  
     The “clone” look in the gay scene – MB3;  
 Clothes shopping as a transgender person – TV;  
 Cross-dressing / transvestitism – TV; VL; EJ; R; DM; NK; A; MGK; AB; CSW; LF;  
 GSR;  
     - As a child – R; CSW;  
     - Feelings of shame around it – EJ;  
     - on men’s desire to cross dress – MGK;  
     - Transvestic fetishism – GSR;  
     - wearing mother’s clothes – GSR;  
 “Drag” (term) – R; MGK;  
 Drag kings – AB; LF;  
 Drag queens – BM; DM; A; MGK; AB; LF; RCH; MB3;  
 “Female illusionist” (term) – MGK;  
 Femininity – BM; EJ; R; KLB; MGK; MSR; JC; TF; PK;  
 Gender and children’s toys – MGK; CL; P; TF;  
 Gender dysphoria – RC; P; GSR; PK;  
 Gender expression – PS; KLB; NK; LS;  
     - butch/femme – PS; KLB; NK; MGK; P; SR; LL;  
         o “butch” among gay men – TF;  
     - within the lesbian community – KLB; NK;  
 Gender fluidity – EJ; CSW; NP;

Gender identity – RW; RS; TV; VL; JB; KO; BM; EJ; R; RJ; AB; CSW; RC; NP; L; PK;

- influenced by nature or nurture? – TV; CSW;
- as a continuum / spectrum – VL;
- the repression of childhood experiences – VL;
- biological influences – VL;
- among drag performers – MGK;

Gender nonconforming – NP;

Gender performativity – GSR;

Gender roles – RJ;

Genderqueer – EJ; RC; L;

G.I. Joe dolls – MGK;

“Girl” (term) – L;

Interplay between drag personas and trans identities – AB;

“Lady” (term) – L;

Masculinity – VL; JB; EJ; R; NK; AB; MSR; JC; NP; SR; PK;

Name changes (for trans & non-binary people) – TV; VL; P; LS;

- legal name & gender marker changes – NP; P;

Non-binary – EJ; NP; P; L; PK;

- Dealing with gendered language and terms – L;

Passing (when a transgender person “passes” as cisgender) – TV; VL; EJ; MGK;

Pronouns – TV; CSW; L;

- “They” – L;

“Queen” (term) – TF;

Street queens (trans sex workers) – A; MGK; CSW; LF;

- harassment and violence against transvestite sex workers – A; MGK; CSW;
- racial make up of Roanoke’s street queens – LF;
- and relationship with drag performance – LF;

Swish queens – EW;

Tomboy – CL; P; SR;

Transgender communities – P;

Transgender issues – WC; TV; KO; PT; EJ; MB; R; DM; RJ; LC; AB; CSW; RC; JC; NP; P; GSR; PK;

- Coming out as trans – EJ;
- generational divides among trans communities – GSR;
- Restroom access policies for transgender persons – EJ; MB; TV; DM; AB; CSW; RC; P;
- Second Puberty – P;
- “Trapped in the wrong body” narrative – NP;

Transgender youth – RW; GSR;

Transitioning – TV; BM; EJ; MB; R; AB; RC; P;

- Transitioning (FTM) – BM; MB; R;
- Transitioning (MTF) – EJ; MB; R;

Trans men – AB; P; PK;

Binders (for trans men) – AB;

Transsexuality – MB; R; NK; P;

- Transsexuality vs. transvestitism – R;  
Two-Spirit people – LC; RC;

### *C. Sexuality*

BDSM – DS; RS;  
Bisexuality – EW; EJ; KLB; NK; LF; NP; SR; L; PK;  
- Straight passing – L;  
Childhood sexual development – MSR;  
Cruising – RS; PT; DM; CSW; LF; RC; MSR; MB3; P;  
Femme4Femme – LS;  
Gay male sexual roles (topping; bottoming) – MSR;  
Heterosexuality – GSR;  
- Compulsory heterosexuality – GSR;  
“Homosexuality” (term) – M; MSR;  
Lesbianism – BM; PS; KLB; NK; GB; AR; CL; P; SR; GSR;  
- Lesbian sex – SR;  
- Trans lesbianism – GSR;  
Male sexuality versus female sexuality – M;  
Nature vs. nurture debate with homosexuality – YCS;  
Oral sex – MSR;  
Pansexuality – NP;  
Pornography – RS; MSR; GSR;  
- Lesbian pornography – GSR;  
- Online pornography – GSR;  
Puberty – JC; SR; GSR;  
Public sex – P;  
Rural sexuality – MSR;  
Sex positivity – LC;  
Sexual orientation diversity within the transgender community – TV; VL;  
Sex work – A; MGK; CSW; LF; PK;