

**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 Burrell
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 Chatten
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;
 - 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;
 - Father GG Expression (Garland Gravely) – SR;

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;

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;

Norfolk & Southern Railroad company – MSR;

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

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;

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;

- Danny Overstreet – TF;
 - Hundreds march from Elmwood Park to Backstreet Café after the shooting (2000) – DS;
 - MCCBR response to Backstreet shooting – SS; RCH;
 - National media response – DM; TF;
 - Ronald Edward Gay – DS; A; TF;
 - Response from Westboro Baptist Church – DM;
 - 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 3rd 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;
 - 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;
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;
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;
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;
 - 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;
 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 11th 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;
 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;
 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;
 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;
 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;
 ○ Gay Awareness Week / Denim Day (1979 event) – NK; GB;
 ▪ Denim Day 40th anniversary commemoration at Virginia Tech (2019) – GB;
 ○ 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

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;
 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;
 Prom – MGK;
 Racism in public schools in Virginia – CL;
 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;
 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;

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;
 - o response to Backstreet Café shooting (2000) – SS; P;
 - o approach to atheists / non-believers – RJ;
 - o Rev. Joe Cobb – MB2; LC; GSR;
 - o Richard Ward III – RCH;
 - o food pantry – RCH;
- Metropolitan Community Church in Winston, North Carolina(?) – JB;
- MCC congregation in Richmond, VA – MB3;
- MCC congregation in Norfolk, Virginia – RCH;
 - o 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;
 - Southern Baptist – PT; RCH; NP;
 The Bible – TV; JB; AB; CSW; YCS; RCH; NP; TF;
 Bible Belt – KO; PT; GG; LC; TF;
 Bible Study classes – MB3;
 Biblical literalism – R;
 Buddhism- AB; RC;

Chaplains – RC;

Christianity

– JB; PT; GG; M; MB2; LC; A; AB; LF; YCS; RC; RCH; AR; JC; NP; MB3; P; TJ; SR; TF;

- 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;

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;

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 Daly (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;

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 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;
 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;
 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;

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 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;
 Feminism – EW; M; LC; KLB; NK; YCS; RC;
 - the Suffragette movement (late 19th century / early 20th 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;
 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;
 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;
 Race relations – GJ; SS; R; RJ; AR;
 Racism – PT; R; DM; GG; M; A; YCS; AR; CL; L; TF;
 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;
 Slavery – A;
 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;
 - Neo-Nazis – CL;
 - 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;
- Alcoholics Anonymous – MB3; P;

- Gay Alcoholics Anonymous – P;
- 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;

Cancer – AB; GB;

Childhood trauma – LC;

Depression – RC; JC; NP; MB3;

Disability – M;

Domestic violence – RW; A; MB3;

Drug use – RD; BM; A; AB; P; TF;

- Cocaine – BM;
- Crack cocaine – MGK;
- Drug rehab programs – P;
- Heroin – P;
- Marijuana – P;
- Narcotics Anonymous – P;
- 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;

Heart attack – MSR;

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

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;

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

Multiple sclerosis – A;

Narcotics Anonymous – RCH;

Pathologization of transness – GSR;

Pedophilia – YCS;

Pregnancy – BM; JC;

- 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;

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

- Experiences of transgender people – P;

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;

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;
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;
Body weight / size / shape, concerns over – MGK;
Body modification within the drag community – CSW;
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;
 ○ 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;
 - 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;
 - Online dating – DS; RS; GG; AR; MB3; LL;
 - Craigslis – MB3;
 - 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;
 - Heterosexual marriage – EJ; JC;
 - Interracial marriage – MB;
 - Same-sex marriage / marriage equality – EW; RD; RW; DS; TV; KO; BM; PS; DM; M; AR; JC; MB3; CL; SR; LS; TF; LL;

- Legal and financial benefits for couples – M;
 - Same-sex weddings – M; LL;
 - 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;
 - 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;
- 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;
- 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;
 - Relationship with stepparents – NP;
 - Relationship with grandparents – NP; SR;
 - 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;
 - “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;

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;

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;

- Deadnaming – P;

Violence against LGBTQ people – WC; BM; NK; A; AB; CSW; YCS; RC; SR; TF;

- “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;

- 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;

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;
 Gender and children’s toys – MGK; CL; P; TF;
 Gender dysphoria – RC; P; GSR;
 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;
 - 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;
 Name changes (for trans & non-binary people) – TV; VL; P; LS;
 - legal name & gender marker changes – NP; P;
 Non-binary – EJ; NP; P; L;
 - 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;
 - 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;
- 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;
- 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;