All in the Community:
Toward De-Centering Institutional Preservation Goals to Engage with External Partners

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Community Engagement

On a shoestring: 2 projects

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King Henry Brockington LGBTQ+ Archive

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An opportunity to engage

*Smithsonian traveling exhibit and related programming:*
Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program 1942 - 1964

Guest speaker: Mireya Loza, PhD.
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*Bittersweet Harvest:*
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Guest speaker: Isael Mejia, Latin American Coalition
Ask for a meeting

Listen

Executive Director, José Hernández-Paris
Our mission...

...We work collaboratively with diverse internal and external constituencies to document, preserve, and share the history and culture of the University and the Charlotte region...
Connect

Assistant Director of Peer Assisted Learning,
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Collaborate

Bookkeeper and Operations Coordinator, Ashlee Lewis
Latin American Festival

28th Festival Latinoamericano
Music • Food • Art • Culture

Saturdays
Sept. 29, 2018
Symphony Park

Toby Love
La voz de la juventud

Kinito Mendez
El Hombre Merengue

Luis Enrique
El príncipe de la salsa

FestivalLatinoamericano.ORG
Did you know that the longest operating lesbian journal to date, Sinister Wisdom, was founded in Charlotte?

Working out of the Charlotte Lesbian Center, Harriet Desmone and Catherine Nicholson published the first issue of Sinister Wisdom in July 1976. As stated in the first issue:

"Sinister Wisdom is also our political action. We believe that writing of a certain consciousness has greater impact when it’s collected. When several voices give weight, harmony, and counter... See More"

KHB Queer Archives
Library
The King Henry Brockington LGBTQ+ Archives @ UNC Charlotte were founded in 2013 to document the LGBTQ history of Charlotte, NC and surrounding area.
J. Murrey Atkins Library, 9201 University City Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28223

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Showing Our Pride in Jesus’s Backyard NC Pride PAC
WELMS State of Embarrassment

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J. Murrey Atkins Library Special Collections
dtpride Our staff was excited to visit with @unccharlotte Special Collections staff this week as we launch our new joint project collecting local LGBTQ oral histories. We found this neat LGBTQ-themed section in the reading room.
pure_life_entertainment

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View Insights

Promote

Liked by timeoutyouthcenter and 29 others
khbarchives We’ll have some tables set up at today’s Carolina Conference on Queer Youth. Come visit!
Oral history

Strengths

- grassroots activities
- human experience
- history which is not written down
- underrepresented groups

Community catalyst: Josh Burford
Context for ephemera

RAIN Founder: Debbie Warren

Aging of Key Actors

LGBTQ rights activist: Don King

Pioneering drag queen: Boom Boom LaTour

RAIN records
Charlotte Queer Oral History Project
Mission, Structure and Branding

The Charlotte Queer Oral History Project is designed to capture the oral histories of the Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Queer community members of the greater Charlotte area. This project will be community based and will ultimately be preserved in the King-Henry-Brockington Collection at UNC Charlotte.
Training Sessions
Information and data sharing
Progress

- Authenticity, trust, and access—quickly built list of potential interviewees
- Advisory group > advocates for appreciating and saving community history
- Opportunity to tell the community about archives
- Opportunities for interviewees to consider donating their papers
60 interviews
Challenges, and takeaways

- Ebb and flow of commitment
- Not all natural Interviewers
- Institutional vs community needs
- Inclusion?

- Partner dependence
- Community?
Community?

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Questions?

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