



## Archives and Records

### Finding Aid

**COLLECTION NUMBER:** Coll.2  
**TITLE:** David Scondras Collection

#### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Creator(s):**

**Title:** David Scondras Collection

**Extent:** 2.5 linear feet

**Date Span:** 1983 – 1992

**Location:** The History Project, Archives and Records Department, **OFF-SITE**

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#### SUBJECT TERMS

*Subject Names:*

David Scondras  
Boston City Council  
Coors Beer  
Michael Dukakis  
Ginny Apuzzo Presidential Campaign

*Subject Topics:*

DSS Foster Care  
Same-sex Adoption  
HIV/AIDS Activism  
Antigay Ordinances and Violence  
Openly Gay Elected Officials  
Inter Scandal

#### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## **ABSTRACT**

Press clippings highlighting the achievements of Boston City Councilor David Scondras, official and personal correspondence, and miscellaneous materials relating to Boston-area gay and lesbian organizations between the years 1983 and 1992.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

David Scondras, longtime community activist and educator, served as the first openly gay representative elected to the Boston City Council from 1984 to 1994. During his tenure, he advocated tirelessly for the gay and lesbian community, opposing then-Governor Michael Dukakis' decision to deny gay couples the right to adopt, and supported the candidacy of Virginia Apuzzo for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1988 as an affirmation of gay and lesbian political power. Scondras was also committed to several progressive causes, such as fair and affordable housing in Boston during the time where rapid development threatened to squeeze working class families out of the market, minority rights in the wake of several violent confrontations between Boston police officers and Asian American immigrants, and forcing Coors Beer to end its funding of political extremist groups through a citywide boycott of its products. An early proponent of funding for HIV/AIDS research, Scondras is the founder of Search For A Cure, a Boston-based not for profit organization dedicated to AIDS education, prevention, and research around the globe.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of 64 folders. Each folder contains photocopies of press clippings from five major Boston newspapers (*Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *Boston Ledger*, *Boston Tab*, and *Bay Windows*) between the years 1983 and 1992. While some folders are arranged chronologically, with one year of one newspaper's clippings to a folder, others have been arranged thematically and not only contain press clippings but several other material types as well, including both personal and official correspondence, newsletters and official records from various Boston-area gay and lesbian associations, and ephemera.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SERIES**

**Series I** contains 56 folders. Each folder contains photocopies of press clippings from five major Boston newspapers (*Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *Boston Ledger*, *Boston Tab*, and *Bay Windows*) between the years 1983 and 1992. The folders are arranged chronologically, with one year of one newspaper's clippings to a folder, with no attempt at thematic arrangement or explanation of the selected articles' relevance.

**Series II** contains 8 folders. Unlike the folders in Series I, these have been arranged thematically and contain primarily correspondence as well as press clippings and various other material types. Also present in Folder 2.8 are unbound issues of several gay and lesbian periodicals, including: *Genre*, *Tom of Finland Foundation Dispatch*, *Out in the Mountains*, *Steam*, *Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review*, *GLBTF*, *Stonewall Library Legacy*, and *One IGLA Bulletin*.

## **SERIES AND FOLDER LIST**

### **Series I: Press Clippings, 1983 – 1992**

- Folder 1: *Boston Globe*, 1983 and before
- Folder 2: *Boston Globe*, 1984
- Folder 3: *Boston Globe*, 1985
- Folder 4: *Boston Globe*, 1986
- Folder 5: *Boston Globe*, 1987
- Folder 6: *Boston Globe*, 1988
- Folder 7: *Boston Globe*, 1989
- Folder 8: *Boston Globe*, 1990
- Folder 9: *Boston Globe*, 1991
- Folder 10: *Boston Globe*, 1992
- Folder 11: *Boston Herald*, 1983 and before
- Folder 12: *Boston Herald*, 1985
- Folder 13: *Boston Herald*, 1986
- Folder 14: *Boston Herald*, 1987
- Folder 15: *Boston Herald*, 1988
- Folder 16: *Boston Herald*, 1989
- Folder 17: *Boston Herald*, 1990
- Folder 18: *Boston Herald*, 1991
- Folder 19: *Boston Herald*, 1992
- Folder 20: *Boston Ledger*, 1984 and before
- Folder 21: *Boston Ledger*, 1985
- Folder 22: *Boston Ledger*, 1986
- Folder 23: *Boston Ledger*, 1987
- Folder 24: *Boston Ledger*, 1988
- Folder 25: *Boston Ledger*, 1989
- Folder 26: *Boston Tab*, 1984 and before
- Folder 27: *Boston Tab*, 1985
- Folder 28: *Boston Tab*, 1986
- Folder 29: *Boston Tab*, 1987
- Folder 30: *Boston Tab*, 1988 and 1989
- Folder 31: *Boston Tab*, 1990
- Folder 32: *Boston Tab*, 1991
- Folder 33: *Boston Tab*, 1992
- Folder 34: *Bay Windows*, 1984 and before
- Folder 35: *Bay Windows*, 1985
- Folder 36: *Bay Windows*, 1986
- Folder 37: *Bay Windows*, 1987
- Folder 38: *Bay Windows*, 1988 and 1989
- Folder 39: *Bay Windows*, 1990
- Folder 40: *Bay Windows*, 1991
- Folder 41: *Bay Windows*, 1992
- Folder 42: *South End News*, 1985 – 1988
- Folder 43: *Gay Community News*, 1990
- Folder 44: *Boston Phoenix*, 1990
- Folder 45: *Boston Phoenix*, *Gay Community News*, and *Fenway News*, 1991
- Folder 46: *Beacon Hill and Back Bay News*, 1985 – 1990
- Folder 47: *Beacon Hill and Back Bay News*, 1991
- Folder 48: *Alternate News* (Kansas City), 1985 – 1986
- Folder 49: *Next*, 1988 – 1989
- Folder 50: *Fenway News*, 1983 – 1990

Folder 51: Miscellaneous Publications, 1987 and before  
Folder 52: Miscellaneous Publications, 1988  
Folder 53: Miscellaneous Publications, 1989  
Folder 54: Miscellaneous Publications, 1990  
Folder 55: Miscellaneous Publications, 1991  
Folder 56: Miscellaneous Publications, 1992

**Series II: Correspondence and ephemera, 1983 – 1992**

Folder 1: Gay and Lesbian Campaign Committee  
Folder 2: Run Ginny Run, Virginia Apuzzo for President  
Folder 3: Fenway Lesbian and Gay Friends and Neighbors  
Folder 4: "The Duke," Michael Dukakis and the DSS adoption controversy  
Folder 5: TWOHIG  
Folder 6: Mass Tenants' Organization  
Folder 7: Miscellaneous Press Clippings, 1985 – 1988  
Folder 8: Unbound Periodicals  
Including: *Genre*, *Tom of Finland Foundation Dispatch*, *Out in the Mountains*, *Steam*, *Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review*, *GLBTF*, *Stonewall Library Legacy*, and *One IGLA Bulletin*.