



## Archives and Records

### Finding Aid

**COLLECTION NUMBER: 73**  
**TITLE: Joyce Crowder Collection**

#### COLLECTION SUMMARY:

**Creator:** Joyce Crowder  
**Title:** Joyce Crowder Collection  
**Extent:** 1.5 linear feet  
**Date Span:** c. 1980 - 2010  
**Repository:** The History Project, Archives, and Records Department

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joyce Crowder (September 4, 1935 – April 4, 2010) was a nurse and ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. She worked to protect the rights of gay and lesbian nurses through her membership in the Gay Nurses' Alliance and as secretary for the Massachusetts Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. She was one of two nurses to join what would later be known as the AIDS Action Committee. She was a board member for Bay Windows and co-founder of the South Shore Sisterhood. In 1994 she obtained her Masters of Divinity (MDiv) from Harvard Divinity School. She was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC) the following year at Church of the Covenant, Boston.

#### SUBJECT TERMS

##### People Names:

William Canfield  
Joyce Crowder  
Frederick Shepler  
Eric Rofes  
Harvard Divinity School

##### Organization Names:

AIDS Action Committee

Bay Windows  
Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Caucus  
Boston Gay & Lesbian Alliance  
Daughters of Bilitis  
Dignity Boston  
Dorchester GALA  
Emergency Food Committee  
Evergreen Social Group  
Farnsworth House  
Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus  
Gay Nurses' Alliance  
Gay Nurses International Alliance  
Golden Threads  
Harvard Gay & Lesbian Advocates  
Massachusetts Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus  
Montessori School, Milton, MA  
Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ)  
South Shore Sisterhood

**Related Collections:**

Above and Beyond  
Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ)

**Subject Topics:**

Lesbianism—United States  
Lesbian Activists—United States  
Gay Liberation Movement— Massachusetts— Boston Gay Rights

**Related Collections:**

Coll. 57 Above and Beyond  
Coll. 72 Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ)

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of two boxes that have been arranged topically. Crowder's collection contains a variety of printed media, including newspaper and magazine articles (originals and photocopied), whole newspapers, magazines, and newsletters. Correspondence is sparse, but includes some letters related to a dispute in her home church and journals related to her training and hospice work. Also included are personal photographs. Most HIV/AIDS related material from Joyce Crowder has been moved to the Above and Beyond Collection. Materials are also found in Older Lesbian Energy (OLÉ).

## **BOX AND SERIES LIST**

### **Box 1**

#### **Series I: Academic**

- Folder 1: Term Papers
- Folder 2: Articles and Course Reading
- Folder 3: Bible Readings
- Folder 4: Thesis
- Folder 5: Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate & Harvard Divinity diploma
- Folder 6: Administrative Paperwork
- Folder 7: Dissertation. *Coming Out: Identity congruence and the attainment of adult female sexuality*. Laura Nemeyer. 1970.
- Folder 8: Dissertation. *The Formation of Lesbian Identity During the "Coming Out" Process*. Elaine C. Spaulding. 1982.
- Folder 9: Certificate of Ordination
- Folder 10: Events
- Folder 11: Prayer Book with Markers

#### **Series II: People**

- Folder 1: Eric Rofes 1985-2006
- Folder 2: Address Book
- Folder 3: Obituaries and Memorial Pamphlets
- Folder 4: Phyllis Bertholtz
- Folder 5: Frederick Shepler

#### **Series III: Correspondence**

- Folder 1: Personal Correspondence and Journal Entries
- Folder 2: Crowder Obit / Correspondence
- Folder 3: Professional Correspondence

#### **Series IV: Writing**

- Folder 1: Early Writing
- Folder 2: Articles by Joyce Crowder
- Folder 3: Articles about Joyce Crowder Written by Others

#### **Series V: Areas of Interest**

Folder 1: LGBTQ Youth  
Folder 2: Human Rights Campaign  
Folder 3: Gay Rights Bill & Politics, MA  
Folder 4: Gay Nurses Alliance (GNA) 1977-1984 MAP HealthLink  
Folder 5: Counseling Resources  
Folder 6: Articles on Nursing, Medicine & Genetics  
Folder 7: Bi-Sexual Resources  
Folder 8: New England Resources  
Folder 9: South Shore Sisters  
Folder 10: Transgender Resources  
Folder 11: Lesbian & Women  
Folder 12: Marches & Parades  
Folder 13: LGBTQ Religious  
Folder 14: LGBTQ Elder Care  
Folder 15: The History Project  
Folder 16: Anti-Gay Violence  
Folder 17: GLBTQ People of Color  
Folder 18: LGBTQ Dorchester  
Folder 19: Gay in the Workplace

**Series VI: Photographs**

Folder 1: Photographs of Harvard Divinity School Graduation and Ordination with graduation program  
Folder 2: Signed Photo Bobbie Callicoatte  
Folder 3: Personal Photographs  
Folder 4: Pride Parade, NY c. 1980  
Folder 5: Pride, Boston c. 1987  
Folder 6: Daughters of Bilitis Marching at Washington D.C. March, c. 1987  
Folder 7: Personal Photos P-Town, c. 2001 & 2006  
Folder 8: Misc. Photos  
Folder 9: Human Rights Campaign Fundraiser  
Folder 10: Historical Photographs – note: Bertha Labreque 204 Jefferson Ave. Salem, MA  
Folder 11: Frederick Shepler