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Interviewer/Depositor: Kristen Hirsch, LCPC

Narrator: Ashley Burns

Description: 3355 Ashley Burns, interviewed by Kristen Hirsch, April 21, 2006. Burns talks about MAPS/My Choice; gay and lesbian adoption access; people who utilize these services; the finality of adoption; open adoptions; women; roadblocks.

Text: 2 pp. selective transcript

Recordings: mfc_na3355_c2481_01 20 minutes

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### Description

**3356 Cindy McLellan**, interviewed by Ashley Burns, April 13, 2006. McLellan talks about her background; her work at the My Choice Program; doing the assessments at the homeless shelter for women; adoption agency MAPS; funding problems; subsidized housing.

Text: 2 pp. selective transcript
Recording: **mfc_na3356_c2482_01** 23 minutes
Description: **3357 Deanna Partridge**, interviewed by Catherine Kurr, April 19, 2006. Partridge talks about her background and education; being a social change journalist; working in Northern Ireland; working for Communities United for Reproductive Safety (a Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center project) in Bangor, Maine; women’s rights/reproductive rights; human rights; bodily integrity/physical autonomy; now the Development Coordinator; nonprofit; Terry Derosure; changes she’s seen in her 10 years there (staff, budget, clients); volunteers; health care providers; mission; abortion care; being pro-choice; future of CURS.

Text: 5 pp. index with select transcribed quotes
Recording: **mfc_na3357_c2483_01** 45 minutes
Description: 3358 Sharon Barker, interviewed by Catherine Kurr, March 24, 2006. Barker talks about her background; moving to the US from New Brunswick; participating in the anti-war movement (Vietnam War); working with community organizing; experiencing gender discrimination; participating in a women's group; reasons for interest in reproductive rights; working for Family Planning in Old Town; Mabel Wadsworth; working in a clinic in Bangor for Family Planning; Terry Derosure; CAP Agency; being let go; being part of the start of the Mabel Wadsworth Center; abortions; community relationship; Communities United for Reproductive Safety; thoughts on reproductive health.

Text: 6 pp. index
Recording: mfc_na3358_c2484_01, mfc_na3358_c2484_02 61 minutes
Description: 3359 Vivianne Holmes, interviewed by Donna Buckley, March 10, 2006. Holmes talks about WAgN (Women's Agricultural Network) network in Vermont; how it was started in Maine; why WAgN was needed; women farming in Maine; working for Extension; overcoming unfair treatment of WAgN and female farmers; reproductive rights; sexism; women networking together; license plate situation; stereotypes; Women in the Woods; Daughters of Yarrow; success of WAgN.

Text: 5 pp. index with selective transcribing
Recording: mfc_na3359_c2485_01, mfc_na3359_c2485_02 60 minutes
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Text: 5 pp. index with selective transcribing

Recording: mfc_na3360_c2486_01 35 minutes

Description: 3360 Susan Elizabeth Watson, interviewed by Donna Buckley, March 21, 2006. Watson talks about her background and childhood; job as a soil scientist for USDA; change to working with sheep fibers; Australian locker hooking; felting; buying a farm; her flock of sheep; working full time also as the project coordinator for the Resource Conservation Development Office; working with WAgN (Women's Agricultural Network); why WAgN is needed; challenge female farmers face; issues associated with the size of Maine; “A Time to Act” bill; how farming has changed; need for farming community unity; importance of a network for farming women; Gloria Varney form Nazzizget Farm; Vivianne Holmes.

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Description: 3361 Gilda E. Nardone, interviewed by Margaret Camden, March 16, 2006. Nardone talks about her parents, background, and childhood; her marriage; her sons; her education and early jobs; volunteering; move to Maine; involvement with the Displaced Homemakers Program (DHP); Women Work and Community (WWC); Merle Nelson, being the 1st coordinator of DHP; what DHP did; changes in the program; success of the program; men in the program.

Text: 3 pp. index with selective transcription

Related Collections

Restrictions  none
Description:  3362 Eloise Vitelli, interviewed by Margaret Camden, March 16, 2006. Vitelli talks about her parents; her childhood; parents as activists; her father’s sabbaticals; 1st husband; Vietnam War; working at Head Start; Women’s Business Survival Skills Project; going to USM; Gilda Nordone; being a Vista volunteer; joining Maine Women’s Lobby; working with Women Work and Community (WWC), Bath Center, as the Bathe Local Coordinator; micro-enterprise; involvement with policy making; what WWC does; changes in WWC; men in the programs now; rewarding parts of her job.

Text: 3 pp. index with selective transcription
Recording: mfc_na3362_c2488_01 30 minutes

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Restrictions  Prior restrictions expired. No restrictions.
Accession Number: 3363

Description: 3363 Margaret “Peg” Cruikshank, interviewed by Karen Johnson, March 5, 2006, at her home in Corea, Maine. Cruikshank talks about Gay Foundation in San Francisco; Women’s Studies program at Mankato State College; moving to San Francisco in 1977; Nancy Manahan; wrongful firing lawsuit; being hypnotized; her education; being Resource Director of Gay Foundation; Brigg’s initiative, Harvey Milk, Sally Miller Gearhart; Anita Bryant; her book *The Lesbian Path* and one about Thomas McCauley; Daughter of Bilitus; being a writer; pros to living in San Francisco; aging; fixed income; keynote speaker about *Learning to Be Old*; living in Maine; Medicare; care giving; parents with dementia; loss of power; being a Tribal Elder; housing for elderly; class; gay communities in Maine; lesbian culture; gender discrimination; Gay Studies; no spousal Social Security; ageism; religion and gays; convents.

Text: 6 pp. index with selective transcription
Recording: mfc_na3363_c2489_01 - mfc_na3363_c2489_04 176 minutes

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Gabrielle Wellman, interviewed by Karen Johnson, March 26, 2006. Wellman talks about her mother, a Holocaust survivor; becoming a teacher of languages; coming out to herself and her parents; Adrienne Rich; job; Smith College and feminism and lesbianism; lesbian culture; Caren McCourtney; gender roles; Jewish lesbian subculture; Shiram a singing group in the Midcoast; Old Dyke’s Home; grandfather; retirement planning; class issues; her father; ageism; practicing Shiatsu, acupuncture massage, and the Feldenkrais Method.

Text: 2 pp. index with selective transcription
Description: 3365 Sarah A. Bigney, interviewed by David Kujawa, May 9, 2006, Maine. Bigney talks about her involvement with the UMaine Won’t Discriminate Campaign; being a co-campus organizer with Smatthew Small; student organizations involved; Progressive Student Alliance; social justice issues; campus attitude; why this time the PSA referendum succeeded; next step for gay rights in Maine.

Text: 2 pp. index with selective transcript
Recording: mfc_na3365_c2491_01 8 minutes
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**Description:** 3366 Suzanne “Sue” Estler, interviewed by David Kujawa, May 9, 2006, Maine. Estler talks about her involvement with the No one 1 campaign; history of sexuality and the Maine Civil Rights Bill; Charlie Howard; being director of Equal Opportunity on UMaine; attitude toward gay people at the time; change it attitudes; why the outcome was successful; attitude of UMaine compared to the rest of the state; next steps for gay rights in Maine.

Text: 3 pp. index with selective transcript
Recording: mfc_na3366_c2492_01 13 minutes

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Description: 3367 Safia Nur, interviewed by Elizabeth “Liz” A. Cates, April 18, 2006. Nur talks about her family history; being from Kenya, Africa; places she has lived in the US including Lewiston, Maine; difference between her and her classmates; hardest thing about school; language barriers; not having American friends outside of school; her Muslim clothes; boys and marriage; family dynamics; sharing; feeling more Muslim than American; prejudices she has faced; Steven Wesler; educating her peers; white supremacist rallies in Lewiston; teachers; her father.

Text: 2 pp. index
Description: 3368 Anne Akoa, interviewed by Elizabeth “Liz” A. Cates, March 21, 2006. Akoa talks about her family history; coming to America from Cameroon; schooling here and there; misconceptions Americans have about Africa; friendships; white boyfriend; body image; American Dream; American women’s clothing; money; diet; how American’s deal with race; race and gender; hip hop music (negative influence); religion; her opinions of the American school system; plans for the future.

Text: 2 pp. index
Description: 3369 Adam Flanders, interviewed by Meghan Lucas-Maguire, April 24, 2006.

Text 1 pp. index

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