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SUMMARY: The Stephen G. Bickford papers consist of correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, primarily concerning USAF GLOBE, an organization founded by Bickford to advocate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender non discrimination for civilians in the Air Force.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Stephen Gard Bickford was born in Lewiston, Maine, on December 7, 1954, and was educated at the University of Connecticut and the University of Idaho where he studied mathematics and architecture respectively. In 1980, Mr. Bickford accepted a position with the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, where he worked in the design and construction of Air Force facilities, building additions and renovations. In 1993, following President Bill Clinton's pledge to support the rights of gay federal workers, Bickford "came out" and began to advocate for the rights of gay Air Force civilian employees. On March 13, 1997, Bickford established USAF GLOBE (Gay and Lesbian or Bisexual Employees), a nationwide organization to help gay or lesbian civilian employees of the U.S. Air Force. The mission of USAF GLOBE was to educate gay and lesbian employees on their rights against non-job related conduct discrimination and federal guidelines related to sexual orientation.

Mr. Bickford served as the president of USAF GLOBE from 1997 to 2000.

Scope and Contents

The Stephen G. Bickford papers consist of correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings, primarily concerning USAF GLOBE, an organization founded by Bickford to advocate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender non-discrimination for civilians in the Air Force.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three sections: Air Force Gay and Lesbian Or Bisexual Employees (GLOBE) files, Personal files, and Topical files.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1980-1999

Air Force Gay and Lesbian or Bisexual Employees (GLOBE) files

| Air Force Federal GLOBE | | 1980-1997 |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | Ephemera and correspondence | 1997 January-1997 June |
| b. 1, f. 2-3 | Federal employment memoranda, meeting agendas, newspaper articles, press releases, organizational documents, and correspondence | 1980-1997 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | <i>Federal Globe Newsletter</i> English | 1996 August-1997 May |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Letters from other federal agencies | 1996 July |
| Equal Employment Opportunity | | |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Military (general) | 1994-1997 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Non military (general) | 1997 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Regarding gays in the military | 1984, 1990-1998 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Vacancy announcements related to AFG work | 1992 -1999 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Poster on protection | 1990 December |
| Workplace Discrimination - correspondence and memoranda | | 1993-1998 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Letter from Office of Personnel Management | 1980 May 12 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Complaint chart with Office of Personnel Management letter | 1993 November 23 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Assistant Secretary of Defense for Equal Employment Opportunity disabilities Flexiplace letter | 1994 February 11 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Navy Equal Employment Opportunity policy updated | 1994 May 23 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Coast Guard policy regarding sexual orientation | 1994 November 23 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Security policy changes by President Clinton | 1995 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Department of Justice Equal Employment Opportunity policy | 1996 July 18 |
| b. 1, f. 18 | "Clinton bans sexual orientation discrimination in security" <i>Detroit News</i> Associated Press English | 1995 August 5 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | <i>Equal Employment Opportunity Update</i> English | 1996 August |

Air Force Gay and Lesbian or Bisexual Employees (GLOBE) files > Workplace Discrimination -
correspondence and memoranda (continued)

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|-------------|--|-------------------|
| b. 1, f. 20 | Letter to Air Force Materiel Command/DPCL | 1996 December 19 |
| b. 1, f. 21 | <i>The Washington Blade</i> story regarding GLOBE | 1997 January 31 |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Press release from the United States Air Force GLOBE | 1997 February 18 |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Letter to Air Force Materiel Command/DPCL | 1997 February 19 |
| b. 1, f. 24 | <i>Dayton Daily News</i> story English | 1997 March 13 |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command/PA activity update | 1997 March 13 |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Inspector General website | 1997 March 28 |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Department of Defense letter on sexual orientation | 1997 April 7 |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Letter to Bob Ryan regarding Navy with list of documents | 1997 April 15 |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Letter from secretary of Air Force | 1997 June |
| b. 1, f. 30 | Letter from John Glenn | 1997 June 20 |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Letter to unions | 1997 July 10 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | <i>Washington Blade</i> Air Force article | 1997 July 11 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | Guidelines on religion in the workplace | 1997 August 22 |
| b. 1, f. 34 | Letter to John Glenn about Army's policy | 1997 August 25 |
| b. 2, f. 1 | Running the Combined Federal Campaign booth at Air Force for Dayton Lesbian and Gay Center | 1997 September |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Department of Defense Personnel System May Change | 1997 September 8 |
| b. 2, f. 3 | Meeting notice in <i>Dayton Daily News</i> Business Topics | 1997 September 14 |
| b. 2, f. 4 | Secretary of the Air Force policy letter | 1997 October 29 |
| b. 2, f. 5 | Air Force policy statement | 1997 October 29 |
| b. 2, f. 6 | Secretary of the Air Force letter from the Internet | 1997 October 29 |
| b. 2, f. 7 | Email regarding Equal Employment Opportunity policy | 1997 November |
| b. 2, f. 8 | Story on Enda in <i>Federal Times</i> | 1997 November 10 |
| b. 2, f. 9 | Air Force Materiel Command/CC policy statement | 1997 November 14 |
| b. 2, f. 10 | Air Force Materiel Command/CC policy statement (email) | 1997 November 14 |

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correspondence and memoranda (continued)

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|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| b. 2, f. 11 | Senator John Glenn's letter regarding Army Equal Employment Opportunity policy | 1997 November |
| b. 2, f. 12 | Email to Air Force Materiel Command/DPCL regarding their omission from policy letter | 1997 November 26 |
| b. 2, f. 13 | Email regarding the <i>Air Force Policy Letter Digest</i> | 1997 December 1 |
| b. 2, f. 14 | <i>Washington Blade</i> story | 1997 December 5 |
| b. 2, f. 15 | <i>Air Force Globe</i> meeting minutes English | 1997 December 18 |
| b. 2, f. 16 | <i>Gay People's Chronicle</i> letter concerning sexual orientation policy English | |
| b. 2, f. 17 | Air Force Materiel Command letter from Rhonda B. Hutchins | 1997 December 22 |
| b. 2, f. 18 | Letter from Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command/DPCHE | 1997 December 22 |
| b. 2, f. 19 | <i>Dayton Voice</i> regarding Air Force GLOBE English | 1997 December 24 - 1998 January 7 |
| b. 2, f. 20 | Barney Frank's bill to let gays serve in the military | 1998 January 5 |
| b. 2, f. 21 | Mike Peter's cartoon | 1998 January 16 |
| b. 2, f. 22 | Air Force GLOBE agenda | 1998 January 22 |
| b. 2, f. 23 | <i>Gay People's Chronicle</i> regarding GLOBE English | 1998 January 23 |
| b. 2, f. 24 | Reply from the Army | 1998 January 26 |
| b. 2, f. 25 | Navy letter regarding Timothy McVeigh | 1998 February 6 |
| b. 2, f. 26 | General Babbitt letter | 1998 February 6 |
| b. 2, f. 27 | Letter from General Babbitt from Internet | 1998 October |
| b. 2, f. 28 | Barney Frank's press release regarding GLOBE | 1998 February 9 |
| b. 2, f. 29 | <i>Dayton Voice</i> interview with Stephen Bickford English | 1998 February 12-18 |
| b. 2, f. 30 | <i>Gay People's Chronicle</i> English | 1998 February 20 |
| b. 2, f. 31 | <i>Air Force Times</i> interview with Stephen Bickford English | 1998 February 23 |
| b. 2, f. 32 | Air Force GLOBE press release | 1998 March 13 |
| b. 2, f. 33 | Air Force GLOBE business notice | 1998 March 22 |

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correspondence and memoranda (continued)

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| b. 2, f. 34 | <i>Washington Blade</i> story | 1998 March 27 |
| b. 2, f. 35 | Air Force Equal Employment Opportunity with sexual orientation | 1998 April 3 |
| b. 2, f. 36 | Letter to the Army from Air Force GLOBE | 1998 April 10 |
| b. 2, f. 37 | Email: F. Whitten Peters statement in <i>Skywrighter</i> | 1998 April 20 |
| b. 2, f. 38 | President Clinton's policy statement Executive Order | 1998 May 28 |
| b. 2, f. 39 | National Gay And Lesbian Task Force press release on President Clinton adding sexual orientation to federal employment Equal Employment Opportunity policy | 1998 May 28 |
| b. 2, f. 40 | <i>Air Force Policy Letter Digest</i> includes sexual orientation on Internet English | 1998 May |
| b. 2, f. 41 | <i>Washington Blade</i> story regarding President Clinton's Executive Order to federal employment Equal Employment Opportunity policy | 1998 June 5 |
| b. 2, f. 42 | <i>Federal Times</i> : President Clinton adds sexual orientation to Federal Equal Employment Opportunity policy English | 1998 June 8 |
| b. 2, f. 43 | Letters from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base | 1998 June 11-12 |
| b. 2, f. 44 | Letters not sent to Barney Frank | 1998 August 31 |
| b. 2, f. 45 | Assistant Secretary of Defense letter adding sexual orientation to Department of Defense policy | 1998 August 7 |
| b. 2, f. 46 | <i>Bay Area Reporter</i> story on Air Force GLOBE English | 1998 November 5 |
| b. 2, f. 47 | San Francisco <i>Bay Area Reporter</i> , Air Force GLOBE story | 1998 November 6 |
| b. 2, f. 48 | Job vacancy announcements on the Internet (Army, Navy, Air Force) without sexual orientation | 1999 January |
| b. 2, f. 49 | Letter to Barney Frank about sexual orientation left out of Army, Air Force and Navy civilian job vacancy announcements | 1999 January 22 |
| b. 2, f. 50 | Letter from Barney Frank regarding sexual orientation not added to job vacancy announcements | 1999 January 27 |
| b. 2, f. 51 | Air Force Materiel Command job vacancy announcements without sexual orientation | 1999 January |
| b. 2, f. 52 | Fax from Barney Frank's Office with letters from Francis Rush, Jr., Department of Defense | 1999 February |
| b. 2, f. 53 | Email from Personnel regarding a luncheon for Gay Pride month | 1999 February 4 |
| b. 2, f. 54 | Equal Employment Opportunity or no - Who you gonna call? | Undated |
| b. 2, f. 55 | United States Air Force GLOBE basic documentation | Undated |

Personal files

Personal files (continued)

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| b. 2, f. 56 | Certificates and awards | 1974-1994 |
| b. 2, f. 57-58 | Correspondence | 1983-1997 |
| b. 3, f. 1 | Employment | Circa 1989-1998 |
| b. 3, f. 2 | Photographs Includes photographs of Bickford in an operatic performance and at a party. | Undated |
| b. 3, f. 3 | Miscellaneous publications | 1982-1999 |
| Topical files | | |
| b. 3, f. 4 | Anti-terrorism | 1998 |
| b. 3, f. 5 | Dayton Lesbian and Gay Center | 1997-1998 |
| b. 3, f. 6 | Treehouse | 1991-1992 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Gay military personnel -- United States
Homosexuality
LGBTQ resource

Names

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