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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Fred Karger Papers
Date:	1960-2015
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1439
Creator:	Karger, Fred, 1950-
Extent:	5 Cubic feet (5 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The papers document Fred Karger's early life and education, his brief career in acting, his activism for marriage equality and other LGBT concerns, his work in political consulting, and his candidacy for president in 2012.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Content Description

The papers, consisting mostly of secondary materials, document Karger's early life and education, his brief career in acting, his activism for marriage equality and other LGBT concerns, his work in political consulting, and his candidacy for president in 2012. The collection includes papers relating to his childhood and education, such as school photographs; scripts from television shows he appeared in; brochures and flyers from his political activism, including boycotts of businesses that supported Proposition 8 in California, and efforts to save the gay landmark, the Boom Boom Room, in Laguna Beach, California; protest posters, some hand made; columns, articles, clippings and magazines containing articles by and about Karger, some gay-oriented, others not; magazines and newspaper articles on major events, such as President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Gay activists
- Homosexuality
- LGBT
- Lesbian and gay experience
- Political activists
- Political campaigns
- Presidential campaigns
- Presidential candidates

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Magazines (periodicals)
- Newsletters
- Newspaper clippings
- Posters
- Television scripts