



Keeping the “L” Relevant: Archiving Our Lesbian Herstories

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*List of Resources
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Where Are Lesbian Archives?

This list of **Archives on the OLOC website** includes archives holding materials by OLOC & Members
<https://oloc.org/more-resources-for-old-lesbians/#archives>

also Check Out:

Black Lesbian Archives

<https://blacklesbianarchives.wixsite.com/info>

- Support: blacklesbianarchives.wixsite.com/info/support
- The ACHÈ Project Virtual Exhibit 2021 - ends March 28, 2021
<https://prezi.com/view/lavKdjtjUE77C0siZ3GX/>

Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project (OLOHP)

<https://olohp.org/index.html> / [Support](#)

Purple: Lesbian Legacies in Special Collections at Michigan State University

<https://www.purple4womyn.org/lesbian-legacies/lesbian-legacies-in-msu-special-collections/>

Southern Lesbian-Feminist Activist Herstory Project, 2011-2015

<https://archives.lib.duke.edu/catalog/slfaherstoryproject>

Also see Sinister Wisdom back issues (93, 98, 104, 109, 116): <http://sinisterwisdom.org/issues>

How to Prepare Your Papers for Archival Collections

Recommendation: If you have thought about where you'd like to donate your precious Lesbian memorabilia and personal papers, it's probably best to check directly with the archive where you'd like to deposit your material. Additionally, there are some useful guides to follow.

Bay Area Lesbian Archives – “How Do I Organize and Preserve My Stuff?”

<https://www.bayarealesbianarchives.org/archiving>

From the Lesbian Herstory archives:

<https://lesbianherstoryarchives.org/donate/donating-materials/>

A Guide to Donating Your Personal or Family Papers to a Repository -

www.libraries.wright.edu/special/services/files/donating-personal-papers.pdf

Resources from the Presenters

Alí Marrero-Calderón

- Steering Committee for OLOC
- Acey Award Honoree from Astraea Foundation (2017) - <https://www.astraeafoundation.org/honorees/ali-marrero-calderon/>

Bonnie Morris

- <http://www.bonniejmorris.com/>
- Soundtracks of Sisterhood: Historicizing the Women's Music Movement - <https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/november-2020/soundtracks-of-sisterhood-historicizing-the-womens-music-movement>
- *The Disappearing L: Erasure of Lesbian Spaces & Culture* (SUNY Press, 2017)

Deb Edell

- Co-Founder of Lesbian Herstory Archives - <https://lesbianherstoryarchives.org>
- The Archivettes - <https://www.thearchivettes.com/> (DVD available from OLOC Media Library)

Krü Maekdo

- Founder of Black Lesbian Archives - <https://blacklesbianarchives.wixsite.com/info>
- BLA Mobile Herstory Bus Campaign (Kicks off March 28th) click the notify me link on the Kickstarter page to get notified when it drops. The other link below is the bus presentation so you can get more information on the project! (see attached) blacklesbianarchives.wixsite.com/info/herstorybus
- There's an Archivist for That: Interview: <https://archivesaware.archivists.org/2020/01/22/theres-an-archivist-for-that-interview-with-kru-maekdo-founder-of-the-black-lesbian-archives/>

Mev Miller

- Initiator of Wanderground (*in formation in RI*) - <https://litwomen.org/wanderground/>
- Lesbian Power Authority Radio Archives - <https://litwomen.org/lesbian-power-authority-radio-archives/>
- A Labor of Love: The History of Feminist and Lesbian Bookstores & Publishing – Radio Documentary (1995) - <https://litwomen.org/2018/05/04/a-labor-of-love-radio-documentary/>

Sharon Raphael

- OLOC Research Gatekeeper - <https://oloc.org/research-criteria/>
- Author *"Coming Out": The Emergence of the Movement Lesbian* (2019), <https://www.facebook.com/sharonraphaelP.hD/>