Visibility for Disability Digitization Project

Kyle Boyd UMass Amherst Digital Commonwealth Conference April 7, 2020







The Project

- Funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources Digitizing Hidden Collections Grant
- 55,000 items from 19 collections
- Available for free: credo.library.umass.edu as well as Digital Commonwealth and Digital Public Library of America
- Explore the experience of disability in the United States and the evolution of the disability rights movement

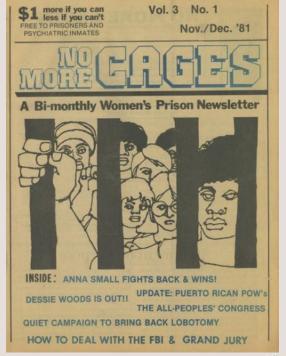


Digitization Program

- Developed our digital repository in 2009
- Digitized entire Du Bois Papers
- We have ~250,000 items in Credo today
- Efficient workflow



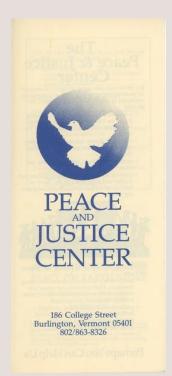




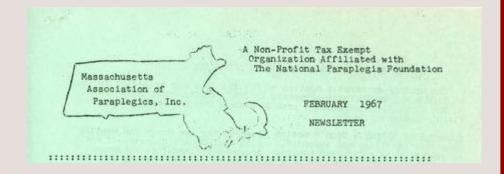


Collecting Focus

- Collect material from a variety of interconnected social change movements
- Disability has become a focus of ours in the past decade
- Cover deaf education, psychiatric survivors movement, the fight for physical accessibility, and the AIDS crisis.
- Institutional records and personal papers









Hudson Family Papers

- Erasmus Darwin Hudson was an orthopedic surgeon and abolitionist
- Worked to improve artificial limbs during the Civil War
- Contributed to the development of modern prosthesis



ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FOR SOLDIERS.—The Commission appointed by Surgeon-General Hammond to direct the expenditure of the fund appropriated by Congress for the purchase of limbs for soldiers, held a meeting in this city recently and resolved to allow the patient fifty dollars for a leg and twenty-five dollars for an arm. The Commission consisted of the following distinguished surgeons: Drs. Mott, Bache, Gross, Satterlee, and J. M. Warren. These gentlemen, after carefully examining various specimens of workmanship in this line, selected the following manufacturers to supply limbs, viz: Dr. E. D. Hudson, Dr. Donglas Bly, and Mr. Selpho of New-York; Dr. Jewett of Mass.; and Mr. Palmer of Pennsylvania.





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RETIREMENTS

Two long-time members of the staff at Clarie School will be retiring after a combined total of 55 years of dedicated service. At this year's commencement, Miss Margaset A, Kennedy, known by many as "Miss Geography" will be leaving Midretiring will be Mr. Eliny Standton who has been with the School since 1056. For most of these 23 years, Roy, as he is known, was the School's Med Cataddian.

Miss Kennedy, originally fros Jacksonville, Illinis, entered the Teache Training Program in 1945. She has bee here ever since. From 1861-1864, she wa Teacher-in Charge of Gastith Hall. For the Charge of Gastith Hall. For the Teacher-in Training and taught Catholic religious instruction in Middl Catholic religious instruction in Middl Miss Mary E. Numbers, the children texthook, Trips and Treats.

tive of the School and ber atudents. "St understands what motivated children as she was able to pinpoint their stropoints and weaker ones," said Miss Man Devan, Supervising Teacher of Midd School, "She has seen many changes Clarke School... and with each ne change, she has always been with the 'new' way of doing things."

Mr. Stanton, for over twenty years, heen responsible primarily for the maintenance of Hubbard and Roger Halls. He was always willing to belothers and made them feel free to call chim. Roy will long be remembered for him. Roy will long be remembered for him the children.

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in 1997 graduating class: From this, Source Willin, Brith Smith, Robecca Noville, Liu Kay, 2nd-litgraphic Calebon, Diame Karas, Lavar Goordman, Source Barrens, 3nd five, Efence Hope, Thereas Geede, B va Lane, 4th Hi-r), Robert Ringle, Eric Oplinger, Supphern Tyler, Michael Fena, 3th divil, John Monah teer Cook, Burlan Costello, Karth Davin, Ego Hirl, Seven Beeble and David Ligozot.







Hiddle School andents are encouraged to read daily. Pictured (I to r), Alexander Bulsley, Eva Brunell and John Ying enjoy sharing books and ideas (W. Moore photo).



Clarke School for the Deaf

- Established in 1867
- Teaches deaf children how to speak and lip-read
- Pioneer in oral deaf education
- Teaching program
- Alexander Graham Bell Association
- 150 year history



International Center for the Disabled



- Founded in 1917
- Outpatient Rehabilitation center for WWI veterans
- Vocational training, recreational activities

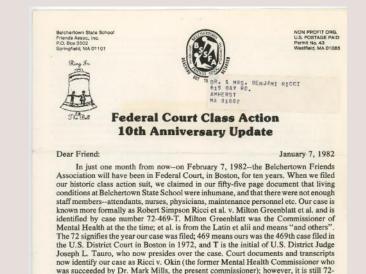






Belchertown State School Friends Association

- Belchertown State School founded in 1922 to provide care for persons with developmental disabilities
- In 1972 Ben Ricci filed a lawsuit against the school
- School closed in 1992
- Friends Association was established in 1954 to promote improved conditions







Imprimé avec le périodique Bulletin de l'Académie Nationale de Médecine. (Tome 143, nº 15 et 16, 1959, pp. 367-370.

> Nouvelles recherches sur le mongolisme. A propos du rôle pathogénique du fluor,

> > par M Ionel Rapaport.

Nous avons présenté, dans une communication précédente [4], une étude statistique sur la distribution géographique du mongolisme dans quelques Etats du centre des Etats-Unis, montrant un parallélisme entre la prévalence de cette affection et la concentration du fluor dans l'eau de boisson.

La rareté paradoxale des caries dentaires, observées chez les mongoliens [2, 3], avait constitué le point de départ de cette étude. L'hypothèse d'une atteinte simultanée de ces deux dérivés de l'ectoderme primitif, le cerveau et l'émail, par un même processus pathologique, a été récemment proposée encore par plusieurs auteurs [4, 5]. La grande fréquence des opacifications du cristallin [3] et des lichénifications hyperkératosiques [6] chez les mongoliens, fait rentrer cette affection dans le cadre des neuroectodermoses de Touraine [7], et donne plus de poids à l'hypothèse ci-dessus indiquée.

Il importe de mentionner également, que le passage du fluor à travers le placenta a été démontré par plusieurs travaux récents [8, 9, 40]

Notre communication sur le rôle pathogénique du fluor dans le mongolilsme a suscité un certain nombre de recommandations et de travaux, que nous avons pris en considération, en effectuant quelques statistiques nouvelles.

Suivant le conseil du D° A. L. Russell, Chef du département dépidémiologie et de biométrie de l'Institut national de la Recherche dentaire, aux Etats-Unis, nous avons limité notre enquête à un seul état, l'Illinois. Le département de la Santé publique de cet Etat nous a communiqué les analyses chimiques de l'eau potable de toutes les villes de 10 000 à 100 000 habitants.

Nous avons, d'autre part, procédé au dépistage de tous les cas de mongolisme dont le diagnostic avait été porté sur les certificats de naissance et de décès, ou dans les registres des institutions médico-pédagogiques spécialisées de l'Etat. Tous les cas de mongolisme, nés du 1^{ee} janvier 1950 au 31 décembre 1956, dont la résidence habituelle de la mère avant l'accou chement se trouvait dans les villes de 10 000 à 100 000 habitants, ont été inclus dans notre étude.

Ionel Florian Rapaport

- Rapaport was an endocrinologist and psychopathologist
- Researched the social aspects of mental disorders and juvenile delinquency
- In 1956, he discovered a statistical correlation between the incidences of Down Syndrome and exposure to fluoride
- His research was widely cited by antifluoridation advocates





The "Big Bang" Theory and Down Syndrome

am convinced that some of the most joyful, life-changing conventions in our field are those that focus on families with children having Down syndrome. Whole families come. Some appear with babes in arms. Clinicians named Pueschel, Crocker, Kumin, Falvey, Rosenberg, and many others hold impromptu clinics in halls, lobbies, and special session rooms. It all goes so well because these parents hunger to learn everything they can about their own child with this disability.

The film was entitled Who Should Sur-There are sharing sessions galore for moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and grandparents. There are even sessions for people with this disability who help one another to speak for themselves. Then come the banquets and the laughter and the awards and the cheering and the dances where all are dressed in their very best clothes. Many leave exhausted from these carnivals of hope, education, and comradeship, but they leave knowing that they are part of a powerful, expanthat said, "Nothing by Mouth."

For me, speaking in sessions to these folks has always been a fun thing to do. It is a far cry from standing before some groups of well-resumed, highly-certified professionals who often respond to all the points being made like cattle watching a

One can't help but wonder if some earlier "big bangs" in history gave rise to such an expansive movement. I say yes, I can pinpoint at least two such explosions. These explosions were heart ripping. Even so, the way the folks in this field gathered around these wounds and worked for healing was fantastic.

People from all over the world arrived for the International Symposium on Human Rights, Retardation and Research. The Eisenhower Theater was packed with people eagerly waiting for the opening plenary to begin. When it did, a film was shown that shook many in the audience right down to their socks.

> Many left that plenary session struggling to find the right words to describe what they had just witnessed. I struggled, too. I spent the night trying to write a poem about this agonizing situation. It follows During the next three years, the unrest

and agitation among families of children with Down syndrome was so palpable. they approached leaders of The Arc of the United States (then known as the National Association for Retarded Children) and they asked to be given a large meeting room at the 1974 NARC convention in Milwaukee. The request was granted. So, under the wings of The Arc. the National Down Syndrome Congress began to take shape. They gathered strength and they became more alert in case another tragedy like the death in Johns-Hopkins took place. Sure enough,

Bloomington, Indiana, Bloomington Hospital, April 9, 1982

"Infant Doe," a baby boy with Down

They faced each other and discussed the

film. At first, the circle widened as each

expert tried to define the situation in his

or her own professional language. Then

mon human language about a neglected,

dving baby. When the closeness became

too painful, one of them would "blow

it" by making an asinine remark. For

example, during one moment of such

closeness, a physician blurted out,

"What about the war in Vietnam?" The audience clapped in a mindless,

they drew closer, trying to speak a com

Washington, DC, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, October 16, 1971

vive? It focused on a real newborn baby boy in the maternity ward of Johns-Hopkins hospital. The child was born with Down syndrome and an intestinal block. The latter could be corrected with a fairly simple operation. So the physician asked The parents refused. They said that it would be unfair to their other two socalled normal children to be brought up with a "mongoloid" sibling. The infant was moved to a corner in the hospital nursery and a sign was hung on the crib

From time to time the father telephoned to ask, "How are things going?" The film showed the anguish on the faces of the caring staff. The senior pediatric resident in charge of the infant's care stated, "I tried not to look at the baby and when I did. I didn't want to touch it." Later, he said, "It took 15 days for the baby to become dehydrated enough to die. That was an awfully long time."

After the film, six famous experts representing key legal, moral, ethical, social, public policy, and intellectual disability

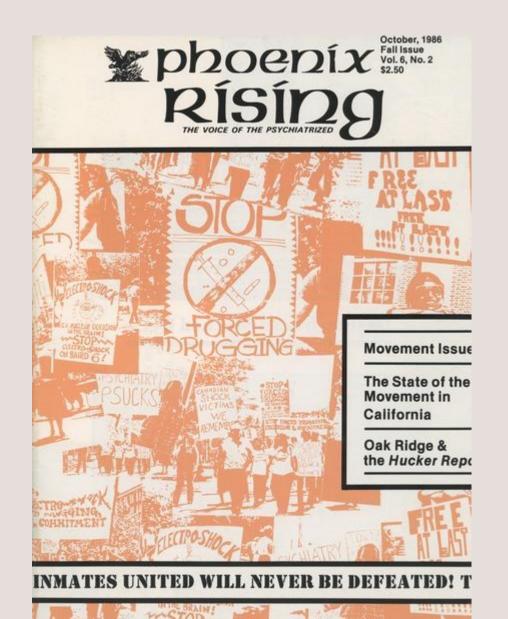
Robert and Martha Perske

- Advocates for people with intellectual disabilities
- Worked at the Kansas Neurological Institute
- Bob wrote and Martha illustrated 16 books and hundreds of articles
- Worked to end institutionalization of persons with disabilities
- Served as the executive director of the Greater Omaha Association for Retarded Citizens
- Advocate for people with intellectual disabilities in prison



Cynthia 'Kalisa' Miller

- Psychiatric survivor, feminist, lesbian, and writer
- Member of Project Release
- Protested electroconvulsive therapy

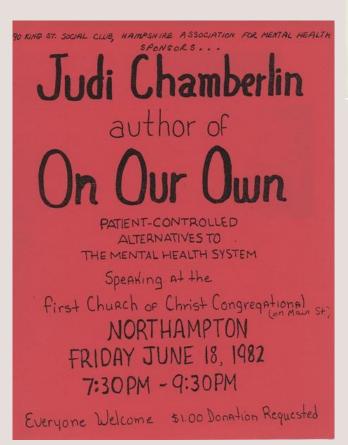


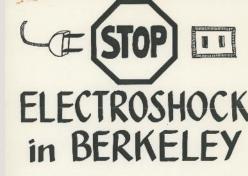


Judi Chamberlin

- Pioneer in the psychiatric survivors' movement
- Fought for human rights
- Key member of the Mental Patients' Liberation Front
- Wrote On Our Own: Patient-Controlled Alternatives to the Mental Health System
- Cross-disability activism







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Rae Unzicker

Candidate for S.D. House of Representatives

"Never, for the sake of peace and quiet, deny your own experience or conviction." -Dag Hammarskjold

- -Intelligence -Integrity
- -Committed -Capable



To be a mental patient is to be stigmatized, ostracized, socialized, patronized, psychiatrized.

To be a mental patient is to have everyone controlling your life but you. You're watched by your shrink, your social worker, your friends, your family. And then you're disgnosed as paramoid.

To be a mental patient is to live with the constant threat and possibility of being locked up at any time, for almot any reason.

To be a mental patient is to live on \$82 a month in food stamps, which won't let you buy the Kleener to dry your tears. And to watch your shrink come back to his office from lunch, driving a Mercedes Ben.

To be a mental patient is to take drugs that dull your mind, deaden your senses, make you jutter and drool, and then you take more drugs to lessen the "side effects."

To be a mental patient is to apply for jobs and lie about how you've spent the last few months or years, because you've been in the hospital, and then you don't get the job anyway because you're a mental patient.

To be a mental patient is to watch TV and see shows about how violent and dangerous and dumb and incompetent and crazy you are.

To be a mental patient is not to matter

To be a mental patient is never to be taken seriously

To be a mental patient is to be a resident of a ghetto, surrounded by other mental patients who are as scared and hungry and bored and broke as you are.

To be a mental patient is to be a statistic

To be a mental patient is to wear a label, and label that never goes away, a label that says little about what you are and even less about who you are.

To be a mental patient is never to say what you mean, but to sound like you mean what you say.

To be a mental patient is to tell your psychiatrist he's helping you, even if he's not.

To be a mental patient is to act glad when you're sad and calm when you're mad, and to always be "appropriate."

To be a mental patient is to participate in stupid groups that call themselves therapy, whusic inst tunuise, it's therapy; volleyabil inn't a sport, it's therapy; sewing is therapy washing dishes is therapy. Even the air you breathe is therapy, and that's called "the milieut".

To be a mental patient is not to die, even if you want to-and not cry, and not hurt, and not be cared, and not be angry, and not be vulnerable, and not laugh too loud -because, if you do, you only prove that you are a mental patient even if you are not.

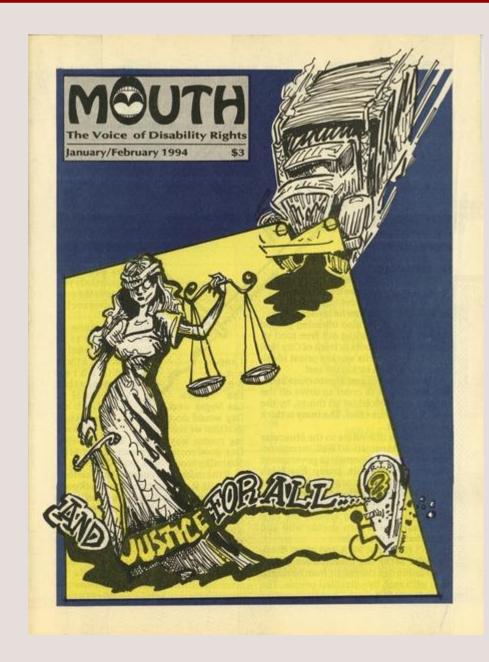
And so you become a no-thing, in a no-world, and you are not.

Rae Unzicker @1984

Rae Unzicker

- Psychiatric Survivor, public servant, and disability civil rights activist
- Wrote memoir You Never Gave me M & M's
- Founded the South Dakota Mental Health Advocacy Project
- Appointed to the National Council on Disability



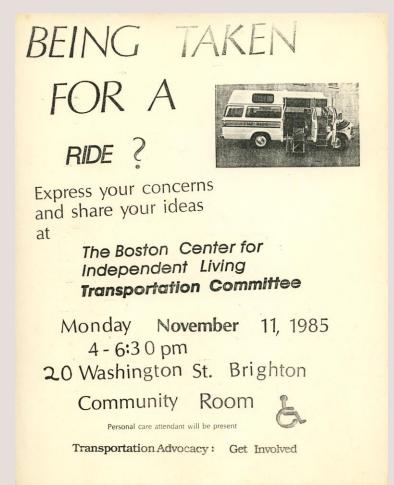


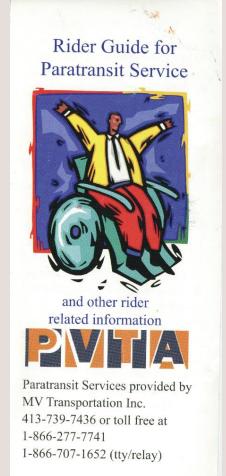
Lucy Gwin

- Escaped from New Medico Brain Rehabilitation Center
- All-disability advocate
- Founder of Mouth Magazine: The Voice of Disability Rights

Denise Karuth and Fred Pelka

- Activists and historians of the disability rights movement
- Karuth worked to secure accessible and affordable mass transit
- Pelka has written multiple books on disability issues

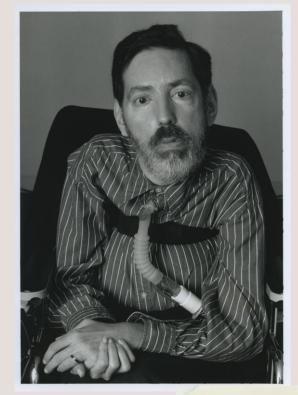






Paul Kahn

- Artist, writer, and activist
- Editor of *Disability Issues*
- Activist in the independent living movement
- Worked as a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Advisory Commission on the Disability Policy











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Level walks with no curbs at crossways

Access by the handicapped to elevators

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Elmer C. Bartels

- Commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
- Focused on vocation rehabilitation and independent living
- Founded Massachusetts
 Association of Paraplegics



Silvio O. Conte

- United States House of Representatives
- In office during the HIV/AIDS crisis and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Weekly radio show



Congressman

SILVIO O. CONTE'S

Congressional Report

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A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN MASSACH

13 August 1982

In June, you may remember that I told you of a letter I had written to Secretary Richard Schweiker of the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the stepped-up review of Social Security cases. I told you then that it was a nationwide problem --that several people were being terminated from the rolls when they were still clearly disabled only because of the administrative problems encountered when these reviews were stepped up. The problem was driven home very clearly to me when one of constituents became seriously disturbed after learning his benefits had been terminated.

Over the past two months, I have continued to work to make more of my colleagues aware of this problem. In July, the House Committee on Ways and Means reported out a comprehensive Social Security disability bill, but it did not address this problem. I did my best to have the bill amended to slow down the review process, but unfortunately, the Chairman sis not went any amendments offered.

Together with a number of my colleagues, I prepared to go to the Rules Committee asking them to allow my amendment to be offered to the bill on the floor. At the last minute, however, the bill was withdrawn from consideration. For the past few weeks, I have been monitoring the disability situation and trying to determine of this Congress or the Administration were planning any other action on Social Security disability, but nothing materialized

So, this week, on Wednesday, I introduced legislation that would do three things: First, it would require the Social Security Administration to prove medical improvement before terminating sheneficiary from the rolls; second, it would continue disability payments through the time necessary to follow an appeal to a law judge, rather than the first level of appeal, which is now the case; and finally, and most importantly, the bill would slow down the disability review process, and require that future reviews be both cost-effective and of the highest possible quality.

I want to turn now to an issue that I know concerns a great number of you -- the tax bill now pending before a House-Senate conference, and, more specifically, a provision in that bill which would require a 10% withholding tax on interest and dividends recived from savings and investments. My office has received countless numbers of letters on this subject.

The way this proposal would operate is that your bank would pay to the IRS 10% of the interest earned on your bank account. The supposed aim of this provision is to prevent people from not declaring interest income on their income tax. In my opinion, the real effect would be to discourage people from saving money. And, who would be hurt the most! the small investor and saver — those who can least afford it. Even worse, not all elerly people are exempt from this proposal as it stands — only those people over 65 who have less than \$1,000 in savings (\$2,250 for a married couple) would be exempt.

Because of my opposition to this proposal, I signed a letter expressing my concerns over this proposal to Chairman Dan Rostenkowski of the House Ways and Means Committee. The letter was also signed by 44 of my colleagues. The letter asked him to oppose this provision during the tax conference.

It is not clear at this time if and when we will see any final form of this revenue raising measure. You can be assured, however, that I will do all I can to prevent this particular proposal from going into effect. If this provision is included in the final measure, I am sure there will be an attempt to provide the opportunity to vote on this provision seprate from the rest of the tax bill when it comes to the floor of the House for consideration. I will continue my efforts to block the provision from taking effect.





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Boston Ryan White CARE Act Title I Planning Council

Meeting - Thursday, August 13, 1992

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Boston Ryan White

CARE Act Title I Planning Council, before Lindsey A. Cyr, a

Notary Public and Court Reporter in and for the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts, held at the Harvard School of Public

Health, 677 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts on

Thursday, August 13, 1992, commencing at 9:15 a.m.

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Boston AIDS Consortium

- Established in 1988
- Addressed the needs of people at risk of or living with HIV/AIDS
- Coordinated the allocation and distribution of the Ryan White CARE Act funds



Kevin McVeigh

- Kevin McVeigh anti-nuclear activist and HIV/AIDS advocate
- Founded the AIDS Community **Group of Franklin County**
- Ryan White CARE Act
- Health care in rural Massachusetts

Sunday Republican Franklin

1st Franklin County AIDS test site to open soon

By JACQUELINE WAISH
GERRY FIELD — Practical General and France Several Confidential Service begins Jan. 8;
Granty: East setting size for the formula causes AIDS will open the control and France Several Confidential Service begins Jan. 8;
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Rural Routes & AIDS

Greenfield Community College, and there is how you can get tested here today.

tion Wheel as the latest in a series of innova- mitting and acquiring the AIDS virus.... tions aimed at getting the message on HIV/ AIDS out to a rural audience...an audience which is difficult to reach. Last year Steve encourages everyone to test their HIV/AIDS uncharacteristically empty. knowledge by spinning the giant wheel and Frustrated that most of the models for answering a question determined by the HIV/AIDS outreach focus on urban populawheel's rotating pointer

Program's Detox Treatment Center at Fran- and I know most of the barrenders and klin Medical Center in Greenfield, and it's patrons personally. Now as a recovering too early for anything but coffee and waking alcoholic and somebody who has 'beenthere', up. Helen Lincoln, an FPC HIV/AIDS com- 1 know how to reach them and 1 get their munity outreach educator, is delivering a respect." • wakeup call of her own...a 15-minute, no nonsense, straight talk about HIV and AIDS:

It's a busy noontime on a Wednesday at How you can get it, how you can avoid it and

a giant gaming wheel spinning in the college Helen also travels to homeless shelters, cafeteria. The scene could be right out of the battered women's shelters, halfway houses, TV game show "Wheel of Fortune." Today's 12-step meetings, the county jail, and the game, however, is "Wheel of Prevention," streets of Franklin County's downtown arand the host is not the glamorous Vanna eas, with a special focus on reaching women White but the bearded Steve Quinlivan. and teens who may be at risk for HIV Steve is an HIV/AIDS outreach educator infection. A native of Franklin County and from the Family Planning Council of West- the mother of two teenage daughters, Helen ern Massachusetts (FPC). His focus is reach- has seen firsthand that women and teens ing out to IV-drug users and men who have bear much of the burden of the region's sex with men, whether gay-identified or not. domestic and social problems in which pov-Working with FPC's AIDS Services of erry, violence, abuse, drugs and alcohol Franklin County, Steve created the Preven-create a deadly breeding ground for trans-

....It's a quiet Saturday afternoon at the invented an interactive, electronic HIV/AIDS Lion's Den tavern in Athol, and many of the "True or False" game which featured buzz- bar's patrons are studiously filling out a 20 ers, lights and recorded feedback to partici-question HIV/AIDS quiz which Steve pants' answers. "But," he says, "the novelty Quinlivan administers with much bantering wore off and I needed something new," and laughter. The final question on the quiz. Now, as part of Greenfield Community is, "How many condoms are in the jar that's College's Wellness Day activities, Steve greets sitting on the har?" Prizes, free condoms and hundreds of students as they move between samples of literature await those who finish their classes and the cafeteria. He invites and the quiz, and the pool table in the corner is

tions, Steve has pioneered his Saturday afternoon "Bar Parties" in more than 20 Franklin. County bars over the past two years. "AfterIt's a Tuesday morning at the Beacon all," he says, "I used to drink in all these bars

-Kevin McVeigh, Program Director of AIDS Services of Franklin County

The VNA A note about our of Pioneer Valley AIDS services Since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, the Family HIV & AIDS Planning Council of Western Massachusetts has been Program

AIDS...in both urban and rural Through our AIDS services programs based in Springfield and Greenfield, people who are HIV+, Swing with AIDS, and their families and friends can Case Management.

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- We cannot scan everything
- Robust vs sampling of materials
- Substantial amount of material from all 19 collections
- Research value
- Visually interesting
- Unique





Smash the therapeutic state, May 30, 1978

A Smith, Kline and French demonstration. Demonstrators hold a banner that reads "smash the therapeutic state" at the sixth Conference on Human Rights and Psychiatric Oppression in Philadelphia.

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Philadelphia (Pa.)

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Description

- MODS
- SCUA Best guidelines
- Unique challenges when working with disability collections





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- Full names
- Public disability

Sally Simman P.O.Box 301 Loaxabchee florida33470

Dear Judi;

inclosed is how I used your estimony to the Carter Commission of Mental Health. I thought you would be interested as I used something you wrote (which is not the first time our done so).

The committee I presented the packege to is called the (citizen's - though half of them are professionals in the system) Area Planning Committee for the District (which includes counties) which controls the mental health system in which I live.

They were talking about models of Mon-institutionalized care-alternatives to in-patient care. So I bok the opportunity to present the kind of alternative I was interested in. They had to listen as his-models of all types- was the subject, i.e., how to keep people out of the hospital. They, of course, said they did not believe "mental patients" could suprevise themselves; and I felt we could, that him was our point of difference, them (the people on the committee) and me. Everyone was very(too) friendly, smiling and sweet.

I felt they had at least been exposed to a different kind of thinking, that their minds had been-ever so slightly- enlarged, at least their awareness level opened a little. Also I hope it at least made them aware that the search for answers did not have to stay within the limited confines of the system's answers. They seem to think within add choose (rom only the system's limited structures, as if their minds have tostay as circumscribed as the system or are as circumscribed as the bystem. It never dawned on them that they could reach outside the system's-traditional- answers-or that there is even an outside of he system, the traditional, at all.

Well, I thought you would be interested as I used so much of your testimony-it as he best short description of the models I know of.

I find that most people are so lazy on these committees, that If you do your work and prepare something, you of netcessity(noone else has anything so completely prepared) will take up a certain amount of the group's time and attention.

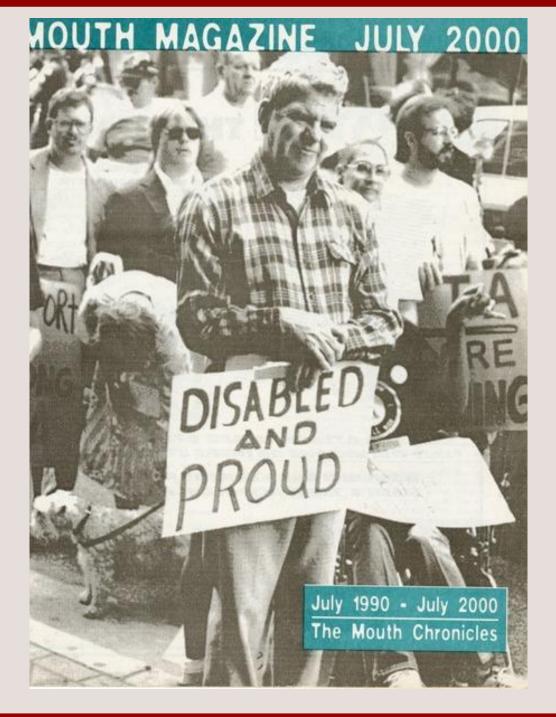
Hope the planning conference for nest year's conference went well. find that you are fine and well- -- and active as usual.

Love



Inclusive Language

- People first language
- Use terms and phrases that people have chosen for themselves
- Deaf vs. deaf





Historic Terminology

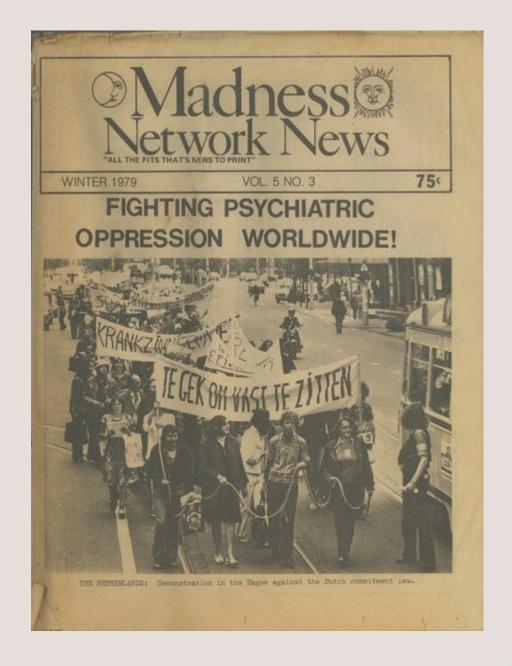
- Historical terms may be considered outdated or offensive.
- Historical organizations used historical terms in their names
- Use modern terminology when describing





Subject headings

- Group related material together with a single subject term
- Create local headings when LCSH not sufficient
- Different members of a group may prefer different terms
- Psychiatric survivors use a variety of terms

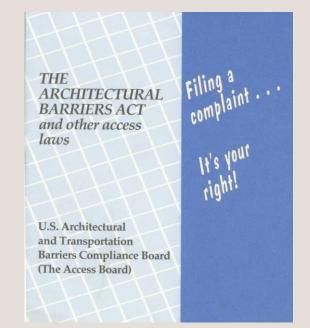




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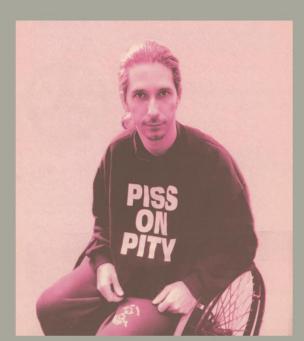


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Exhibit

- On display now
- Creating corresponding online exhibit



A man in a wheelchair wears a sweatshirt that says "piss on pity". From the cover of *Mouth* magazine, November-December 2003. International Center for the Disabled Records (MS 792).

for Disability

An exhibit from Special Collections and University Archives exploring the experiences of disability in the United States and the evolution of the disability rights movement.

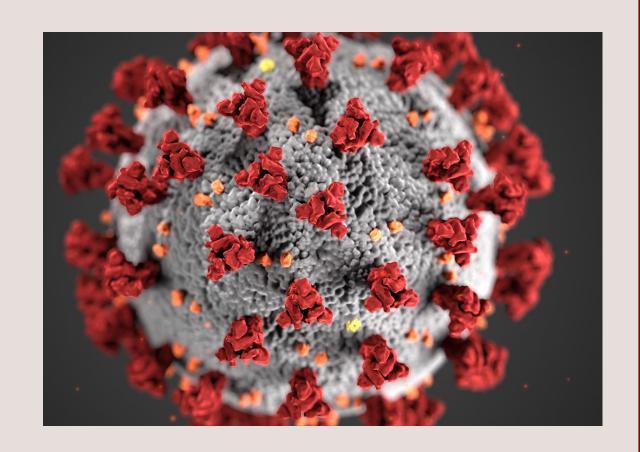
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Exhibit continues upstairs in Special Collections and University Archives on floor 25.



COVID-19

- Unexpected
- Working remotely
- Interrupted workflow
- Unclear how this will affect timeline of the project





Conclusion

Goals:

- Freely available and accessible
- Digital foundation to explore the experience of disability and the evolution of the disability rights movement

Challenges:

- Privacy
- Language
- Subject Headings



Questions?

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