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**WHITTNEY MURPHY  
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW AND TRANSCRIPT, 2015**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript folder: newspaper articles; other articles related to interviewee; transcription; 3 DVDs: 1 user copy of interview; 1 master copy of interview; 1 digital transcription and photographs

**COLLECTION DATES:** 24 January 2015

**PROVENANCE:** Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

In 2014 the Indiana Historical Society began the Indiana LGBT Collecting Initiative to collect, preserve, and make accessible materials that document the rich history, tradition, and culture of Indiana's LGBT communities. Part of the collecting initiative includes the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project. During the time period of 2014-2015, interviews were conducted of individuals, couples and families from all walks of life in Central Indiana area. This collection centers around the oral history interview of Whitney Murphy conducted by Mark Lee on January 24, 2015.

Whitney Murphy grew up in Cleveland Ohio. She came to Indiana and attended Butler University, graduating in 2011 with a triple Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Political Science, and French. In 2013, Whitney took the position of faith leader organizer with Freedom Indiana. She is currently pursuing a dual degree for a Master's of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at the Christian Theological Seminary. She is very passionate about the many facets of societal social justice, but specifically takes an interest in the social, economic, and political liberation of the Black LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, and Intersex) community in Indianapolis. Murphy is also the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Indy Pride. She currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found in the collection.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was transcribed from one video recorded interview with Whitney Murphy conducted on January 24, 2015 by Mark Lee, lead project manager for the Indianapolis/Central Indiana LGBT Oral History Project. The interview, which includes the video recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The video recorded interview is approximately an hour and fifteen minutes long and is recorded on one DVD. The collection includes one folder with articles from the *Indianapolis Star* and other articles about Whitney Murphy and the interview transcription.

The following is an index to the oral history transcript listing the topics discussed and the pages on which they can be found.

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