

Interview Data Sheet

Collection/ project name: Queer Charlottesville Oral History Project

Processor's name: Parks, Cecelia L.

Interviewee: Guy, Debra

Interviewee occupation(s): Public Spaces & Special Events Planner, University of Virginia Library

Contributor: N/A

Interviewer: Parks, Cecelia L.

Recorder: N/A

Date of interview: September 1, 2022

Location of interview: Clemons Library, University of Virginia

Interview context: Debra's wife Meridith is my (Cecelia's) manager, so I knew Debra and some of their story before this interview. Debra and I worked together as part of the team that developed the UVA Library's Inclusive Excellence (diversity, equity, and inclusion) plan in 2020-21, which came up in the interview.

Recording equipment: Tascam DR-05 recorder with Shure SM58 microphone

Recording settings:

bit-depth	16-bit
sampling rate	44.1 khz

Length of interview: 1:23:14

Note about sound quality: There are thumps in the background from water bottles being picked up and set back down on the table the microphone was on.

Interviewee biographical Information:

Gender genderqueer/nonbinary

Age 44

Birth Place Chesapeake, VA

First Language if not English

Residence Charlottesville, VA

Education George Mason University

Additional notes about interviewee: N/A

Abstract: In this interview, Debra Guy shares her experiences as a queer mom, musician, and wife living in Charlottesville, VA. They begin by discussing their early experiences as a queer person in their hometown of Chesapeake and as a student at George Mason University. She talks about carrying and birthing her daughter Ruby as a butch person and her and her wife's activism for marriage equality in Virginia. They also discuss their music and how their gender identity impacts their music career. She talks about how it can be difficult to find queer community in Charlottesville, especially as a parent, and about straight people's presence at Cville Pride.

Subjects and Key-words:

Names: Meridith Wolnick

Organizations: Cville Pride, University of Virginia, Butch Voices

Events: Cville Pride Festival

Topics: queer parenting, marriage equality, gender identity, music, Pride celebrations

Geographic: Chesapeake, VA; Fairfax, VA; Charlottesville, VA

Temporal: 1970s-2020s