

Interview Data Sheet

Collection/ project name: Queer Charlottesville Oral History Project

Processor's name: Parks, Cecelia L.

Interviewee: Kaplan, Claire

Interviewee occupation(s): adjunct; retired Program Director for Gender Violence & Social Change at the University of Virginia

Contributor: N/A

Interviewer: Parks, Cecelia L.

Recorder: N/A

Date of interview: October 13, 2022

Location of interview: Cecelia's house in Charlottesville, VA.

Interview context: Claire did an interview for an unfinished Cville Pride documentary project that this interview references several times.

Recording equipment: iPhone 12 mini and Tascam DR-05 recorder

Length of interview: 1:10:58

Note about sound quality: This is the backup recording for this interview; the Tascam DR-05 recording was unusable. There are some background noises, including pen clicks, traffic noises, and cell phone notifications.

Interviewee biographical Information:

Gender woman

Age 68

Birth Place Long Beach, CA

First Language if not English

Residence Charlottesville, VA

Education University of California, Davis; University of Virginia

Additional notes about interviewee: n/a

Abstract: In this interview, Claire discusses growing up in Long Beach, California, and coming out and getting involved with LGBTQ+ and Democratic Socialists of America organizing. She shares how she met her wife and moved to Virginia with her, where she worked at UVA and was a founding member of the UVA Pride group for faculty and staff. She discusses what it was like to be an out member of the faculty/staff at UVA in the 1990s and 2000s, as well as adopting her daughter and being a Jewish person in Charlottesville.

Subjects and Key-words:

Names: Michael Harrington; Bernard Mays; Charlotte Patterson

Organizations: University of Virginia; UVA Pride; Democratic Socialists of America

Events: 1987 March on Washington; Cville Pride Festivals;

Topics: LGBTQ organizing and advocacy; socialism; Jewish identity; adoption

Geographic: California; Virginia

Temporal: 1950s-2020s