

Finding Aid to Mark Duran collection of Queer Nation and Queer Planet materials

(#2015-14)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Mark Duran collection of Queer Nation and Queer Planet materials

Collection Number: 2015-14

Physical Description: 2 linear feet (one carton, one manuscript box)

Creator: Duran, Mark; Queer Nation

Date (inclusive): 1990s

Language of Material: English, with a few materials in German and Spanish

Abstract: Mark Duran co-founded the San Francisco chapter of Queer Nation, a direct action advocacy organization known for its forceful and anti-assimilationist politics. Inspired by ACT UP but with a broader sense of mission, Queer Nation uses camp, wit, and reclamation of slurs to oppose homophobic violence and increase queer visibility. The collection consists largely of sticker graphics and fliers, with slogans reflecting Queer Nation's confrontational tactics.

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Acquisition Information:

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Mark Duran co-founded the San Francisco chapter of Queer Nation, a direct action advocacy organization known for its forceful and anti-assimilationist politics. Inspired by ACT UP but with a broader sense of mission, Queer Nation uses camp, wit, and reclamation of slurs to oppose homophobic violence and increase queer visibility. The organization has no formal hierarchy and has never disbanded, although the San Francisco chapter was active only between 1990 and 1991.

Scope and Content: The collection consists largely of sticker graphics and fliers, with slogans reflecting Queer Nation's confrontational tactics. There is also a significant amount of material related to Queer Nation's campaign to convince Amnesty International to recognize queer people as a protected class. The collection also contains limited amounts of correspondence, clippings, newsletters, press releases, and similar material.

Indexing Terms:

Gay men

Lesbians

Bisexual people

Protest art