The background features three vertical stripes on the left side: a light red stripe, a light blue stripe, and a light beige stripe. On the right side, there is a pattern of small, light red dots arranged in a grid that fades out towards the right edge.

Archiving & Publicizing Materials on the University of Washington Gender Identity Clinic

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OPPORTUNITY

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While one of the leading psychiatrists from the University of Washington (UW) Gender Identity Clinic held onto the clinic's records for a future follow-up study, these records were unfortunately destroyed along with his home in the Tubbs Fire of 2017.

Os Keyes, a PhD candidate from UW, has gone through countless archival and public records to reconstruct the memory of the clinic. They have also interviewed people involved with the clinic to gain further insight into the clinic's history.

An opportunity arose to archive these materials at UW Special Collections to ensure that this history is preserved, which can aid researchers in addressing anti-trans narratives and legislative bills that deny the history of transgender people.

INTRODUCTIONS

Eli Wachter is graduating with their MLIS from UW in Spring 2024. They received their B.S. in Psychology and English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2021, where they helped conduct transgender psychotherapy research. After graduation, they will be an Associate Fellow for the National Library of Medicine from 2024-2025.



INTRODUCTIONS

Os Keyes is a UW PhD candidate in the Department of Human-Centered Design and Engineering. Their dissertation research dives into the history of gender-affirming medicine and how the politics of research impact patients over time. They have dedicated years of their career reconstructing the records of the UW Gender Identity Clinic.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Workflow Development

Develop a unique workflow with the donor and UW Special Collections staff to allow for collaborative processing between myself and the donor.

Accessioning & Processing

Accrue materials, rehouse materials in acid-free folders and boxes, write transcripts, redact sensitive information, and create the finding aid.

Redacting Materials

Thoughtfully redact and/ or restrict patient information while leaving as much of the collection publicly accessible as responsibly possible.

Publicizing

Present a poster at the UW Special Collections Student Worker Poster Presentation event in order to share information about the collection.

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After creating an initial workplan with the donor, Os Keyes, and the University Archivist, John Bolcer, I created an ArchivesSpace record for the new collection, began processing the physical materials, and created an initial inventory.

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Based on restriction parameters agreed upon during a Sensitive Materials meeting with Os and John, I made redacted copies of materials so all users could have access to part of the collection. Around this time, I also submitted a reproductions request to UW Special Collections for teaching slides by the leading doctor of the clinic, John Hampson.

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The most time consuming part of the project was creating transcripts for over 9.5 hours of audio material, primarily interviews. Beyond writing the transcripts, I worked with Os to ensure that names were spelled correctly and created redacted versions for public access.

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A final meeting with John and Os finalized the Deed of Gift and details around language for the finding aid. After this meeting, I created an EAD-encoded finding aid in XML, created a bibliographic record for the collection, created item records within Alma, and labeled and housed the boxes.

**DAYTON/HUNT COLLECTION
ON TRANSGENDER MEDICINE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
WASHINGTON**

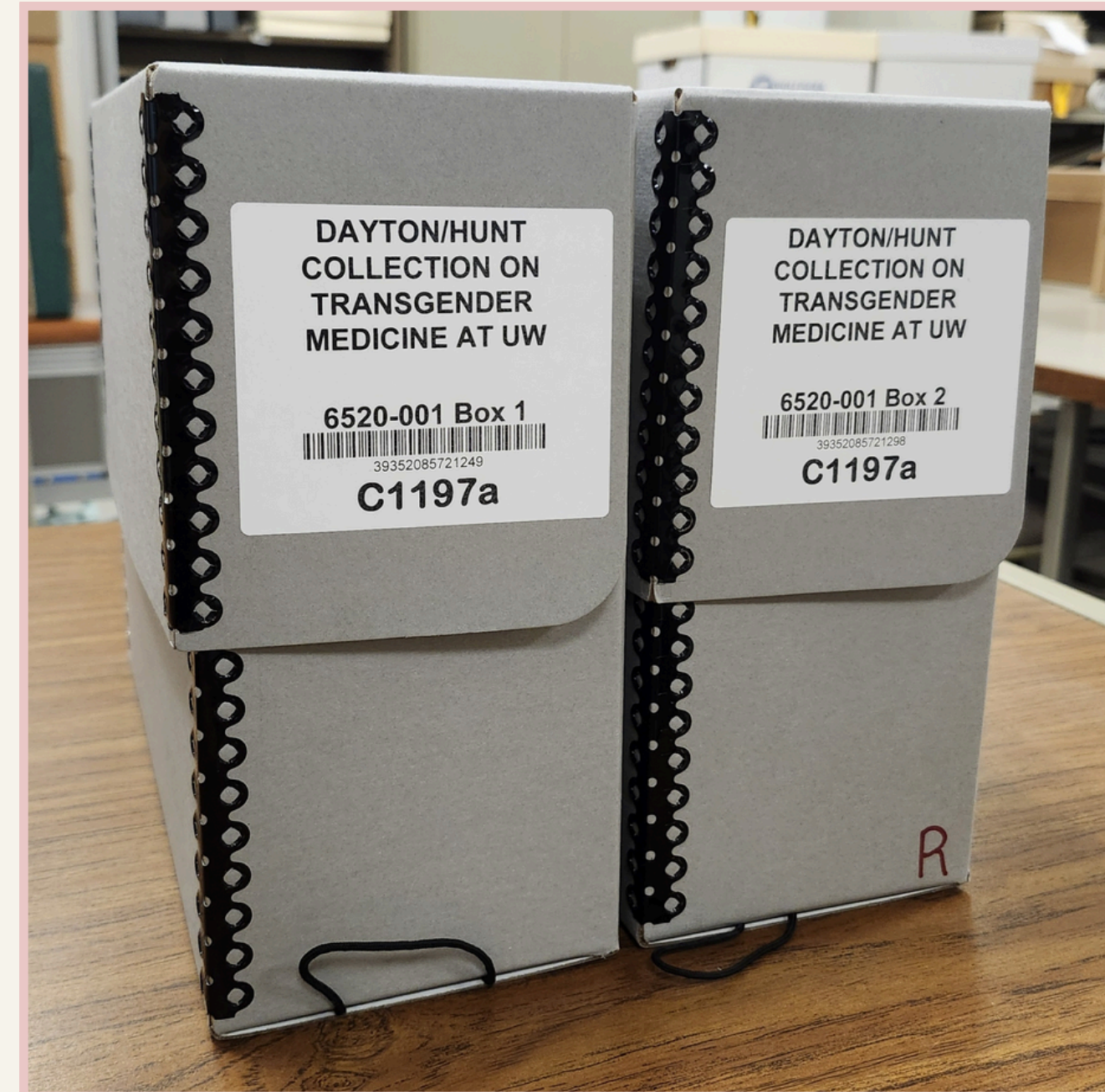
Named in honor of Barbara Dayton, the first and only publicly known patient of the UW Gender Identity Clinic, and Dr. Daniel (Dan) Hunt, one of the final psychiatrists on the clinic's committee.

● Physical Materials

The physical extent for this collection is 0.74 cubic feet (2 boxes). These materials include transcripts, human resource files, publications, court documents, and correspondence.

● Digital Materials

These materials include audio recordings of interviews, photo reproductions of teaching slides, and film reproductions.



Dayton/Hunt Collection on Transgender Medicine at the University of Washington, 1959-2024

Overview of the Collection ▾

Creator	Keyes, Os
Title	Dayton/Hunt Collection on Transgender Medicine at the University of Washington
Dates	1959-2024 (inclusive)
Quantity	0.74 cubic feet (2 boxes included 2 flashdrives)
Collection Number	6520 (Accession No. 6520-001)
Summary	Materials relating to the University of Washington Gender Identity Clinic
Repository	
Access Restrictions	Access to portions of the collection is restricted. Contact University of Washington Libraries Special Collections for
Languages	English

Find Related Collections ▶

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Finding Aid

A finding aid for this collection is available through Archives West and is Google-indexed.

This finding aid not only provides an inventory of the collection, but it also provides a historical note on the clinic and details on the provenance of the material.

<https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:80444/xv133040>

● Poster Presentation

To share knowledge of the collection, I presented a poster at a Student Worker Poster Presentation event hosted by UW Special Collections.

From this event, curators, archivists, and other internal staff are now aware of the collection and can mention it to patrons who are interested in the subject area.

DAYTON/HUNT COLLECTION ON TRANSGENDER MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (ACC. NO. 6520-001)

Presented by: Eli Wachter

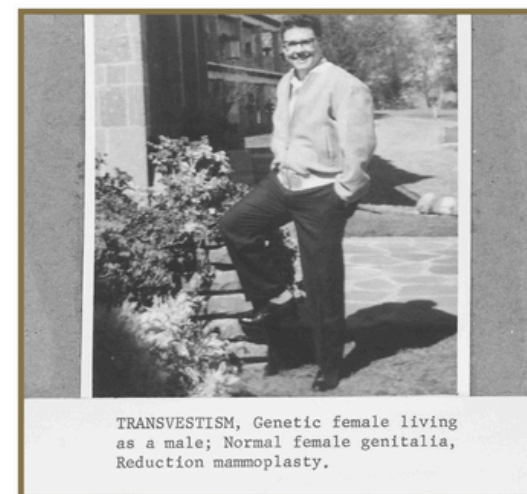


SCOPE & CONTENT

A curated reconstruction of records pertaining to the UW Gender Identity Clinic from various archival collections and public records. The collection also includes retrospective reports on the clinic through interviews, correspondence, and written works created by Os Keyes.

COLLECTION NAME

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TRANVESTISM, Genetic female living as a male; Normal female genitalia, Reduction mammoplasty.

University of Washington Libraries,
Special Collections, UW42082

SOME FACTS

The original records of the clinic were lost in the Tubbs Fire of 2017, when a psychiatrist who was holding onto the records lost his home in the wildfire.

Processing the collection involved a collaborative effort with the donor.

Over 9.5 hours of audio content, the majority of which are interviews with people involved with the clinic, have been transcribed. Redacted versions have been created for increased user access.

The UW Special Collections Reproductions team created digital scans of teaching slides from John Hampson, the leading doctor involved with the clinic, which have been included within the collection.

CONCLUSION

The preservation of the Dayton/Hunt Collection within UW Special Collections will allow for these materials to be available for years to come, supporting future researchers interested in the history of transgender medicine at the UW Gender Identity Clinic. With this collection, people will learn that transgender people have been receiving gender-affirming medical care for decades within the United States.

A special thank you to UW Special Collections for their endless support and generosity with regards to this project.