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Summary information

Repository:	University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives
Title:	Richard Green fonds
Reference code:	AR474
Date:	1965 - 1993 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.33 m of textual records.
Note [generalNote]:	Part of the Transgender Archive.
Note [generalNote]:	2019 accession was formerly part of record group AR496.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Richard Green was a sexologist, psychiatrist, and lawyer; he specialized in homosexuality and transgenderism, including gender identity disorder in children, and was an advocate for gay, lesbian and transgender rights.

Green was born 6 June 1936 in New York to Rose Ingber and Leo Harry Green. Green held a Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University (1957), Doctor of Medicine from Johns Hopkins University (1961), completed psychiatry training at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland (1964-66), held a fellowship at the Maudsley Hospital in London (1966-67) and obtained a law degree from Yale (1987). At Johns Hopkins Green studied with sexologist and psychologist Dr. John Money (1921-2006) who specialized in gender identity and the biology of gender. Green was the director of the Human Sexuality Program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, founded and was a long-time editor of the Archives of Sexual Behaviour in 1971, and in 1974 founded and was the first president of the International Academy of Sex Research (IASR). In the 1990s, he was appointed Professor of Psychological Medicine and Research Director of the Gender Identity Clinic at London's Charing Cross Hospital, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge.

Upon returning to the United States, Green took a position at the UCLA Department of Psychiatry. In 1969 he co-edited the book *Transsexualism and Sex Reassignment* with Money. Two years later he founded the journal *Archives of Sexual Behaviour*. He has written or edited six books, including *Sexual Identity Conflict in Children and Adults* (1974), *Human Sexuality: A Health Practitioner's Text* (1979), *The "Sissy Boy Syndrome" and the Development of Homosexuality* (1987), and *Sociolegal Control of Homosexuality: A Multi-Nation Comparison* (1997). Green was partly responsible for the 1973 removal of homosexuality from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)*, having advocated for this at the 1973 APA conference. In 1987 Green obtained his Juris Doctor from Yale University; in his law practice he served as co-counsel with the American Civil Liberties Association in the landmark case *Curran v. Mount Diablo Council of the Boy Scouts of America*, which successfully

challenged the Boy Scouts' refusal of a leadership role to a gay eighteen year old from California. In 1992, Green authored the book *Sexual Science and the Law*. Green has also taught psychiatry at SUNY Stony Brook and Imperial College London, and law at UCLA and the University of Cambridge. Green lived in London with his partner Melissa Hines, a psychology professor at Cambridge. They had one son, Adam Hines-Green (born 1988). Green died on April 6, 2019, at age 82.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of papers related to Green's 1969 book *Transsexualism and Sex Reassignment*, papers from various conferences, material related to 1972 paper "Playroom Toy Preferences," records related to grants and payments, research material for 1986 paper "Lesbian Mothers and their Children," collection of literature on effects of pornography and obscenity, and sample interview questions for parents. Also contains other professional papers including grant applications, correspondence, and research material.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquired from Richard Green, December 2012, October 2014, July 2017.

Accruals

2012-034, 2014-034, 2017-052, 2019-053

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Level of detail:** Partial
 - **Status description:** Revised
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- correspondence (documentary form)
- transcripts (documentary form)
- reports (documentary form)
- minutes (administrative records) (documentary form)

Collection holdings

Accession: AR474-2019-053 - Correspondence from Harry Benjamin

Title: Correspondence from Harry Benjamin

Reference code: AR474-2019-053

Date: 1965 (collection) (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The accrual consists of two signed typescript letters with handwritten corrections in ink, sent from Harry Benjamin to Richard Green on July 8 and July 10, 1965. Letters concern John Money and Harry Benjamin Foundation meetings and participants, including Virginia [Allen], Barbara [Reese] Reed Erickson, and an untitled book in process with contributions from William Masters, and Green, with introduction by Benjamin.

Physical description: 0.01 m of textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Formerly part of record group AR496.

Immediate source of acquisition:

Anonymous donation, 2016.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Green, Richard, 1936-2019
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: AR474-2019-053-1 - Harry Benjamin Letter - July 8

Title: Harry Benjamin Letter - July 8

Reference code: AR474-2019-053-1

Date: 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Typed letter with handwritten annotations from Harry Benjamin to Richard Green, dated July 8, 1965. Letter is regarding future meetings of the Harry Benjamin Foundation, as well as an article

(written by "Randall") about post-operative transexuals. The letter also mentions book chapters (for an unnamed upcoming book) being edited by "Masters."

Physical description: 1 page letter

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: AR474-2019-053-2 - Harry Benjamin Letter - July 10

Title: Harry Benjamin Letter - July 10

Reference code: AR474-2019-053-2

Date: 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Typed letter with handwritten postscript from Harry Benjamin to Richard Green, dated July 10 1965. Letter discusses Harry Benjamin Foundation meetings - specifically the fact that of [Reed] Erickson invites a Dr. Money to speak at a meeting they should pay for his expenses. The letter also discusses Harry Benjamin finishing writing his chapter of a book, and discussing the rough draft and manuscript deadline, as well as he confidentiality of the rough draft and acknowledgements (especially an acknowledgment regarding Virginia [Prince?]).

Physical description: 1 page

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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