

**University of British Columbia Special Collections**

**Beyer, Dana, 1952-**

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**Title**

Dana Beyer fonds

**Dates**

1995-2019

**Extent**

45 cm of textual records and other material

**Biographical Sketch**

Dana Beyer, M.D. is an American activist, politician, and retired eye surgeon. She was born February 2, 1952 in New York, New York. In 1974 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University, and in 1978 she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine as a Doctor of Medicine. She currently resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland and has two sons.

Before her transition, with colleagues Drs. Scott Kerlin (University of Victoria) and Milton Diamond (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa), Beyer conducted research on the impact of in-utero exposure to diethylstilbestrol (DES), an endocrine disrupting compound given during pregnancy to prevent miscarriage and stillbirth. Their findings suggest that the drug causes intersexuality and transsexual expression in human beings. They presented their findings to the International Behavioral Development Symposium in 2005. Beyer was also medical advisor for the DES Sons International Network listserv.

After retiring from her career as eye surgeon, Beyer became involved in activism and politics. She is a transgender activist and has sat on boards of many LGBTQ rights organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign, Equality Maryland, the National Center for Transgender Equality, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Civil Rights Coalition of Maryland. In 2011 she co-founded Gender Equality Maryland and operated as Executive Director until 2018. Beyer is Jewish and has also been involved with Jewish LGBTQ organizations: she sat on the Keshet Board of Directors, currently sits on the board of A Wider Bridge, and is the Regional Advocacy Chair for J Street. Beyer has fought for anti-discrimination legislation in Maryland which would increase protections and rights of transgender people. In 2008 Beyer was the subject of an investigation by the Ethics Commission of Maryland for harassing petitioners against this legislation, and she subsequently filed a complaint for discrimination and rights violation. She was part of the DSM-V Task Force for Gender Identity Disorder, which was renamed Gender Dysphoria in 2012. She has won two awards for her advocacy and was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame in 2014.

Beyer identifies as a Progressive Democrat and was the first transgender candidate for State Senate in American history. She ran three unsuccessful campaigns for public office: State Delegate in 2010, and State Senator in 2014 and 2018. She supported Hillary Clinton's candidacy in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

### **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of textual records and objects documenting Dr. Dana Beyer's LGBTQ activism, political campaigns, and medical research. Fonds is arranged into four series: activism records, political campaign records, DES research material, and ephemera.

### **Finding Aids**

Inventory available with series and file level controls.

### **Title Source**

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

### **Associated Material**

Children's book *The Purim Superhero* by Elisabeth Kushner (illustrated by Mike Byrne), produced by the Keshet organization, is catalogued in the University of Victoria Library (call number: 823 K87P87).

### **Subject Access Points**

Education; Health and social services; Law and justice; Politics; Transgender people--Civil rights; Women

## **Series Level Descriptions**

### **Series I: Transgender activism records. -- 2003-2016. -- 22 cm of textual records and other material.**

Series documents Dana Beyer's involvement with LGBTQ organizations and activism for equal rights of transgender people. Material includes activism literature, administrative documents, correspondence, reports, conference material, official documents, and testimonials. Material also includes awards and buttons.

Series also documents the Montgomery Ethics Commission's investigation into Dana Beyer's alleged harassment of petitioners, and Beyer's subsequent complaint of discrimination and violation of her civil rights. Records were produced chiefly in response to interrogatories and document requests. Material includes correspondence, news articles, Ethics Commission meeting minutes, web page printouts, legislative acts, affidavits, 911 call and interview transcripts, notes, and petitioners' records.

### **Series II: Political campaign records. -- 2005-2018. -- 16 cm of textual records and other material.**

Series documents Dana Beyer's three unsuccessful campaigns for public office: State Delegate in 2010, and State Senator in 2014 and 2018. Material includes campaign literature for Beyer and other candidates, correspondence, financial documents, meeting records, sample ballots, consulting agreements, copies of official candidacy documents, clippings and articles, speech drafts, meeting agendas, Beyer's financial disclosure form, and miscellaneous administrative documents. Material also includes buttons and an optical disk.

### **Series III: DES research material. -- 1971-2006, chiefly 2001-2003. -- 5.5 cm of textual records.**

Series documents Dana Beyer's research on the effects of in-utero exposure to diethylstilbestrol (DES), which she conducted with colleagues Scott Kerlin from the University of Victoria, and Milton Diamond from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Material includes correspondence, research papers and presentations, articles, and clippings.

### **Series IV: Ephemera. -- n.d. -- 47 business cards. -- 1 baseball.**

Series includes business cards collected by Dana Beyer, and one signed baseball.

## Structure

### Series I: Transgender activism records

File	Title
1.1	Keshet Board of Directors records
1.2	Ethics Commission charges (1 of 3)
1.3	Ethics Commission charges (2 of 3)
1.4	Ethics Commission charges (3 of 3)
1.5	LGBTQ activism records and literature
1.7	LGBTQ activism literature
1.10	LGBTQ activism literature
1.11	Movement Advancement Project
1.12	National Center for Transgender Equality
1.13	Human Rights Campaign
1.14	Civil Rights Coalition of Maryland
1.15	Equality Maryland
1.16	Testimonies, correspondence re: Bill 23-07, Non-Discrimination - Gender Identity
1.17	Washington Psychiatric Society Task Force on Gender Identity Disorder
1.21	LGBTQ activism literature
1.22	Hineini Curriculum Resource Guide
2.27	Equality Maryland
3.33	Activism awards
3.34	Activism ephemera

### Series II: Political campaign records

File	Title
1.6	2006 campaign records
1.8	2006 campaign literature by other candidates
1.9	2006 campaign records
1.23	Bumper stickers and business cards
1.24	2018 campaign literature and records
1.25	2018 campaign literature by other candidates (1 of 2)
2.26	2018 campaign literature by other candidates (2 of 2)
2.28	2014 campaign literature and records
2.29	Campaign literature and records
2.30	Lake Research Partners report
2.31	2010 and 2014 campaign literature and records
3.35	Campaign ephemera

### Series III: DES research material

File	Title
1.18	DES papers (1 of 3)
1.19	DES papers (2 of 3)
1.20	DES papers (3 of 3)

## **Series IV: Ephemera**

<b>File</b>	<b>Title</b>
2.32	Miscellaneous business cards
3.36	Baseball

## Inventory

### Box 1

File	Description
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| 1.1  | Keshet Board of Directors records. -- 2007-2016. -- 2.5 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.2  | Ethics Commission charges (1 of 3). -- 2007-2010. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.3  | Ethics Commission charges (2 of 3). -- 2007-2010. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.4  | Ethics Commission charges (3 of 3). -- 2007-2010. -- 2 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.5  | LGBTQ activism records and literature. -- 2003-2008. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- 1 magnet.                                 |
| 1.6  | 2006 campaign records. -- 2006. -- .5 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.7  | LGBTQ activism literature. -- 2004-2011. -- .5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.8  | 2006 campaign literature by other candidates. -- 2006-2016, chiefly 2006. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.                       |
| 1.9  | 2006 campaign records. -- 2005-2006. -- 2 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.10 | LGBTQ activism literature. -- 2009-2016. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.11 | Movement Advancement Project. -- 2009-2013. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.12 | National Center for Transgender Equality. -- 2004-2011. -- .5 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.13 | Human Rights Campaign. -- 2002-2009. -- 1 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.14 | Civil Rights Coalition of Maryland. -- 2015. -- 1 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.15 | Equality Maryland. -- 2004-2009. -- 1 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.16 | Testimonies, correspondence re: Bill 23-07, Non-Discrimination - Gender Identity. -- 2007-2008. -- 2.5 cm of textual records. |
| 1.17 | Washington Psychiatric Society Task Force on Gender Identity Disorder. -- 2008-2011. -- .5 cm of textual records.             |
| 1.18 | DES papers (1 of 3). -- 1971-2006, chiefly 2001-2003. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.19 | DES papers (2 of 3). -- 1983, 2001-2003. -- 2 cm of textual records.  |
| 1.20 | DES papers (3 of 3). -- 1975-2003, chiefly 2001-2003. -- 2 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.21 | LGBTQ activism literature. -- 2009-2013. -- .5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.22 | Hineini Curriculum Resource Guide. -- 2013. -- 153 p. : illustrations.  |
| 1.23 | Bumper stickers and business cards. -- 2010-2018. -- 6 stickers. -- 4 business cards.   |
| 1.24 | 2018 campaign literature and records. -- 2017-2018. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.   |
| 1.25 | 2018 campaign literature by other candidates (1 of 2). -- 2018. -- 2.5 cm of textual records.                                 |

### Box 2

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| 2.26 | 2018 campaign literature by other candidates (2 of 2). -- 2018. -- 2.5 cm of textual records. |
| 2.27 | Equality Maryland. -- 2004-2009. -- .5 cm of textual records.                                 |
| 2.28 | 2014 campaign literature and records. -- 2011-2014. -- 2 cm of textual records.               |
| 2.29 | Campaign literature and records. -- 2005-2018. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.                  |
| 2.30 | Lake Research Partners report. -- 2009. -- .5 cm of textual records.                          |
| 2.31 | 2010 and 2014 campaign literature and records. -- 2008-2014. -- 1.5 cm of textual records.    |
| 2.32 | Business cards. -- n.d. -- 47 business cards.   |

### **Box 3**

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| 3.33 | Activism awards. -- 2010, 2011. -- 2 awards : glass ; 17 x 18 cm and 12 x 16 cm.        |
| 3.34 | Activism ephemera. -- n.d. -- 4 pins and other material.                                |
| 3.35 | Campaign ephemera. -- [between 2010 and 2018]. -- 2 name tags. -- 1 button. -- 1 badge. |
| 3.36 | Baseball. -- [2019?].   |