

Finding Aid
East Coast Female to Male (FTM) Group (ECFTMG)
Watertown, MA
Northampton, MA

Support Group for FTM trans* folks and SOFFAs (significant others, friends, family, and allies), 1992-2013+

All materials donated by Bet Power, ECFTMG's founder

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Note: up to five copies of flyers/newsletters/other duplicated papers have been saved

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Folder 1: Miscellaneous Objects

- Zippered chest binder
- Konica Film pen
- Floppy disk labeled 'Current C.doc, Cover letter and resume, use this disk at Kinko's'

Folder 2: Other Groups: Flyers, Brochures, Articles, 1989-2010, Undated

- Photocopied articles from *FTM* and *Lesbian Connection* about FTM involvement at Stonewall, 1989
- Book Review of *Doc and Fluff: The Distopian Tale of a Girl and Her Biker*
- Book Review of *Leatherfolk*, 1991
- FTM Resources compiled by Bet Power, 1992
- Press release, American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS) Interdisciplinary Advisory Board, list of names, 1992
- Press release, AEGIS Interdisciplinary Advisory Board, announcement, 1992
- Information from Creative Growth Enterprises about HERB (Helping Every Reborn Brother), a 'male prosthesis', 1992
- Pamphlet, First International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, 1992
- Pamphlet, The Institute of Contemporary Art, "Currents 93 Dress Codes" Exhibit
- Article in *The Boston Herald*, "Waif-like wandered finds home in jail, 'Hoax'—player learned her lesson", 1993
- Press release, AEGIS announcement of questionnaire on HBGDA Standards of Care, 1993
- Questionnaire from AEGIS about HBGDA Standards of Care, 1993
- Mailing list, Congress of Transgendered Organizations, January 1994
- Press Release, National Harry Benjamin Gender Dysphoric Association, 1994
- Event flyer, Poetry, Passion and Pride: Leslie Feinberg, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Leslea Newman, Susan Stinson, 1994

- Mailing list, Congress of Transgendered Organizations, May 1994
- Mailing list, Congress of Transgendered Organizations, August 1994
- Mailing list, Congress of Transgendered Organizations, January, 1995
- Verification form, Congress of Transgendered Organizations, 1995
- Registration form, A Vision of Community: The First all-FTM Conference of the Americas, 1995
- Flyer and business card, Theseus Counseling Service, 1996
- Flyer, Transgender Day of Remembrance, 2007
- Flyer, Transfigurations performance and Transgender Day of Remembrance, 2007
- Blog Post, Trans Universe, "Stuck in Loneliness" by Monica F. Helms
- Resume, Scott Turner Schofield, circa 2008
- Beacon Press Special Sales Discount Schedule, undated
- Flyer, NightTalk with Jane Whitney, undated
- The Benjamin Sex Orientation Scale: Sex and Gender Disorientation and Indecision, Males, undated
- Pamphlet, "Transsexualism", undated
- International Foundation for Gender Education Publications Reprints Price List, undated
- Pamphlet, Child and Family Service of Pioneer Valley, Counseling and Mental Health Services, undated
- Packet, information about psychotherapy evaluation, eligibility, and readiness for hormones from the Child and Family Services of Pioneer Valley, undated
- Child and Family Service Insurance Companies, undated
- Mail-order form, American Educational Gender Information Service (AEGIS), undated
- Press release, about funding for an FTM conference, AEGIS, undated
- Flyer, announcing name change to The American Educational Gender Information Service, Inc., undated
- PSA about risks of hormones from AEGIS, undated
- Medical Advisory Bulletin from AEGIS, explaining PSA, undated
- Flyer, Jane Harris Straight Spouse Network, undated
- Pamphlet, Jane Harris Straight Spouse Network, undated
- Event flyer stapled to cardboard, Kate Bornstein: On Men, Women, and the Rest of Us, benefit for Bet Power, undated
- Opinion piece, "My Girlfriend is Becoming the Man of My Dreams" by Kate Bornstein, undated
- Event flyer, Transgender Liberation: A movement whose time has come, Leslie Feinberg, undated
- Art exhibit announcement, Transubstantiation, paintings by Jaysin Eli, Brattleboro, VT undated
- Map of restaurants near Real Art Ways, arts organization in Hartford, CT, undated
- Collection of business cards

Folder 3: Correspondence/Invitations from Organizations

- Jason Cromwell, FTM group in Seattle, letter, FTM survey, 1992
- Barbara E. Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc., invitation to 25th anniversary of Stonewall, 1994
- Dawn Pederson, Sunshine Club, invitation to annual picnic, 1994
- Merissa Sherrill Lynn, International Foundation for Gender Education, letter enclosed with CTO mailing list, 1994
- Sarah DePalma, It's Time America, mission statement, 1994
- Deborah Cohen, First Call for Help, request for information about the group, 1994
- Tracy Scott, Connect Communications, request to print contact information, 1994
- Mona Edwards, National Transgender Resource Guide, request to print contact information, 1995
- Merissa Sherrill Lynn, IFGE, request to verify with CTO, 1995
- Flyer, This Ain't No Circus: It's Transgender Reality, Cambridge, MA, 1995
- Jessica Mann, Beacon Press, announcement of publication of Transgender Warriors (which the group is listed in), 1996
- Pierre Brassard, GRS in Montreal, letter about surgery services including pamphlets on phalloplasty and vaginoplasty, 1996
- Elise Harris, Out magazine, request to be on mailing list, 1996
- Different Voices, One Community: Connecticut's Fourth Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Conference, registration form, 1996
- Amy Levine, Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, request to print contact information, 1996
- USPS, change to zip code, 1997
- Kristin Rose, Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Erie County, request for information, 1999
- Nancy E. Kirk, Child and Family Service of Pioneer Valley, request to meet about services for transgender community, 2001
- S. E. Chase, GLBT Community Center Project of Western Massachusetts, request to meet or host an event, 2003
- Dr. Francis C. Richter, request for volunteers for research project on BDSM, 2006
- U.S. Department of Justice, FBI, invitation to community conference on implementing the Matthew Shepard Act, 2010
- Mikhael, invitation to FTM weekend in Vermont, undated
- Drew Campbell, Damron Company, request to confirm contact information, undated
- Sheila Kirk, IFGE, advertising monograph about FTMs, undated
- Richiesta Informazioni Italia, information on hotels in Barcelona, undated

Folder 4: Miscellaneous Notes

- Includes phone messages, to-do lists, individual/organizational contact information, etc.

Folder 5: Official Materials

- ECFTMG business cards
- ECFTMG meeting format
- Directions to Bet's house
- ECFTMG logo
- ECFTMG address labels
- Bet Power biographical information

Folder 6: Drafts by Bet Power (Newsletters, Meeting Topics)

- Includes masthead for Gender in Formation, drafts of newsletters, ideas for meeting topics, drafts of "Out of the medical-model two-gender box and into the fire of the Boston FTM Conference: a call for inclusion and unity"

Folder 7: Receipts

- Receipts from P.O. Box, copy centers, hand-written calculations

Folder 8: Published by/Correspondence from Bet Power

- ECFTMG special mailing: "Out of the medical-model two-gender box and into the fire of the Boston FTM Conference: a call for inclusion and unity"
- Page about ECFTMG and the SMA in *Transgender Warriors* by Leslie Feinberg
- Letter from Bet to Michael Kirk, wondering why he wants to be removed from the mailing list, 1992
- Letter from Bet to Les Feinberg, description of ECFTMG for inclusion in *Transgender Warriors*, 1995
- Letter from Bet to Daphne Reed, about Boston FTM conference, 1997
- Letter from Bet to Evan Sears, confirming he is on the mailing list, 2001
- Letter from Bet to Randy Phallus, information about FTM groups, 2001
- Note from Bet (presumably to ECFTMG email list?) about Child and Family Services of Pioneer Valley attending a meeting

Folder 9: Mailing Lists

- Notes of addresses or empty envelopes to put on the mailing list, take off the mailing list, or change address
- Handwritten, typewritten, database mailing lists, and email address books and mailing lists

Folder 10: Newsletters Returned to Sender, 1994-1998

Folder 11: Newsletters Returned to Sender, 1999-2004, 2011

Folder 12: Newsletters, 1992

- Press release about formation of ECFTMG
- Gender in Formation, April 1992
 - New FTM Group forms on the East Coast
 - "The Opposite Sex...is Neither!" Kate Bornstein performs in Northampton and Hartford
 - The Gender Bender Ball
 - FTM Network
 - Forefathers: Vesta Tilley, 1864-1952
 - Two Events of Interest—at Harvard! ("Which Photographer/Witch? Between the Act and the Deed" and "Crossdressing")

Folder 13: Newsletters, 1993

- Announcement of new mailing address and February meeting
- Letter announcing March meeting and three events: “Dress Codes” exhibit at Institute of Contemporary Art, Transgender National Meeting and S/M-Leather/Fetish Conference at March on Washington for Gay/Lesbian/Bi Rights weekend, and Northampton Pride March (including ‘Transgender’ in title for first time)
- Flyer, March: watching FTM videos including “Night Talk”
- Half-sheet flyer, May: Hormones
- Half-sheet flyer, June: watching FTM videos
- Half-sheet flyer, July: show-and-tell FTM products

Folder 14: Newsletters, 1994

- Flyer, May: Meet Leslie Feinberg, post-Pride celebration
- Flyer, December: sharing stories, next steps, information, resources

Folder 15: Newsletters, 1995

- Flyer, April: What have you done for you lately?
- Flyer, June: Products we use to better pass with
- Flyer, September: listening to audiotope “Story of a Transsexual Man”, watching video “Female Misbehavior”, discussing International FTM Conference in San Francisco
 - Also announces September event at UMass “Is She Butch—Or is He FTM?” from Bet Power

Folder 16: Newsletters, 1996

- Flyer, January: New Year’s Resolutions, audiotope “Story of a Transsexual Man”
- Flyer, May: “The Dynamics of the Female-to-Male Journey” by Ari Kane, M.Ed., Gender Specialist, and Eric Mac, new transman
 - also announces May event in Boston with slideshow presentation by Leslie Feinberg from new book *Transgender Warriors*
- Flyer, October: A Workshop on Female-to-Male “Packing”

Folder 17: Newsletters, 1997

- Newsletter, December-March
 - December: FTMs Speak: Our Relationships with Partners, Family, Friends, Employers
 - January: FTM Video Night
 - February: Partners Speak: Relationships with FTMs, Family, Friends, Employers
 - Issues of FTMs over Age 40 (also 5th anniversary of group)
- Newsletter, April-July
 - April: The Wonderful World of Men’s Clothes and Passing
 - May: Pissing and Packing
 - June: Transnatural: The FTM Path Without Hormones or Surgery
 - July: Dating and Finding the Loves of Our Lives
- Flyer, August: The Boston “T” Party—We’re Revolting!

- Flyer, SMFtMs—new S&M support group for FtMs, first meeting to be held in October or November
- Newsletter, July-November
 - July: Dating and Finding the Loves of Our Lives
 - August: The Boston “T” Party—We’re Revolting!
 - September: Let’s Talk About Sex
 - October: Just for the Fun of It
 - November: Relationships with Our Bio-Families

Folder 18: Newsletters, 1998

- Newsletter, November 1997-March
 - November: Relationships with Our Bio-Families
 - December: Up the Psychiatric/Medical System! Moving toward Transgender Pride
 - January: Tricks of the Trade
 - February: Our Lives at Work: How FTMs Cope on the Job
 - March: ECFTMG 6th Anniversary Party!
- Newsletter, April-July
 - April: Varieties of Sexual Orientation within the FTM Community
 - May: Relationships with our Significant Others
 - June: Gender Identification in our Dreams, Dream Imagery, Creative Projects, and Art
 - July: Political Activism for FTMs—An Afternoon with *It’s Time, Massachusetts*
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: What were you like as a child?
 - October: partner issues and identities
 - November: Let’s talk about sex
 - December: Tricks of the trade: Practical tips for passing in public restrooms
 - Events:
 - “FTM”, play, September, UMass
 - Transliberation: Beyond Pink and Blue, talk by Leslie Feinberg, Amherst
 - Support group for straight spouses in Northampton

Folder 19: Newsletters, 1999

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: What are our New Year’s resolutions for ourselves as FTMs?
 - February: Partner issues and identities
 - March: Tricks of the trade: Practical tips for passing in public restrooms
 - April: Dating and finding partners
 - Announcement:
 - Harvard researcher seeks LGBT subjects for cognitive study
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Crossdressing for summer

- June: Dildoes and prosthetics
- July: Relationships with our families
- August: Passing during physical activities and exercise
- Newsletter, October-December
 - October: Where do you go from here?
 - November: Make-a-penis day
 - December: FTM resources sharing

Folder 20: Newsletters, 2000

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Work/school issues
 - February: Focus on gay and bi FTMs
 - March: Focus on heterosexual FTMs
 - April: Partner issues and issues with partners
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Our relationships with the men in our families
 - June: Make-a-penis day
 - July: Expressions of masculinity
 - August: What kind of man are you?
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: How do you individually deal with the physical realities of your trans body?
 - October: Partner issues
 - November: My transition
 - December: Finding a partner

Folder 21: Newsletters, 2001

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Sex and your gender identity during sex, given the female aspects of your body
 - February: Spirituality and transgender consciousness
 - March: Negotiating life's gender-defined spaces
 - April: How do you communicate with others and stay true to who you are in the face of others' gender perceptions about you and gender expectations for you?
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Dealing with hierarchies in the FTM community: How do we open the field to include ALL of us?
 - June: FTM perspectives in other countries and cultures
 - July: Integrating your past identity and appearance into who you are today
 - August: Building a support network for your FTM self
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: The intersection of your gender, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, age, and class
 - October: Experiences and issues of partners of FTMs

- November: FTM sexuality
- December: Financial costs and planning for the physical transition from female to male

Folder 22: Newsletters, 2002

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Living ‘stealth’ versus living ‘out’
 - February: Tricks of the trade (pissing, packing, binding)—FTMS only
 - March: Being T in the LGBT community/movement—and also celebrate ECFTMG’s 10th anniversary!
 - April: Are you phobic: trans-, bi-, homo-, s/m-phobic?
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: FTMs + SOFFAs and Mental Health
 - June: Gender Identity and the Law
 - July: Nurturing Loving Relationships During Transition
 - August: Anger Management for FTMs
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Body Language
 - October: Sex
 - November: Friendships & Family Relationships
 - December: The Inner Transition

Folder 23: Newsletters, 2003

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Dating for FTMs and SOs
 - February: Employment Issues
 - March: Gynecological Healthcare for FTMs
 - April: The Translexicon
- Envelope, Questions from “The FTM Sexuality Game”, June 8
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Your Next Step
 - June: The FTM Sexuality Game
 - July: Your Post-Transition Experience
 - August: Partner Identities and Issues/Issues with Partners
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Spiritual Economy for FTMs
 - October: Trans and Alternative Sexualities
 - November: Compartmentalized versus Integrated Self
 - December: Financing Your FTM Transition

Folder 24: Newsletters, 2004

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Your Gender Journey: An Exploration
 - February: Metrosexual FTMs
 - March: Coming Out as Trans
 - April: Interfacing with Healthcare Professionals
- Newsletter, May-August

- May: FTM Photo Share
- June: Legal Documentation
- July: Tranz Picnic on the Riverbank
- August: Restroom Strategies/“Toilet Training” (film)
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Social Skills as a Man
 - October: Clothing
 - November: Employment Issues
 - December: FTM Shorts (Videos)

Folder 25: Newsletters, 2005

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Self-Acceptance—and Then What?
 - February: SOFFA Issues/Issues with SOFFAs
 - March: Making Social Contacts and Dating
 - April: Anger and Anger Management for FTMs
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: FTMs and Sexism
 - June: What is Trans Enough? Who Gets to Call Themselves Trans?
 - July: Trans-Sex—FTMs Only
 - August: Tranz Picnic 2 by the Riverbank
- Event Flyer for Tranz Picnic 2 by the Riverbank (Sept. 11)
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Tranz Picnic 2 by the Riverbank
 - October: “Toilet Training” (film)
 - November: No-hos and Lo-do-hos
 - December: Not Like Me

Folder 26: Newsletters, 2006

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: “Transgeneration” (Episodes 1-4), TV series
 - February: “Transgeneration” (Episodes 5-8), TV series
 - March: Stand & Pee—For FTMs and masculine-identified, female-born persons only
 - April: Pronouns
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Gender in Love
 - June: Trans Activism
 - July: Trans Youth Issues
 - August: Dealing with Medical Providers
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Meditation
 - October: Dating
 - November: Gender Identity and Expression at Work
 - December: Testosterone

Folder 27: Newsletters, 2007

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Relationships: In One? Want One?
 - February: Sex—For FTMs and masculine-identified, female-born persons only
 - March: Spirituality and the Journey of the Soul
 - April: Top Surgery
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Coming Out to Your Family as Trans; Transitioning with Your Family
 - June: Gender Expression and Employment
 - July: Tranz Picnic 3 by the Riverbank
 - August: Transmen and Feminism
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Planning for Fundraiser for Bet Power
 - October: Gender-Normative Social Roles
 - November: How and Where to Meet Dates
 - December: Your Gender Identity and Sexual Relationships

Folder 28: Newsletters, 2008

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Coming Out Trans to People Close to Us
 - February: Partners and Significant Others
 - March: Spirituality and/or Religious Affiliations
 - April: Chest Surgery Show and Tell—FTMs only
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Our Bodies, the Battleground (Taboo and Taking Care)
 - June: Relationship Challenges
 - July: Bottom Surgery—FTMs only
 - August: Coming Out as Trans
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: Navigating Safely in Gendered Spaces & Situations
 - October: Transphobia: Our Own and Others'
 - November: Sexuality, Negotiation, and Staying Safe—FTMs only
 - December: Do Clothes Make the Man?

Folder 29: Newsletters, 2009

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Transmasculine and Dealing with the Healthcare System
 - February: Employment and Experiences at Work
 - March: Do Clothes Make the Man?
 - April: Sexuality, Negotiation, and Staying Safe—FTMs only
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Sexism and Misogyny in the Trans Community
 - June: Trans-masculine Gender Expression and Body Image—FTMs only
 - July: Isolation and Loneliness

- August: Trans Videos or Trans Community Cookout, To Be Announced
- Newsletter, September-December
 - September: A free workshop conducted by acclaimed writer and performance artist Scott Turner Schofield: Gender Self-Esteem: Loving Non-Conformity for All Bodies and Identities
 - October: Trans Men and Our Careers
 - November: Transgiving Dinner
 - December: Hate Versus Happiness

Folder 30: Newsletters, 2010

- Newsletter, January-April
 - January: Defining Masculinity
 - February: Creating Your Family
 - March: What Your Father Taught You/What He Didn't, That You'd Like to Learn—FTMs only
 - April: Transgender and Aging
- Newsletter, May-August
 - May: Defining Masculinity—FTMs only
 - June: Medical Transition—FTMs only
 - July: Social in the Sun
 - August: Creating Your Family
- Newsletter, September-December (no longer inviting SOFFAs or MTFs to meetings unless specified)
 - September: Dealing with Your Physical Body
 - October: Your Male Gender Presentation
 - November: FTM Medical Transition
 - December: Building FTM Community

Folder 31: Newsletters, 2011

- Half-sheet Flyer: FTM Trans Youth Issues, February
- Newsletters, January-April
 - January: What It Means to Be a Man
 - February: Trans Youth and Our Own Trans Youths—open to all people in trans community including trans feminine and SOFFAs
 - March: Building FTM Community / Happy Birthday, ECFTMG
 - April: Enhancing Your Masculine Gender Expression
- Newsletters, May-August
 - May: More Trans Than You? Or Trans Enough?
 - June: The “-isms” in the Trans Male Community: Sexism, Racism, Classism
 - July: Personal Safety and Self-Defense
 - August: Transphobia: External and Internalized
- Newsletters, September-December
 - September: Trans Men and Loneliness
 - October: Trans Men in Gendered Spaces
 - November: Transgiving Dinner (Potluck)

-December: Your Whole Self

Folder 32: Newsletters, 2012

- Newsletters, January-April
 - January: “Becoming Chaz” (film)
 - February: The Costs of FTM Transition
 - March: Trans Male Creativity
 - April: The Trans Community
- Newsletters, May-August
 - May: Our Experiences with Medical Transition
 - June: “Albert Nobbs” (film)
 - July: Working While Trans
 - August: Defining Masculinity
- Newsletters, September-December
 - September: Navigating the Healthcare System and the Law While Transitioning
 - October: Non-medical Aspects of the Trans Journey
 - November: Transgiving Dinner (Potluck): Thank Heavens I’m Trans!
 - December: Spirituality and Our Trans Journeys

Folder 33: Newsletters, 2013

- Newsletters, January-April
 - January: Our Families and Family Relationships
 - February: Trans Literacy
 - March: Trans Male in a Man’s World – plus – ECFTMG’s 21st Anniversary Celebration!
 - April: Trans Legalities
- Newsletters, May-August
 - May: View and Discuss the Film “Pariah”
 - June: Trans Men and Physical Health, Reproductive Health and Healthcare
 - July: Out or Not? Options for Self-Disclosure
 - August: Trans Men and Love Relationships
- Newsletters, September – December
 - o September: Out or Not? Options for Self-Disclosure
 - o October: Below the Belt
 - o November: Experiences with Healthcare Providers
 - o December: Trans Men in Books and Films

[Note: Correspondence is mostly newsletter and information requests, as well as longer, more involved letters to Bet and/or the ECFTMG. Correspondence is rubber-banded and ordered chronologically by postmark.]

Folder 34: Correspondence, 1992-1994

Folder 35: Correspondence, 1995-1996

Folder 36: Correspondence, 1997-2010; Undated

[Note: Emails are also often about getting on or off the mailing list, or switching from mailing to email list, along with emails from organizations and individuals with information requests or other, more involved emails.]

Folder 37: Emails, 1999-2001

Folder 38: Emails, 2002

Folder 39: Emails, 2003-2004

Folder 40: Emails, 2005-

Oversized Material (on the side of the box)

-Large envelope, from MIT (Transsexual Identity Movement) in Bologna, Italy, requesting for the enclosed materials to be publicized, 2000

-Manila envelope, labeled “*Transgender Warriors* Photo from ECFTMG”, contains print copies of photo shoot for *Transgender Warriors*, a letter from Leslie Feinberg requesting the rights to the photograph to publish in the book, negatives, notes, photocopies of the photograph, a response from Bet Power to Leslie Feinberg about the rights to the photograph, signed release forms from the subjects in the photograph, blank release forms, a USPS receipt, drafts of the caption for the photograph, an express mail slip from Bet to Leslie, and a copy of the caption and a scanning receipt from Bet to Leslie, 1995

-Padded envelope, CD containing ECFTMG.org files, 2008

-Large envelope, original first ECFTMG newsletter with Kinko’s receipt, 1992