

**GLBT Historical Society**  
**Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections**  
**Holdings related to Lou Sullivan**

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This research guide is intended to help users locate holdings related to Lou Sullivan in the GLBT Historical Society Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Special Collections.

Sections include:

- Manuscript Collections
- Audio and Film Recordings
- Periodicals

Other collections may also contain relevant materials. Researchers are encouraged to conduct their own searches of the catalog and finding aids. Please reach out to [reference@glbthistory.org](mailto:reference@glbthistory.org) with any questions or comments.

**Manuscript Collections**

**Louis Graydon Sullivan Papers (1991-07).** Sullivan's personal collection contains his diaries, subject files, correspondence, audiovisual materials, and the manuscript materials for his book *From Female to Male: The Life of Jack Bee Garland*. The finding aid to the collection contains a bibliography of Sullivan's published works, some of which can be found in the Society's periodicals collection.

More than 400 pieces of correspondence from this collection are available online at the Digital Transgender Archive:  
[https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/catalog?f%5Bcollection\\_name\\_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Lou+Sullivan+Collection](https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/catalog?f%5Bcollection_name_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Lou+Sullivan+Collection)

**Louis Graydon Sullivan Correspondence with David (2009-02).** This small collection compiles the 1980s correspondence between Sullivan and another trans man.

**FTM International Records (2006-25).** FTM International, founded by Sullivan in 1986, serves transmasculine people and their allies. The records document the organization's history and its social, cultural, and political work.

**Audio and Film Recordings**

**A film recording of Sullivan appearing on a panel about gender-nonconforming people and AIDS** has been digitized and is available on the Internet Archive:  
<https://archive.org/details/panel-on-gender-nonconforming-people-and-aids>

**Excerpts from Sullivan’s recorded conversations with Dr. Ira Pauly** have been digitized and are available at the Digital Transgender Archive:

[https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/catalog?f%5Bcollection\\_name\\_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Lou+Sullivan+Collection&f%5Bgenre\\_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Motion+Pictures](https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/catalog?f%5Bcollection_name_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Lou+Sullivan+Collection&f%5Bgenre_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Motion+Pictures)

**A recording of an Educational Transvestite Channel (ECTV) meeting**, during which Sullivan appears on a panel about gender nonconformity, has been digitized and is available through the archives; please contact [reference@glbthistory.org](mailto:reference@glbthistory.org) for access.

### Periodicals

**The complete run of the Bay Area Reporter (BAR)** has been digitized and is keyword searchable and available here: <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=cl&cl=CL2.1995.09&sp=BAR&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1>

The BAR is a good source on a variety of topics. Here is a search for “Lou Sullivan” – bearing in mind that many articles about AIDS will reference Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under George W. Bush, who was also nicknamed “Lou”:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=q&hs=1&r=1&results=1&txq=%22lou+sullivan%22&puq=BAR&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1>

A search for “Louis Sullivan” returns primarily references to Dr. Sullivan, with some exceptions: <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=q&hs=1&r=1&results=1&txq=%22louis+sullivan%22&dafdq=&dafmq=&dafyq=&datdq=&datmq=&datyq=&puq=BAR&txf=txIN&ssnip=txt&oa=&oa=1&e=-----en--20--BAR-1--txt-txIN-%22lou+sullivan%22-----1>

Here is Lou Sullivan’s BAR obituary:

[http://obit.glbthistory.org/olo/display.jsp?name=19910404\\_Sullivan\\_Louis](http://obit.glbthistory.org/olo/display.jsp?name=19910404_Sullivan_Louis)

Sullivan was the editor of **The Gateway**, the newsletter of local trans organization Golden Gate Girls/Guys. Issues from 1978 to 1980 are available in the Society’s periodicals collection.

Sullivan was also a frequent contributor to the transmasculine newsletter **Metamorphosis**. Issues from 1982-1988 are available in the periodicals collection, and online at the Digital Transgender Archive:

[https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/catalog?f%5Bgenre\\_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Newsletters&q=metamorphosis&search\\_field=all\\_fields](https://www.digitaltransgenderarchive.net/catalog?f%5Bgenre_ssim%5D%5B%5D=Newsletters&q=metamorphosis&search_field=all_fields)