LGBTQ Oral History Project
Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (Spring 2018)
Northern Kentucky University

Narrators: Terry Bond and Carl Fox
Interviewers: Alyssa Bowling and Daonna Owens
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Oral histories are a unique way to collect the personal experiences and perspectives of individuals so that their voices can be heard for many generations to come. It is important to get a wide variety of reflections and perspective to enrich our understanding of life and how historical events affect different groups of people. This is the interview of Carl Fox and Terry Bond of Newport KY. Carl Fox was born in the 50s and owned Rosie’s Tavern before opening The Crazy Fox Saloon with Terry Bond. Terry was born in the 60s and met Carl in 1996. This interview covers the experiences of these two men in the LGBTQ community from their first realizations to their recent achievements and contributions to the community. Mr. Fox identifies as a gay man, while Mr. Bond identifies as a bisexual man. During the interview they discuss how they came out to family and friends, their ideas on queer representation in media and the importance of inclusive and intersectional safe spaces. They also talked with us about some of the struggles they have faced in the community, such as their experiences of bar raids, the AIDS crisis and receiving death threats from Neo-Nazi hate groups. On a brighter note, they also told us many stories about how the city of Newport came forward to help them through the threats. They talk about diversity and the importance of having allies. They were the Grand Marshals for the first Northern Kentucky Pride Parade in 2017, a day they both remember fondly. It was very kind of them to agree to talk with us and add their voices and unique experiences to the rich LGBTQ history that is, unfortunately, underrepresented in mainstream history outlets.