

# Guide to the Anne Balay Oral Histories With Steel Workers, 2009 - 2011.

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## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

**Title:**

Anne Balay oral histories with steel workers, 2009 - 2011.

**Collection Number:**

7787

**Creator:**

Balay, Anne

**Quantity:**

.1 cubic feet

**Forms of Material:**

Oral histories

**Repository:**

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**Abstract:**

Transcripts of 38 interviews with lesbian, gay, and transgender steel workers from Northwest Indiana and Ontario, Canada.

**Language:**

Collection material in English

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Balay conducted oral history interviews with forty lesbian, gay, and transgender steel workers and subsequently wrote the 2014 book "Steel Closets: Voices of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Steelworkers." Thirty-five steel workers live in Northwest Indiana. Five live in Ontario, Canada. Four are transgender: one FTM (female to male) and three MTF (male to female).

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## **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

Transcripts of 38 interviews with lesbian, gay, and transgender steel workers from Northwest Indiana and Ontario, Canada. Identifying information of the individual steel workers has been deleted, and may be made available in 2114. Balay assigned pseudonyms. Topics covered in the interviews include workplace hazards, occupational related cancer, alcoholism, masculinity, homophobia in the workplace, and how these individuals negotiate their lives in conditions quite hostile to transgender people and homosexuals.

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## **SUBJECTS**

### **Names:**

Balay, Anne

### **Subjects:**

Blue collar workers.

Gays -- Alcohol use.

Gays -- Employment.

Butch and femme (Lesbian culture).

Homophobia.

Iron and steel workers -- Diseases.

Iron and steel workers -- Indiana -- United States.

Iron and steel workers -- Ontario -- Canada.

Masculinity.

Transgender people -- Alcohol use.

Transgender people -- Employment.

### **Form and Genre Terms:**

Interviews.

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## **INFORMATION FOR USERS**

### **Access Restrictions:**

Until January 2064, transcripts may not be digitized, reproduced, or made available electronically. Researchers may view them and take notes, but are not allowed to make reproductions, digital or otherwise. Researchers are not allowed to bring a digital camera into the reading room.

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## NOTES

Collecting Program: Human Sexuality Collection.

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n.d.	ate, Larry/Lisa, Marie	Box 1 Folder 6