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How Did Lesbians Find Their Way Around Atlanta



Gareth Fenley's Guidebook and more

Gareth Fenley is a social worker, entrepreneur, community volunteer, graduate of the University of Georgia (2004), and she wrote the "Guide for Lesbians Moving to Atlanta, Georgia," from 1995 to final edited version in 2015. She included eleven counties in metropolitan Atlanta, all of which she knows well. This area is full of treasured landmarks of lesbian culture and Gareth provides good information about the culture and the people of Atlanta from the early 1990s and beyond.

A lot of this information would otherwise be lost to herstory, and for that, we greatly appreciate Gareth Fenley for submitting this to the Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist Herstory Project.

What is she up to now? A business owner and teacher, Gareth Fenley also won her primary to be the Democratic Party nominee for Georgia State Senate District 46 in November. She has been endorsed by the Georgia WIN List, which backs women candidates who champion reproductive freedom. Gareth's campaign slogan is, "For choice. For democracy. For tomorrow."

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You are invited to participate:

Who inspired you to lesbian feminism?

**Send us the name of your most significant Shero
with a brief reason why she inspires you.**

Both she and you can remain anonymous if you want (just say so) since we will PUBLISH these here on our SLFAHP website.

Send submissions today to: slfainspired@gmail.com. Here's an example:

Rose Norman got her inspiration from Nancy Finley. "At the time, Nancy Finley was the chair of the Sociology Department at my university. She said, 'Let's see who might be interested in starting a women's studies program.'

"She made feminism seductive, and she opened my eyes to structural causes of oppression. She walks the talk in all aspects of her life."

The Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist

Herstory Project

We collect, archive, and celebrate oral and written stories of unsung, Southern, lesbian-feminist activists during the second half of the twentieth century. We are proud of our contributions to lesbian culture, strengthened by our collective voices.

Many of us recognized that the lesbian-feminist voices of Southern lesbians had been omitted or marginalized in mainstream literature of the LGBTQ movement as well as from feminist history. We are the antidote to this omission. We worked with Duke University to set up archives, did interviews all over the south, and eventually collaborated with Julie Enszer to publish 6 issues of Sinister Wisdom, full of all our stories. Now we maintain our website and update it monthly, as you hear about through this newsletter. We are still gathering more Southern lesbian stories, interviewing, writing, editing, tracking and networking.

We are always ready to welcome new collaborators! If you would like to join the SLFAHP group, email us at SLFAHerstoryProject@gmail.com.

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