

Sexual Representation Collection
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Carey Gray Collection Description and Finding Aid

Accession Numbers

2014.002.001 - 2014.002.001

Physical Extent / Format

Dates

1993-2011

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Textual records, ephemera, several DVDs

Background Information

Carey Gray is the founder and owner of Toronto-based leatherware store, Aslan Leather. He is known for making leather dildo harnesses and BDSM gear designed for women's and trans mens' bodies. He also owns Studio Ten Toronto, a play space equipped with Aslan gear.

Source of Acquisition

Carey Gray

Scope and Content

The collection mainly consists of promotional materials from Aslan, including catalogues, business cards, and handbills advertising events sponsored by Aslan.

Topics of Interest to Researchers

- BDSM, Fetish
- Trans, queer, and women's representation
- Toronto fetish scene

Restrictions on Access: None

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2014.002.001	catalogue	1993	Aslan Leather Fall 1993 Catalogue; includes images/descriptions of products plus a price list/order form; letter from (then called) 'Carrie' Gray, the founder of Aslan Leather, which states that this is the first catalogue - contains good contextualizing information	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.002	catalogue	1994	Aslan Leather Summer 1994 Catalogue; includes images/descriptions of products plus a price list/order form; two advertisements at the back as well; opening letter from (then called) 'Carrie' Gray, which states that this is the 2nd edition of Aslan's catalogue	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.003	catalogue	1995	Aslan Leather Summer 1995 Catalogue; includes images/descriptions of products plus a price list/order form; 3rd edition of Aslan's catalogue - "dedicated to the fight against censorship"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.004	catalogue	1996	Aslan Leather Summer 1996 Catalogue; includes images/descriptions of products plus a price list/order form; catalogue costs \$2; 4th edition of Aslan's catalogue - "dedicated to women who follow their own desires"; first usage of the lion in a triangle logo	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.005	catalogue	1997	Aslan Leather 1997 Catalogue; includes images/descriptions of products plus a price list/order form; catalogue costs \$3; identifies as a woman-owned and operated business; mentions their new retail business venture - Come As You Are, "Toronto's first cooperatively owned and run sex toy store, opened on June 6, 1997; Fifth Anniversary edition - dedicated "to the courage, power and beauty of Femme Tops world over"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.006	catalogue	2000	Aslan Leather 2000 Wholesale Catalogue; includes colour images/descriptions of products	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.007	handbill	unknown	plain paper handbill with black/white printing; image plus "Aslan Leather; Leather and Rubber dildo harnesses, belts, suspenders, cuffs by Carrie" with an address/phone number to get a catalogue	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.008	handbill	unknown	front - image of woman wearing Aslan Leather products; back lists contact information, range of products, and list of cities/retail stores selling Aslan products; has lion in a triangle logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Leave your inhibitions behind..."	Nicole Ritchie

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2014.002.009	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Carey Gray and woman (same as woman pictured in 2014.002.008) in Aslan products; back lists contact information, range of products, and list of cities/retail stores selling Aslan products; has the lion in a triangle logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Leave your inhibitions behind..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.010	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Carey Gray (right) with female-bodied person in Aslan products; back - lists contact information and range of products; Richard Swiecki Photography; has the lion in a triangle logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Leave your inhibitions behind..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.011	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Carey Gray (right) with female-bodied person in Aslan products; back - lists contact information and range of products; Richard Swiecki Photography; has the lion in a triangle logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Leave your inhibitions behind..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.012	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of a female-bodied person (same individual pictured in 2014.002.011) in Aslan products; back - lists contact information and range of products; Richard Swiecki Photography; has the lion in a triangle logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Leave your inhibitions behind..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.013	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Harness your desire..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.014	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Harness your desire..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.015	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Cockwolf and Robbie in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Harness your desire..."	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.016	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Derrick J and Nipper in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Harness your desire..."	Nicole Ritchie
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2014.002.017	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "for the Best in Strap on Sex"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.018	handbill x 2	2005?	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Carey Gray in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; R. Siwecki Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "for the Best in Strap on Sex"; one of the two copies as white stickers covering printed text from Carrie - presumably dates this handbill to 2005; white sticker has 15% off for Dark Odyssey WF attendees	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.019	handbill	unknown	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of Cockwolf and Robbie in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "For the Best in Bondage"	Nicole Ritchie
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2014.002.020	handbill	2008	front - text "Aslan Leather" with image of a female-bodied person in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "For the Best in Strap-on Sex; celebrating 15 years of Business"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.021	handbill	unknown	front - text "Designed for Pleasure Aslan Leather" with image of Bondage Kitten in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; has a sticker stating 15% off for Dark Odyssey WF attendees	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.022	handbill	unknown	front - text "Designed for Pleasure Aslan Leather" with image of Jordan in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; has a sticker stating 15% off for Dark Odyssey WF attendees	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.023	handbill	2008	front - text "Happy Holidays from Aslan Leather" with image of the ASLAN production team 2008 including Bondage Kitten in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather	Nicole Ritchie
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2014.002.024	handbill	unknown	front - text "ASLANLeather.com" with images of James Darling in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "The Best in Strap On Sex"	Nicole Ritchie

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2014.002.025	handbill	unknown	front - text "ASLANLeather.com" with images of Saul in Aslan products; back - lists contact information; Carrie Gray Photography; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "The Best in Bondage"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.026	ad	2004	advertisement placement for Aslan Leather in a magazine with others on the page - black/white image is that same as 2014.002.014 picturing Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles; has website/phone number; has the newer plain lion logo for Aslan Leather; slogan is "Harness your Desire"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.027	ad	2005	advertisement placement for Aslan Leather in a "On Our Backs" magazine Fall 2005 with others on the page - black/white image of Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles; has website/phone number; has slogan "Discover the Pleasure Principle"; list of range of product as border; same ad as 2014.002.028-029	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.028	ad	2006	advertisement placement for Aslan Leather in a "On Our Backs" magazine Spring 2006 with others on the page - black/white image of Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles; has website/phone number; has slogan "Discover the Pleasure Principle"; list of range of product as border; same ad as 2014.002.027 and .029	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.029	ad	2006	advertisement placement for Aslan Leather in a "On Our Backs" magazine Winter 2006 with others on the page - black/white image of Kitty Neptune of The Scandelles; has website/phone number; has slogan "Discover the Pleasure Principle"; list of range of product as border; same ad as 2014.002.027-028; of note: ad for Good for Her and Come As You Are on the same page	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.030	photo	unknown	image of a female-bodied person in Aslan products; featured in one of the earlier catalogues	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.031	photo	unknown	image of a female-bodied person in Aslan products; featured in one of the earlier catalogues	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.032	handbill negative	1996/7?	front of handbill negative taped to orange paper; image is of a line-up of female-bodied persons pictured from shoulders down in Aslan strap-ons; Aslan Leather logo of the lion in the triangle	Nicole Ritchie

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2014.002.033	handbill negative	1996/7?	back of handbill negative taped to orange paper; text says "Aslan Leather Salutes Femme Tops; Coming soon...1997 Catalogue; The New Fifth Anniversary Aslan Catalogue will eb out mid July. Look for it at Toronto's new cooperatively owned sex toy store: Come As You Are"; lists contact info for CAYA and Carrie; lists other stores where Aslan products are available	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.034	program	2011	program for "Queer Play Con, May 20-22, 2011, Hartford"; Aslan Leather is a featured vendor (page 3) and Carrie Gray is a presenter - their bio is listed on page 9	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.035	handbill	unknown	advertising "Spank: Fetish Night, Friday, July 16th, feautring dj Nikki Red @ The Gladstone Ballroom"; in association with Folsom Fair North, presented by Aslan Leather; for lesbians, bisexual, queer, and transgendered folks; lists ticket details/dress code etc.; sponsored also by Come As You Are, SOY: Supporting our Youth, and Good for Her	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.036	handbill	unknown	advertising Studio Ten Toronto - "private space for your personal pleasure"; "accessible play space equipped with ASLAN bondage gear and toys, play furniture, sybian machine, bondage bedroom; discreet central location, great for kinky couples, smal sex parties, kink education classes, photo/video shoots"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.037	handbill	2010	advertising "Switch: A Queer Porno Play Party" on Saturday, April 10, 2010 @ Renegade, 1266 Queen St W, 10pm-3am; supported by ASLAN leather; back defines 'queer' and 'switch parties', as well as lists the dresscode, ticket prices	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.038	handbill	2010	advertising "Switch: A Queer Porno Play Party" on June 30, 2010 @ Renegade, 1266 Queen St W, 10pm-3am; supported by ASLAN leather; "Tranny Pride edition with Buck Angel" ; back defines 'queer' and 'switch parties', as well as lists the dresscode, ticket prices	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.039	handbill	2011	advertising "Switch: Poolside for Pride" on Sunday, July 3, 2011 @ Oasis Aqualounge 231 Mutual St, 9pm-3am; supported by ASLAN leather; back defines 'queer' and 'switch parties', as well as lists the dresscode, ticket prices	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.040	handbill	2011	advertising "Switch: Back to School" on September 25, 2011 @ Oasis Aqualounge 231 Mutual St, 7pm-12:30am; supported by ASLAN leather; back defines 'queer' and 'switch parties', as well as lists the dresscode, ticket prices	Nicole Ritchie

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2014.002.041	article	1999	Newspaper clipping from Eye on August 5, 1999 entitled "Super superheroes: Anna Malkin tackles some Amazing Amazons"; discusses Toronto premise and relation to Come As You Are, a co-op sex shop affiliated with Carey Gray	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.042	handbill	2002	advertising ASLAN Leather at Michigan 2002 Booth No. 10 Crafts Area; back mimicks playing cards - this is an Ace - "Collect all 4 cards and save 10%"	Nicole Ritchie
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2014.002.043	handbill	2002	advertising ASLAN Leather at Michigan 2002 Booth No. 10 Crafts Area; back mimicks playing cards - this is a Queen - "Collect all 4 cards and save 10%"	Nicole Ritchie
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2014.002.044	handbill	2002	advertising ASLAN Leather at Michigan 2002 Booth No. 10 Crafts Area; back mimicks playing cards - this is a King - "Collect all 4 cards and save 10%"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.045	handbill	2002	advertising ASLAN Leather at Michigan 2002 Booth No. 10 Crafts Area; back mimicks playing cards - this is a Jack - "Collect all 4 cards and save 10%"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.046	handbills	2002	letter size print out of the above four handbills/cards - advertising ASLAN Leather at Michigan 2002 Booth No. 10 Crafts Area; back mimicks playing cards- Jack, Queen, King, Ace - "Collect all 4 cards and save 10%"	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.047	handbill	2002	advertising "Strap-on Sex & Desire Workshop" by ASLAN Leather and Carrie Gray on Friday, August 16, 1-3:30pm, Area 9 Michigan 2002	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.048	handbills	2004	letter size print out of the above four handbills/cards - advertising "Strap-on Sex & Desire Workshop" by ASLAN Leather and Carrie Gray at Michigan 2004 Area 9 on Friday, August 13th, 9:30-12:00	Nicole Ritchie

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2014.002.049	handbills x 2	2005	letter size print out of the above four handbills/cards - advertising "Strap-on Sex & Desire Workshop" by ASLAN Leather and Carrie Gray at Michigan 2005 Area 9 on Friday, August 12th, 1-3pm; 2 copies but on different types of paper	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.050	handbills	unknown	letter size print out of the above four handbills/cards - advertising ASLAN Leather - presumably for Michigan as says come visit craft area; picture of female bust	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.051	handbills	unknown	letter size print out of the above four handbills/cards - advertising ASLAN Leather - presumably for Michigan as says come visit craft area; picture of a packing crotch	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.052	handbill	2006	advertising "Homo A Gogo: Queer music, film, art, performance, and activism festival" on August 1-6, 2006 in Olympia, WA; lists featured artists; back has highlight photos of major performers, and lists sponsors - ASLAN Leather was a sponsor	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.053	thank you handbill	2006	advertising "Homo A Gogo: Queer music, film, art, performance, and activism festival" on August 1-6, 2006 in Olympia, WA; lists featured artists; back has a thank you note to Carrie from the Executive Director of the festival	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.054	poster	2006	in oversize storage - advertising "Homo A Gogo: Queer music, film, art, performance, and activism festival" on August 1-6, 2006 in Olympia, WA; lists featured artists	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.055	program	2006	extensive program for the "Homo A Gogo: Queer music, film, art, performance, and activism festival" on August 1-6, 2006 in Olympia, WA; contain ASLAN Leather advertisement	Nicole Ritchie
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2014.002.056	dvd	unknown	Top Fuck: Papi Coxxx and Power Jones; by House of Switch Productions; featuring Carey Gray	Nicole Ritchie

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2014.002.057	dvd	unknown	Switch Life: Malcolm XXX (Power Jones), Sophia St. James, Jiz Lee; by House of Switch Productions; featuring Carey Gray	Nicole Ritchie
2014.002.058	dvd	unknown	Power at Play: Power Jones; by House of Switch Productions; featuring Carey Gray	Nicole Ritchie