

Narrator: Jesse Rude
Interviewer/Indexer: David Pratt
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Equipment: Tascam DR-40 Handheld 4-Track Recorder

I interviewed Jesse Rude at the LGBT Center in New York City the day after the Supreme Court made public its decisions regarding the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8. Amid continuing positive feelings from the previous day's civil rights successes, Jesse related the changes he has experienced since growing up in rural Virginia without gay role models. We discussed the gradual acceptance of his identity during his first two years at William & Mary, the people who helped him along the way, and the positive growth in his life and in American culture since he first came to William & Mary in 1993.

-David Pratt, July 11, 2013