

## Log

Interviewee: Lawrence D. Griffith  
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00:00	Relationship to the College of William and Mary: Class of 1981, Lambda Chair
00:25	Stories about college years: roommate and female student both made anti-gay remarks on first day; classes and professors; meeting other active members of GLBTQ community
04:00	Receiving HIV diagnosis
04:30	Graduated 1981 and met partner Created GALA tolerance ads for the Flat Hat
05:00	Daily Press story about him and HIV
06:30	Scholarship and student aid
07:20	Attended the College of William and Mary because he didn't get in to others
07:45	Changes at the university including: All the students are out; no one cruises anymore; everyone is on the internet
08:30	Most memorable experiences at the College of William and Mary
09:30	Memorable faculty include Barbara Watkinson, but no bonding
10:00	Relationship with administration since graduation-steers clear of them; glad College is becoming more open
11:20	Had it easy- was out already; no heartbreaking stories
12:15	Gay "Joe the Plumber"
12:30	Relationship between Swem Library and GALA
13:15	Causes most passionate about include HIV prevention and the experience of being an educator
14:30	Experience with Episcopal parish
15:30	Parents were supportive, socially liberal. Father accepted partner into the family; expects society to do the same.
17:00	27 year relationship with partner
18:00	Activities at college: GALA, intolerance ads in the Flat Hat, dances
19:00	Favorite intolerance ads: "William of Orange dated men"; "When will 'Faggot' become the F- word?"

21:50	Experiences living in Virginia: rural Virginia is very relaxed; Colonial Williamsburg very tolerant, sophisticated; College is not a tough place
23:30	This part of Virginia is troubling: hate crimes, conservatism
23:50	What is important to the future of GALA? More members, more money and funding for students
25:00	What else needs to be done/ what are challenges? -Getting community involved no challenges though -Marching in homecoming parade
26:00	First March on Washington (1978): Happiness, but left bubble and met unhappiness
28:00	Trans are more accepted in Equality Virginia, less drag queens now
29:00	Idea of the metrosexual integration within hetero community
30:00	Returns to William and Mary because lives here/home, part of him
30:30	Talks about his book <i>Flowers and Herbs of Early America</i>
32:00	Influences: the classics; Bible as literature
33:30	Living with HIV: has been taking meds for twenty years; losing healthcare would be death sentence; complicated his life, has lived with it for 28 years
37:00	Memories of Stephen Snell as larger than life
38:00	Other people: Harlen, Eddie Carroll; knew many people who have died from AIDS including godfather who survived Auschwitz, but died of AIDS
40:00	Funniest memories: crashing a frat party wearing a pink shirt and pearls, dancing at GALA events
41:30	William and Mary is a comfortable place to be gay and out; fond memories