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**“In a World of Prims’: 2SLGBTQIA+ Student Life and Activism at
the University of Guelph, 1990-1999”**

Abstract

This research explores Queer student life and activism at the University of Guelph during the 1990s, focusing on how students navigated and shaped campus culture amid socio-political changes. Drawing on oral history interviews with former Queer students and activists, as well as campus archival materials, the study highlights key moments of Queer student mobilization, including protests, advocacy efforts, and the formation of student organizations. By foregrounding Queer student voices, the study provides a nuanced understanding of how individuals and groups challenged institutional practices, advanced social justice causes, and participated in larger social movements of the time. The project also sheds light on the broader experience of Queer student life in the 1990s, including shifts in campus demographics, attitudes towards queer students, and changing expectations of higher education.

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