

Mapping LGBTQ St. Louis
Additional Information Sheet

Location:

Gender Identity Clinic

Washington University School of Medicine; Wohl Building

4950 Children's Place

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In 1966 Dr. Eli Robins, head of psychiatry, and Dr. Marcel Saghir embarked on research interviewing "homophiles" to better understand same-sex relationships. Their research started with interviews of "male homophiles" in Chicago and St. Louis. In an attempt to locate "female homophiles" researchers contacted the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB) in San Francisco, whose research division helped put them in touch with women to interview. By 1970 a formal clinic was established, the Washington University Gender Identity Clinic, which continued research until 1972 when Dr. Saghir left the university. Publications by Robins and Saghir were some of the earliest medical studies produced that clearly demonstrated that sexuality - whether homosexual or heterosexual - was an unchanging fixed part of human beings.

For additional history see: