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Dear Andreas and the ALMS committee,

I can hardly express the gratitude I feel for your lending support to attend this year's conference in Berlin. That said, what follows is an attempt. I have never attended such a welcoming and thoughtfully constructed event that so deftly wove together an international audience of attendees to discuss the work of oral history, archivy, art practice, and critical theories of knowledge. On a personal scale, I was thrilled to be placed on a panel for the first time with other scholars working with queer elders and discussing how sexuality plays into discussions of identity construction, aging, desirability, and historical erasure. Between sessions I met new international collaborators and hopefully future colleagues who were excited to share our joys and horror stories, as well as push each other to rethink what makes our work conscious to its effect in the world. Unfortunately I do not have many pictures to share. I kept my hands busy scribbling in the GORGEOUS program you provided. Thank you again for unforgettable experience, and the start of many new plans to come. I only wish I were in a position to work on the next iteration of LGBTQ+ ALMS.