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June LGBTQ History Programs Highlight Disease Harm Reduction, Queer Symbols, Testing & Contact Tracing, and Being Transgender During a Pandemic

San Francisco — The program series for June 2020 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight harm-reduction strategies, queer symbols, disease testing and contact tracing, the experience of trans people during a pandemic, Pride-inspired artistic endeavors, and the evolution of direct-action strategies in an era of social distancing. All events take place online and are free; registration is required for access to the Zoom link. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

Fighting Back

Harm Reduction: Managing Risk & Social Needs

Wednesday, June 3

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

SARS-CoV-2 is not HIV. But can the hard-won lessons of HIV prevention help fight this new virus? As of June 1, most of us have been sheltering in place, or at least facing restrictions on our activities, for ten weeks or more.

Psychologists have cautioned that the indefinite curtailment of our ability to socialize—at work, with friends, and at community-based hobbies—is not sustainable from a mental-health perspective. As different states and jurisdictions gradually loosen restrictions, how can we promote ongoing safe public-health initiatives while not giving up on all the activities and interactions that make life worth living? A panel of community historians, harm-reduction experts and AIDS educators will consider what harm-reduction and risk-management strategies from the AIDS crisis might point our way forward as our responses to COVID-19 continue to evolve. The GLBT Historical Society's "Fighting Back" series is an intergenerational discussion that brings together community leaders, experts, historians and activists to explore lessons from the past that might be useful in formulating "resistance" efforts today. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/2XiBzkS>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/2LMYxvm>.

Workshop

Beyond the Rainbow: Queer Symbology, History & Flag-Making

Friday, June 5

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

This presentation and workshop dives into the rich history of symbols that have represented and been used within the LGBTQ community, just in time for Pride! Participants will learn about the history and evolution of queer symbols before and after the creation of Gilbert Baker's rainbow flag. The workshop will encourage participants to invent and design their own flags and representative symbols, using the art materials of their choice at home. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3bS6Gcx>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/3e8On4h>.

Fighting Back

No on 64! Testing, Contact Tracing & Quarantine

Wednesday, June 10

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

In the early years of the HIV epidemic, mandatory testing, contact tracing and quarantine were hot-button issues rife with implications for civil rights, particularly given that the disease targeted marginalized groups already struggling for equal protections under the law. As with COVID-19, politics often threatened to trump public health science, and while mandatory quarantine of AIDS patients had to be defeated at the ballot box in California in the 1980's, testing became a core prevention tool, and contact tracing also gained scientific support as an effective disease prevention methodology. How do these experiences translate to SARS CoV-2? What are the implications of testing, contact tracing and quarantine for civil rights and disease prevention? A panel of HIV-prevention workers, COVID-19 prevention specialists and community historians will tackle these questions and more. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3gavxeQ>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/2WOASRt>.

Fighting Back

Being Transgender in a Pandemic

Wednesday, June 17

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

During the height of the AIDS epidemic in the U.S., transgender people were often underrepresented in HIV prevention campaigns, services, clinical research and access to care. And to this day, as we confront the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the transgender community are more likely to experience unemployment, homelessness and inadequate access to health care. Sheltering-In-Place may lead to conflict with transphobic family members or housemates and has curtailed access to relevant health care, including transition-related treatments. A panel of activists, healthcare specialists and community historians will consider how the AIDS crisis of the 1980s and 1990s

affected the transgender community and identify strategies to provide support to transgender people during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/36qZxyQ>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/3e61TWw>.

Artist Talk

Celebrating 50 Years of Pride Through Art

Thursday, June 18

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

Illustrator Win Mixter will discuss how his research in the GLBT Historical Society archives provided inspiration for his artistic contribution to this year's San Francisco Arts Commission "Art on Market Street" program theme, "Celebrating 50 Years of Gay Pride." Mixter's artwork recognizes 18 unique people, places, and protests from the pre-Stonewall era through the present in a series of black-and-white drawings. His intention is to recenter the narrative of our June Pride celebrations on the original principles of resistance and rebellion. This talk will feature community members offering their reflections on five of the chosen subjects, including Craig Corpora on Jerome Caja; Marke Bieschke on the 1990 ACT UP protests; Tina Valentin Aguirre on Teresita La Campesina; and Alvin Orloff on Klubsitute. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3bS6CJG>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/2ZsqTmO>.

Panel Discussion

Curating With Pride

Sunday, June 21

2:00–4:00 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

The GLBT Historical Society currently has three Pride-related exhibitions mounted on its website: "Performance, Protest & Politics: The Art of Gilbert Baker," "50 Years of Pride," and "Labor of Love: The Birth of San Francisco Pride, 1970–1980." This panel discussion brings together curators from all three exhibitions to discuss their curatorial approaches and decisions. Using different sections of the online exhibitions as a guide, they will outline the themes they selected, discuss the curatorial lenses that informed their work and consider both the history and the future of Pride. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3ekJLZ9>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/2ZscB5C>.

Fighting Back

Direct Action, Marching & Parading

Wednesday, June 24

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Online forum

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

Direct action, marching and taking to the streets have long been tactics used by the LGBTQ community to promote equality, and these methods were critical for drawing attention to the AIDS crisis and effecting change in public policy.

But the epidemiology of the COVID-19 pandemic mandates social separation, not physical gathering. An intergenerational panel of community historians, veteran organizers and younger activists will discuss the history of direct action, marches and parades for advancing social justice in the fight against AIDS and discuss how these strategies are being adapted and deployed during the coronavirus pandemic. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/2zaYyGV>. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/2Zr7HFK>.

ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The GLBT Historical Society is a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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June 3: Fighting Back — Harm Reduction



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Fear not, for you can
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New World Order.
By using a condom.
They're convenient,
inexpensive,
and effective...
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June 5: Workshop — Queer Symbols



A participant at the January flag-making workshop creates a unique LGBTQ flag; photo by Leigh Pfeffer.

June 10: Fighting Back — Testing & Contact Tracing

AIDS ANTIBODY TESTING

*What should you tell your patients about the HTLV-III
Antibody Test and the Alternative Test Site Program?*

Forums for Health Care Professionals

Wednesday August 28, 1985

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Room 300, Department of Public Health
101 Grove Street, San Francisco

Guest Speakers:

Donald Abrams, M.D.
*Assistant Director, AIDS Clinic
S.F. General Hospital*

Jeff Amory
*Special Assistant for AIDS Programs
to the S.F. Director of Health*

Matthew Coles
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June 17: Fighting Back — Transgender People in a Pandemic



The San Francisco Trans March in 2018; photo by Nalini Elias.

June 18: Artist Talk — Pride & Artwork



Curator Joanna Black gives a tour of the Gilbert Baker exhibition at the GLBT Historical Society Museum in March 2020; photo by Nalini Elias.

June 24: Fighting Back — Direct Action



A candlelight march in the Castro, 1980; photo by Crawford Barton, Crawford Barton Collection (1993-11), GLBT Historical Society.

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