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## **Groundbreaking National Conference to Showcase New Directions in the Field of LGBTQ History**

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### **San Francisco Gathering Open to Historians, Teachers, Community History Enthusiasts**

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**San Francisco** — A groundbreaking conference set for June 16–18 in San Francisco will gather researchers, educators and community organizers from across the United States and beyond to showcase new directions in the histories of same-sex sexuality, transgender identities and gender nonconformity. The 2019 Queer History Conference, the first national conference of the Committee on LGBT History, an affiliate society of the American Historical Association, will survey the LGBTQ past across more than 500 years.

“QHC 19 will provide a fascinating window into the ways LGBTQ people lived in the past — not only the persecution they experienced, but also the ways they survived, fought back and found pleasure, companionship and love,” said conference co-chair Amy Sueyoshi, dean of the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University. “Presenters will discuss and debate the significance of our intimate, at times scandalous and often scintillating history in diverse communities in the United States and around the world.”

The conference is co-hosted by the GLBT Historical Society, an internationally renowned public history institution based in San Francisco. “We’re delighted to work with the Committee on LGBT History to bring queer historians and enthusiasts together,” said Terry Beswick, executive director of the society. “By engendering collaboration and fellowship as well as information-sharing, this conference will help ensure our queer past has a promising future.”

According to conference co-chair Nick Syrett, professor of women, gender and sexuality studies at the University of Kansas, QHC 19 will welcome not only university and public historians, but also teachers, artists, activists and members of the public who are interested in learning about the LGBTQ past.

“There will be nearly 200 scholars making presentations on a wide range of topics,” Syrett said. “While many of them will be talking about their research, we also have panels dedicated to both digital and traditional archives, teaching queer history at the K–12 level and public history projects. Even the more academic panels will be accessible to the general public. We’re eager to share the LGBTQ past with as many people as possible.”

Most of the events for QHC 19 take place on the campus of SFSU. For more information, to see the full schedule of sessions and events, and to register, visit the conference web page at <https://ethnicstudies.sfsu.edu/content/qhc19>.

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### **About the Committee on LGBT History**

**The Committee on LGBT History** was founded in 1979 to promote the study of queer lives in the past by historians whose research spans the globe. Since 1982, the committee has been officially recognized as an affiliate of the American Historical Association. It meets in January in conjunction with the AHA annual conference, where it sponsors sessions on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer history. QHC19 is the CLGBTH’s first stand-alone conference. For more information on the committee’s leadership, membership and activities, visit the CLGBTH website at <http://clgbthistory.org>.

### **About the GLBT Historical Society**

Based in San Francisco, **the GLBT Historical Society** is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of LGBTQ public history.

Founded in 1985, the society collects, preserves and exhibits materials documenting the LGBTQ past. By supporting researchers and welcoming the general public, the society promotes understanding of LGBTQ history, culture and arts in all their diversity.

At its Mid-Market archives and research center, the society maintains one of the nation’s largest collections of primary LGBTQ historical materials. Since January 2011, the society also has operated the GLBT Historical Society Museum, the first stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States.

Located in the heart of the Castro District, the museum showcases the depth and breadth of the society’s archives, demonstrates the value of queer history to the public, and mounts wide-ranging exhibitions and programs with an emphasis on diversity and social justice.

For more information, visit [www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org).

### **About the Conference Sessions**

Sessions at the 2019 Queer History Conference will focus on topics including activism; drag and other forms of queer performance; AIDS and healthcare; religion; identity politics and communities including trans, lesbian, bi, poly and

queer people of color; homosexuality and legal regulation; electoral politics; film and television representation of LGBTQ people; queer youth; families; pornography; intergenerational sex; bathhouses; BDSM; public sex; and queer beauty and leather contests.

For the full conference schedule including session dates, times, titles and presenter names, visit <https://ethnicstudies.sfsu.edu/content/qhc-2019-tentative-schedule>.

### **About the Conference Cosponsors**

The 2019 Queer History Conference is cosponsored by Gale, a Cengage Company; the James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center of the San Francisco Public Library; Our Family Coalition; the San Francisco State University Queer and Trans Resource Center; and the Jamie and Phyllis Pasker Professorship in U.S. history at San Francisco State University.

### **Editor's Note: Media Comps**

A limited number of complimentary conference registrations are available for journalists who work for media outlets or who have an assignment from a media outlet to cover the conference. To apply for a media comp, contact Gerard Koskovich at [gerard@glbthistory.org](mailto:gerard@glbthistory.org).

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