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From the Co-chairs:

We are fast approaching SAA 2010. Our business meeting this year will be at the Archives Center in the Museum of American History of the Smithsonian. We heartily thank Franklin Robinson for working out the details to be able to host us there this year. Our meeting is scheduled for the afternoon/evening of Wednesday 11 August, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Instructions (Map of the Metro) show the trip from the hotel to be fairly easy. Map of the D.C. Metro is at <http://www.dcmetro.net/wp-content/uploads/2008/07/dc-metro-map2.jpg>.

The Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, located at 2660 Woodley Road NW, is near Connecticut Ave. Walk to Connecticut and turn right; near the intersection of 24th St. NW and Connecticut Ave. is the Woodley Park Zoo/Adams Morgan Metro stop. Board a train headed to Glenmont or Silver Spring. Ride to Metro Center where you get off and transfer to either the Blue or the Orange Lines heading to Largo Town Center (Blue) or to New Carrollton (Orange). Get off at Federal Triangle (one stop) and walk south along 12th Street to Constitution Ave. The Museum is on the southwest corner of 12th Street and Constitution Ave NW.

One speaker will be Mark Meinke of the Rainbow History Project. Several years ago we heard about the Project; Mark will provide an update.

We will also vote on amending our bylaws. (See the language of the revision in LAGAR Announcements section of this newsletter.) Special thanks to the Task Force for their work on these revisions: Michael Oliveira, Gabby Redwine, Debbie Richards, and Flo Turcotte . Getting appropriate language on sensitive issues is not easy. If you perchance are offended with anything in or left out of the revisions, please forgive. We will also vote for a new co-chair to replace Jim. As current SAA regulations limit one to three years in chairmanship type positions and as our terms currently are for two-years, therefore he is not eligible for re-election.

Just after our LAGAR meeting, the opening reception will be at the National Archives just a few blocks walk along Constitution Ave toward Capitol Hill from the National Museum of American History.

Hope to see everyone there!

Jim Cartwright and Heidi Marshall
Male and Female Identified Co-Chairs

Parting note from our Male Co-chair:

After I wrote the above draft, Maggi asked if I didn't want to share a few thoughts on my experience as co-chair of LAGAR. Since this is the last chance, I should. LAGAR has always been a good place for me, safe, accepting. I was already a member of SAA when I started out of the closet door approximately age fifty-one. LAGAR was one place where I knew I could be myself, take my own pace, and find acceptance. Not that SAA was not accepting; but one does not always know what reaction may occur in a larger group. I began to participate in LAGAR in New Orleans and hung out with Willie Walker and Penny Ahlstrom; I had first met Willie as library students at UC Berkeley. I remember researching Gay and Lesbian places to visit at the upcoming SAA meeting for the newsletter prior to at least one annual meeting. I also served as newsletter editor. So LAGAR was an important aspect of SAA for me before becoming co-chair.

These past two years have been rewarding for me. Bonnie and I came to realize that we were a little unbalanced on the Steering Committee with only a couple of men serving. We also felt a need for newer people of all stripes to be on the SC. We made progress, but still need volunteers among the newer members. I must admit that my first year as co-chair I did more watching than doing. Bonnie was so capable and knew what she was doing, so I tried to learn as much as possible from her.

This year, I've appreciated Heidi's assistance. My leadership style has tended to be to facilitate people sharing ideas, sometimes letting them do it all. The Steering Committee this year has done yeoman work in this. I will ask for something, and they do it. People indicated an interest in working on the bylaws revision, which by the way was an idea from someone else, I think, Debbie Richards. I asked those who volunteered for the task force. They did the work. My asking for session proposals over a year ago brought forth a proposal which several worked on one, and although it was not accepted, we gained from the experience. This past spring another member came up with an idea, so we have at least one proposal progressing for Chicago, 2011. It's not too late to come up with other ideas as well.

Jim

Editors' notes:

Hello LAGAR-ites!

Hoping all is well with all of you. Gabby and I have been searching the airwaves and Internet for news stories, history notes, and other conferences and call for paper announcements, and your own announcements to deliver to you. We hope you enjoy what is presented here.

Be sure to take a look at the LAGAR Announcements. As our Co-chairs mention we are presenting a revision which will include a change in terminology and, more specifically, add the possibility of having new identifications for our Co-chairs – Male Identified and Female Identified, which would include Transgender – to our bevy of leadership. Your input is vitally important. This is a community effort, so please make your feelings and voice heard here.

We hope to see you at the Roundtable meeting as well in sessions at SAA. Safe travels to all and until August, Take care,

Maggi Gonsalves & Gabby Redwine
Your friendly LAGAR Newsletter Editors

SAA Announcements:



Pre-Conference Programs: August 8 – 10, 2010
Conference Dates: August 10 – 15, 2010
Exposition Dates: August 12 – 13, 2010

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## LAGAR Announcements:

Below you will find the suggested revision to the LAGAR Roundtable Committee By-Laws which will be voted upon at the Annual Roundtable meeting, August 11, 2010. The link to access and compare our current by-laws is <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/lagar/bylaws.html>.

### Article 1. **Name.**

The name of this roundtable shall be the Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists (SAA), herein after referred to as LAGAR.

### Article 2. **Objectives.**

- A. Bring together people who are concerned about the collection, preservation, description and research use of archival materials documenting LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual/Ally) people and their communities.
- B. Keep LGBTQIA issues in archives and history more visible within SAA.
- C. Educate archivists about the importance of identifying and preserving historical records documenting the lives, accomplishments, and cultures of LGBTQIA people.
- D. Act as a liaison between SAA and community-based LGBTQIA archives. Encourage and facilitate the participation of LGBTQIA archivists in SAA activities and the professional archival community.
- E. Exchange information with other LGBTQIA professional groups.

### Article 3. **Membership.**

Membership is open to any person who shares the objectives of LAGAR.

### Article 4. **Officers.**

- A. LAGAR shall be guided by two co-chairs. They, with any committee chairs that may be functioning at the time, shall make up the Steering Committee.
- B. Terms of office.
  1. Two co-chairs, of different gender identities, shall each serve staggered terms of two consecutive years. Chairs cannot serve more than one term in succession.
  2. The newly elected co-chair shall assume office at the close of the annual LAGAR meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successor has taken office.
  3. Committee chairs and members shall be elected for a term of two consecutive years with no stipulation on consecutive terms.
- C. Nomination and Election.
  1. Nominations will be taken from the floor of the annual LAGAR meeting. All nominations must be seconded and consent of the nominee is required.
  2. Elections for each office shall be by a show of hands. A simple majority shall elect an office. If there is any contest, the election shall be retaken by secret ballot with a simple majority rule.
  3. Vacancies in office shall be filled by a Steering Committee member in the case of a co-chair and appointed jointly by the co-chairs in the case of a committee member.
- D. Duties of the officers.
  1. The co-chairs shall facilitate the LAGAR meetings with the advice and assistance of the Steering Committee. The co-chairs appoint Committee chairs, liaisons and the Newsletter Committee; submit the Three-Year Plan and summary to SAA Council; submit budget requests to SAA Council; and turn over the records of their administration to the new co-chair and non-current records to the SAA Archivist.
  2. Newsletter Committee shall produce at least two issues of the LAGAR Newsletter and record the minutes of any meeting.

3. Committee Chairs shall ensure the progress of the committee's work as directed at the annual meeting or by the Steering Committee and keep co-chairs apprised by report.

**Article 5. Business.**

**A. Meeting times.**

LAGAR shall meet once a year at the time of the annual meeting of the SAA. The time and agenda will be announced in the LAGAR Newsletter immediately preceding the meeting.

**B. Other meetings.**

Additional LAGAR meetings may be scheduled during the annual meeting of the SAA. Such meetings shall be announced in the LAGAR Newsletter immediately preceding the annual meeting, if possible, or before the end of the annual LAGAR meeting.

**C. Voting.**

All decisions of the LAGAR shall be determined by a plurality of members voting at the annual meeting.

**Article 6. Parliamentary Authority.**

Any meeting shall be facilitated by the senior co-chair. *Robert's Rules of Order*, the latest edition, shall govern the proceedings of the LAGAR meetings, except as otherwise provided for in the bylaws of the LAGAR, or in the constitution, bylaws, or special rules of the SAA.

**Article 7. Amendments to the Bylaws.**

**A. Notice and form.**

1. Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any LAGAR member.

2. Such amendments must be submitted in writing to a LAGAR co-chair sixty days prior to the annual meeting.

3. The proposed amendments shall be mailed to the membership with the LAGAR Newsletter immediately preceding the annual meeting and available at the annual meeting. A discussion of the proposed amendment will take place at the annual LAGAR meeting.

**B. Adoption of amendments.**

1. After the appropriate notice has been given, amendments shall be voted on at the annual LAGAR meeting immediately following the mail notification.

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Archive News & Announcements:

From: Laura Peimer
Manuscript Processor
Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America
Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University:

The papers (1970-2005) of transgender activist and counselor ****J. Ari Kane-DeMaio**** are now available for research at the Schlesinger Library. The approximately twelve linear feet of correspondence, writings, notes, photographs, meeting minutes, and printed materials provide insight into Kane's work on behalf of the transgendered community since the early 1970s. Included is documentation on the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, founded by Kane in 1975 to advance the understanding of gender identity and role development and to foster education in all aspects related to the phenomenon of gender and human sexuality. Of note are photographs and programs from the Institute's Fantasia Fair, an annual event for crossdressers, transsexuals, and transgenderists in Provincetown, Massachusetts. The finding aid is available online at Harvard's OASIS website: <http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:RAD.SCHL:sch01269>

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From: Brenda J. Marston  
Curator, Human Sexual Collection  
Cornell University

I'm happy to announce an exciting group of six researchers who will be coming to Cornell over the next year to do thought-provoking research with our Human Sexuality Collection! We are so grateful to still have funding keeping this research grant program going. I think it is so important in many ways: to support the growth of new sexuality researchers, to help them move forward with their careers, and to produce more great scholarship on the topic! <http://communications.library.cornell.edu/news/100518/zwicker-grants-2010>

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Three conference announcements:

- Conference: **In Amerika they Call Us Dykes: Lesbian Lives in the 1970s**

CUNY, CLAGS (Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies)

New York City

October 8-10, 2010

<http://web.gc.cuny.edu/clags/70slesbians2.shtml>

- Conference: **"We Demand": History/Sex/Activism In Canada**

Vancouver, British Columbia

August 25-28, 2011

On August 28, 1971 over two hundred lesbian and gay activists gathered on Parliament Hill to demand the federal government bring an end to laws and practices that criminalized, marginalized, and stigmatized lesbians and gays. Acting in solidarity with their central Canadian allies, Vancouver activists staged the same action on the steps of their city's Court House. It was the first recorded national political action undertaken by gay liberationists and lesbian feminist activists in Canada.

"We Demand" marks the fortieth anniversary of the 1971 action. The conference seeks to showcase current work on all aspects of the history of sexuality in Canada, from pre-contact to present times.

Keynote speaker: Ann Cvetkovich, author of *An Archive of Feelings: Trauma, Sexuality, and Lesbian Public Cultures*

Other confirmed speakers include Mary Louise Adams, Karen Dubinsky, Gary Kinsman, and Steven Maynard.

- Conference: **GLBT Archives, Libraries, Museums, and Special Collections (ALMS)**

May 12-14, 2011

Hosted by The June Mazer Lesbian Archives in the City of West Hollywood

The Mazer will host an extraordinary international conference focusing on GLBT Archives, Libraries, Museums, and Special Collections (ALMS) and the archivists, librarians, researchers, artists, activists, and volunteers who work with them. This will be the 3rd ALMS conference exploring the construction, use, organization, reflection, and preservation of queer archival material, collections, and research. Check the Mazer's website for updates:

<http://mazerlesbianarchives.org/>

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From: Stuart Hinds

Head, LaBudde Special Collections |

Univ. of Missouri - Kansas City

LaBudde Special Collections at the Miller Nichols Library of the University of Missouri – Kansas City has joined an exciting new collecting partnership with the Kansas City Museum and the Jackson County (Mo.) Historical Society resulting in the formation of the Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America. GLAMA hopes to collect, preserve, and make accessible the documents and artifacts that detail the history of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities of the greater Kansas City region. With scant publicity, over half a dozen collections have already been garnered, and more are expected as a result of outreach efforts at this year's AIDSWalk fundraiser and the local Pride celebration. More information can be found at [www.glama.us](http://www.glama.us).

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The Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture, part of the Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library at Duke University, collects materials documenting women's sexuality and gender expression, including lesbian, bisexual, and gender-queer women's experiences and LGBT organizations' records. Our new acquisitions include the papers of **Dorothy Allison**, author of *Bastard Out of Carolina*; **Jeanne Laberge**, a lesbian, feminist activist who created and produced the first lesbian-themed cable access show, "Lesbian Central," which first aired in New York City in 1993; **Triangle Community Works**, an LGBT advocacy group serving the Triangle area of North Carolina; and **Third Side Press**, a feminist publisher of women's health and lesbian fiction books. Bingham Center staff recently completed processing the papers of **Catherine Nicholson**, co-founder of the lesbian feminist literary journal *Sinister Wisdom*, and the records of **Common Woman Chorus**, a Triangle-based group that performs musical selections that highlight the diversity and strength of women's lives and experiences. The Special Collections Library also recently processed an addition to the **John Zeigler Papers**, a collection predominantly containing World War II-era correspondence between lovers/partners John Zeigler and Edwin Peacock, who later co-founded of a bookstore in Charleston, S.C.

For more information about our collections, please visit: <http://library.duke.edu/specialcollections/bingham>

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From: Graham Stinnett  
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Archives and Special Collections  
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Here at the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada, we have been working on processing a sizeable collection of LGBTTTQ materials donated by the Winnipeg Gay/Lesbian Resource Centre. This is the largest collection of its kind in the province and currently is being processed. The collection is called the Manitoba Gay and Lesbian Archives and a finding aid to a small portion of the collection can be found here

<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/web/index.php/informationobject/show/rad/23959>

This collection has many researchers chomping at the bit, as well historians from our campus producing Oral Histories in conjunction with us to further our archival collection,

[http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/humanities/umih\\_lgbtt\\_initiative.html](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/humanities/umih_lgbtt_initiative.html)

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From: Mark Meinke
Rainbow History
Washington, D.C.

Rainbow has added two new collections to its virtual archive website for researchers and LGBTQ community members:

Black Panthers and Gay Liberation at www.rainbowhistory.org/panthers.htm is a collection of some 30 documents covering the emerging relationship between the Black Panthers Party and lesbian and gay male liberationists in 1970 and 1971 with a particular focus on lesbian and gay liberationist support for the Panthers' 1970 People's Revolutionary Constitutional Convention (PRCC) and lesbian support for New Haven Panthers in prison. The collection includes rare documentation of the PRCC and involvement by Gay Liberation Front, Washington Women's Liberation, and others.

Women's Lib, Lesbians, and Lesbian Separatists at www.rainbowhistory.org/feminismlesbianism.htm is a collection of 70 documents from DC and national women's liberation organizations, DC and national lesbian groups/collectives, and local lesbian separatists. The collection includes such key documents as Woman Identified Woman, Radicalesbian statement of purpose, Here Comes the Lavendar Menace, and reports of feminist and lesbian feminist conferences.

Making History:

Cammermeyer Named to Pentagon Panel

Lesbian retired colonel to serve on Defense Department advisory committee regarding women in the armed services

by Chris Geidner

Originally published on June 2, 2010

Published on [June 3, 2010](#), 12:26am

In the scope of the near-daily developments regarding the future of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, this week – following the congressional votes on May 27 – was not expected to draw more headlines.



Retired Army Reserve Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer

However, an announcement on Wednesday, June 2, may have been as significant as it was simple. Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Clifford Stanley announced the new appointments to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

Among the 10 appointments announced was Retired Army Reserve Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who served in the Washington National Guard and successfully challenged a discharge begun when she revealed that she was a lesbian prior to the implementation of the DADT policy. She is the author of a book, *Serving in Silence*, that detailed her experiences.

[For full article go to <http://metroweekly.com/news/?ak=5264>]

Senate Confirms Lesbian U.S. Attorney

[By Advocate.com Editors](#)



The U.S. Senate on Friday confirmed lesbian federal prosecutor Laura Duffy as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California in San Diego, the [*Los Angeles Times* reports](#).

Duffy, who was nominated by the president in February, has worked in the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego since 1997, serving as assistant U.S. attorney in the narcotic enforcement section and as deputy chief of the general crimes section. She worked for the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., for four years prior to that.

"In her 17 years as a federal prosecutor, she has distinguished herself battling the drug cartels along the U.S. border," Sen. Barbara Boxer said in a statement. "She will be an outstanding U.S. attorney for the people of San Diego and Imperial counties."

[\[http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2010/05/30/Senate_Confirms_Lesbian_US_Attorney/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AdvocatecomDailyNews+%28Advocate.com+Daily+News%29&utm_content=FaceBook \]](http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2010/05/30/Senate_Confirms_Lesbian_US_Attorney/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AdvocatecomDailyNews+%28Advocate.com+Daily+News%29&utm_content=FaceBook)

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Tuesday, May 18, 2010

## **Montgomery College picks new president; first day Aug. 2**

### **DeRionne P. Pollard was president of California college, former English prof**

by Marcus Moore | Staff Writer

New Montgomery College President DeRionne P. Pollard spent Tuesday morning trying to assure faculty and staff her tenure would be much different than that of their last president.

She "laughs a lot" and "admits her mistakes," Pollard told a crowd of employees at Montgomery College's Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville.

Pollard is the ninth president in the college's 64-year history. Her first day is Aug. 2.

"Montgomery College will be the most relevant community college in the country," Pollard told the employees, adding she is "committed to being an open and communicative president."

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Pollard and Robyn A. Jones, her partner of over 20 years, have a 3-year-old son, Myles Julian Pollard-Jones.

[For full article go to [http://www.gazette.net/stories/05182010/montnew163645\\_32611.php](http://www.gazette.net/stories/05182010/montnew163645_32611.php)]

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As reported in *The Chronicle for Higher Education*

April 14, 2010, 02:07 PM ET

U. of Pennsylvania Adds Transgender Surgery to Student Insurance Plan

The University of Pennsylvania will begin offering insurance coverage in the fall for sex-change surgeries, according to [*The Daily Pennsylvanian*](#), joining a group of about [30 other colleges](#) nationwide. Students' insurance at the university, provided by Aetna, will cover up to \$50,000 of the cost of surgery and will also cover psychotherapy and hormone treatment. A student member of the Lambda Alliance, a group that

promotes the issues of what it calls "gender and sexual minorities," told *The Daily Pennsylvanian* that the next step would be to extend access to the transgender-surgery coverage to the university's staff.

http://chronicle.com/blogPost/U-of-Pennsylvania-Adds/22580/?sid=pm&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en/

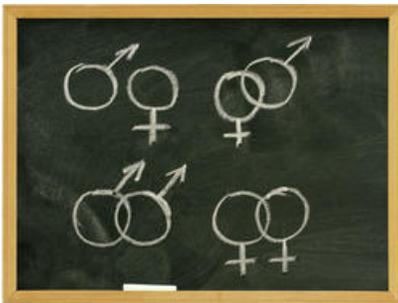
News Bits and Bites:

University of Minnesota professor's research hijacked

Dr. Gary Remafedi says ACP knew better

By [Nick Pinto](#) Wednesday, May 26 2010

[Dr. Gary Remafedi](#) was at a pediatrics conference in Toronto last month when he first learned that someone was using his name to justify the very thing he'd spent his life fighting.



"My inbox started filling up with messages from colleagues saying, 'You might want to check this out,'" Remafedi recalls. "Some of them were saying, 'Do you really believe this?'"

When the University of Minnesota Medical School professor followed the links he was being sent, he was dismayed. A group called the [American College of Pediatricians](#) had sent a letter to more than 14,000 superintendents across the country, claiming that the best thing schools can do for students who come out of the closet is nothing at all: no support, no affirmation, no gay-straight alliance clubs on campus.

The letter, and the Facts About Youth website it pointed school officials to, was dense with footnotes citing scientific studies. Remafedi's research was at the top of the list.

The ACP argues that schools shouldn't support gay teens because they're probably just confused. "Most adolescents who experience same-sex attraction...no longer experience such attractions at age 25," the letter says, citing a 1992 study by Remafedi.

Except that's not what Remafedi's research suggested at all. His work showed that kids who are confused about their sexuality eventually sort it out—meaning many of them accept being gay.

"What was so troubling was that these were fellow doctors, fellow pediatricians," Remafedi says. "They knew better, and they have the same ethical responsibilities to their patients that I do, but they deliberately distorted my research for malicious purposes."

[For full article go to

<http://www.citypages.com/2010-05-26/news/university-of-minnesota-professor-s-research-hijacked/>

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From: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
April 1, 2010

## Lesbians and the Third Reich



Identification pictures of Henny Schermann, a shop assistant in Frankfurt am Main. In 1940 police arrested Henny, who was Jewish and a lesbian, and deported her to the Ravensbrueck concentration camp for women. She was killed in 1942. Ravensbrueck, Germany, 1941.

— Stadtarchiv Nürnberg

Although homosexual acts among men had traditionally been a criminal offense throughout much of Germany, lesbianism (homosexual acts among women) was not criminalized. This was true in large part because of the subordinate role of women in German state and society. Unlike male [homosexuals](#), lesbians were not generally regarded as a social or political threat. Even after the Nazi rise to power in 1933, most lesbians in Germany were able to live relatively quiet lives, generally undisturbed by the police.

Although they were hampered by the inferior roles ascribed to women in Imperial Germany, lesbians had been part of the homosexual emancipation movement in Germany since the 1890s. German law prohibited women from joining political organizations until 1908. Even after the easing of this restriction women were discouraged from political activity, so lesbians turned to more informal gatherings in bars and clubs. This trend coincided with a general easing of sexual morality in Germany after World War I. The Weimar Republic brought with it new social and political freedoms. For most homosexual men and lesbian women in Germany, the Weimar era was a time of relative openness.

[For full collection announcement go to <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005478>]

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Civil Rites: The Gay Marriage Controversy in Historical Perspective

by: [Joanna L. Grossman](#)
Hofstra University - School of Law

Law, Society and History: Essays on Themes in the Legal History and Legal Sociology of Lawrence M. Friedman, Robert Gordon, ed., Cambridge University Press, 2010
[Hofstra Univ. Legal Studies Research Paper No. 10-10](#)

Abstract:

This short essay, written for a volume that celebrates and reflects on Lawrence M. Friedman's work in legal history and legal culture, explores the modern controversy about same-sex marriage through a historical lens.

The legalization of same-sex marriage by five states, and the express condemnation of it by more than forty others, has reintroduced the age-old problem of non-uniform marriage laws and the complicated interactions that follow. This modern story - a challenge to traditional marriage, a divisive moral debate, and the emergence of strong oppositional forces that are stuck, at least temporarily, but perhaps indefinitely, in a kind of stalemate - is not an original one. American states have never been of one mind about the appropriate level of state control over domestic relations, and the federal government has, for the most part, steered clear. Though most conflicts involving state regulation of marriage and divorce had been resolved by the middle of the twentieth century, the battles were long, hard fought, and left an indelible imprint on family law history. In this essay, I argue that the same-sex marriage controversy re-invokes a long history of battles among states over regulation of marriage and divorce, and that lessons from these historical battles are still relevant. The lessons of history - about the legal structures produced in times of panic, the influence of social and economic pressures on law's development, and the importance of the "separate histories of the law of the fifty states" - cannot be ignored. Nor should we lose sight of Friedman's recurring observation that social forces, eventually, "shape the legal order."

[For free download version go to http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1574401]

International news:

Council of Europe Conference of Gender Equality Ministers recognizes need to combat discrimination against lesbian and bisexual women and transgender persons.

The Council of Europe's 7th Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between Women and Men which took place on 24-25 May 2010, has recognized the need to combat discrimination against women and girls and transgender persons on account of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Conference Resolution, entitled "Bridging the gap between *de jure* and *de facto* equality to achieve real gender equality", refers to the multiple-discrimination which they face, and the taking of "all necessary measures to ensure their full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms." (paragraph 30)

The Conference also adopted an Action Plan which recommends that the Council of Europe "undertake research on the situation of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women with a view to drafting specific guidelines on preventing and combating all forms of discrimination against them." (Section VII)

This is believed to be the first time that a Council of Europe Ministerial Conference has taken up LGBT rights. It follows on a recent Committee of Ministers Recommendation, and Parliamentary Assembly resolution, both addressing the need to combat sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination, and underlines the increasing commitment of the Council of Europe to fighting homophobia and transphobia. The planned research into discrimination and the resulting guidelines should provide authoritative documents underlining the need for action by member states, and the measures to be taken by them.

These developments follow the submission by ILGA-Europe of a report on violence against lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and of proposals for action to the Council of Europe's intergovernmental Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men.

A Council of Europe press release with links to the texts of the Ministerial Resolution and the Action Plan can be found at:

[https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=PR418\(2010\)&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=original&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE](https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=PR418(2010)&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=original&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE)

Call for Papers / Proposals / Presentations:

CFP: Vampire States of America (edited collection):

intersectional feminist approaches to recent US cinematic and literary narratives about vampires. Sept 1, 2010.

Deadline: 2010-09-01

Description: CFP: Vampire States of America (edited collection):

intersectional feminist approaches to recent US cinematic and literary narratives about vampires. Sept 1, 2010. We invite scholars in queer studies, ethnic studies, women's and gender studies, history, art history, anthropology, sociology, legal ...

Contact: fmichel@willamette.edu

Announcement ID: 176324

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=176324>

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CFP: LGBT activism in Eastern Europe, 3rd issue of Sextures

Deadline: 2010-10-15

Description: CALL FOR PAPERS Exploring contested terrains of LGBT public activism in Eastern Europe  
SEXTURES Deadline for submitted papers: 15 October 2010 LGBT prides and marches are of crucial relevance to the way in which non-heterosexual lives are imagined internationally despite regional and national differ ...

Contact: [a.gruszczynska@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.gruszczynska@bham.ac.uk)

URL: [www.sextures.net](http://www.sextures.net)

Announcement ID: 176523

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=176523>

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ANDERSON CENTER ANNOUNCES THE ART OF GENDER IN EVERYDAY LIFE VIII
ISU Campus March 10th & 11th, 2011.

POCATELLO - A multidisciplinary conference, *The Art of Gender in Everyday Life VII*, took place at Idaho State University (ISU), February 26, 2010. In addition to sessions, the conference included: a keynote, " *Sexual fluidity: New perspectives on Female Sexuality*," by Dr. Lisa M. Diamond, is Associate Professor of Psychology and Gender Studies at the University of Utah., a lunchtime talk, "The impact of Viagra on men, then women, then men" by ISU faculty member, Dr. Nicole Prause; and a screening of LUNAFEST in the Bengal Theater.

During our annual conference, we welcome gender scholars from across the country to Pocatello. This year we also are welcoming presenters from Canada and Israel. The conference is an opportunity for scholars and students to present current research on gender issues. Participants from past years have consistently commented on the friendly atmosphere at *The Art of Gender in Everyday Life* conferences, and it is our principal mission to continue our tradition of creating a collegial, supportive and nurturing environment for the discussion of gender issues from across the disciplines.

[For full article go to <http://metroweekly.com/news/?ak=5264>]

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## In Memoriam:

### **Gay HIV activist Clint Walters dies**

By [Staff Writer, PinkNews.co.uk](http://www.pinknews.co.uk) • April 9, 2010 - 11:02



Clint Walters died at his south London home

Clint Walters, the gay HIV activist, has died of a heart attack aged 31.

Mr Walters, who was just 17 when he was diagnosed with the disease, died at his home in Clapham, London, on Sunday. After being diagnosed, he publicised his own story and fought to raise awareness of the disease among young people, touring schools around the country. He also ran the London Marathon and took part in skydiving and cycling challenges to raise money. However, he died before he was able to realise his dream of setting up the UK's first weekend HIV testing clinic for young people under the age of 27.

Mr Walters said in 2007: "Why do I have this nagging feeling the gay scene is losing touch with what's really important – compassion for the safety of your fellow man. Have all the 24 hour clubs, drugs and alcohol finally [taken] their toll or was it ever there in the first place?"

"So, I've decided to turn my positive diagnosis on its head and shout it from the roof tops. If you don't take full responsibility and call the shots, then who will?"

One of his close friends, Mark Fell, told the Independent that they would continue fundraising so "his legacy can live on". Mr Fell added: "He was the most amazingly inspirational person. He virtually lived on the breadline and completely dedicated his life to charity."

Another friend, Neil Parrett told the Evening Standard that Mr Walters had been "completely selfless" about his HIV diagnosis. "Rather than let it beat him, he focused on life and tried to make it better for other people in the same situation," he said.

"He took calls from young people all over the country and people came to stay with him if they were struggling to come to terms with the diagnosis."

Mr Walters was said to be in good fitness before he died.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2010/04/09/gay-hiv-activist-clint-walters-dies/>

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Community mourns loss of pioneer, activist Midge Costanza

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

By Aaron Heier



The [San Diego LGBT Community Center](#) today expressed its sadness at the loss of Margaret “Midge” Costanza. Costanza, 77, passed away at **Scripps Mercy Hospital** in Hillcrest after a battle with cancer.

A longtime political activist, Costanza made her home in San Diego for the past two decades. She most recently served as a public affairs officer in the office of San Diego District Attorney [Bonnie Dumanis](#), a post she had held since 2005. An adjunct professor at [San Diego State University](#) (SDSU) in the Political Science, Communication and Women’s Studies Departments, she also established the [Midge Costanza Institute](#) for the Study of Politics and Public Policy at SDSU.

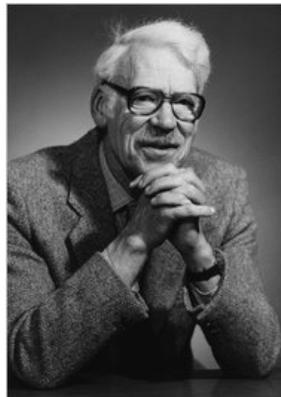
“On behalf of the board of directors and staff of The San Diego LGBT Community Center, I want to express our deep sadness at the passing of Midge Costanza,” said **Dr. Delores A. Jacobs**, chief executive officer for The Center. “She was truly a pioneer in our movement, and made historic contributions to the struggle for equality for women and the LGBT community.”

[For complete obituary go to <http://gltnnewsnow.com/2010/03/23/community-mourns-loss-of-pioneer-activist-midge-costanza/>]

Kenneth Dover, a Provocative Scholar of Ancient Greek Literature, Dies at 89

By [MARGALIT FOX](#)
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Kenneth Dover, an eminent scholar of ancient Greek life, language and literature who became known for his willingness to break longstanding taboos in print, from his frank descriptions of sexual behavior (both the Greeks’ and his own) to his baldly stated desire to bring about the death of a vexing Oxford colleague, died on Sunday in Cupar, Scotland. He was 89.



University of St. Andrews

His death was announced by the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Mr. Dover retired as the university’s chancellor in 2005.

The author of many books on the Greek classical age, Mr. Dover was known in particular for “[Greek Homosexuality](#)” (Duckworth, 1978). It was the first openly published scholarly work to talk about Greek male love in unfettered sexual terms. (A few earlier books on the subject had been privately published and were little known as a result.)

Mr. Dover was knighted in 1977 for his service to scholarship. But his vast academic contributions were overshadowed in 1994 with the appearance of his provocative memoir, “Marginal Comment” (Duckworth).

[For complete obituary go to <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/14/books/14dover.html?emc=eta1>]

A Message from the President:

Barack Obama issues memorandum to extend more benefits to same-sex domestic partners

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"Last year, I issued a Presidential Memorandum that instructed the Office of Personnel Management and the Secretary of State to extend certain available benefits they had identified to gay & lesbian federal employees and their families under their respective jurisdictions. Among those benefits were long-term care insurance and expanded sick leave for civil service employees and medical care abroad, eligibility for employment at posts, cost-of-living adjustments abroad and medical evacuation for domestic partners of foreign service members. In that same Memorandum, I called upon the federal agencies to undertake a comprehensive review and to identify any additional benefits that could be extended to the same-sex domestic partners of Federal employees under existing law. That process has now concluded, and I am proud to announce that earlier today, I signed a Memorandum that requires Executive agencies to take immediate action to extend to the same-sex domestic partners of Federal employees a number of meaningful benefits, from family assistance services to hardship transfers to relocation expenses. It also requires agencies that extend any new benefits to employees' opposite-sex spouses to make those benefits available on equal terms to employees' same-sex domestic partners to the extent permitted by law.

"While this Memorandum is an important step on the path to equality, my Administration continues to be prevented by existing Federal law from providing same-sex domestic partners with the full range of benefits enjoyed by heterosexual married couples. That is why, today, I renew my call for swift passage of an important piece of legislation pending in both Houses of Congress—the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act. This legislation, championed by Senators Joe Lieberman and Susan Collins and Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, would extend to the same-sex domestic partners of Federal employees the full range of benefits currently enjoyed by Federal employees' opposite-sex spouses. I look forward to signing it into law."

*Statement issued by President **Barack Obama** regarding his newly signed Memorandum that extends more benefits to same-sex "domestic partners" of Federal employees. ([via Politico](#))*