

LGBT Center Central PA History Project



*Discovering stories of
extraordinary lives*

NEWS

Winter 2017

Book manuscript submitted to publisher

The manuscript for our book currently titled *Out in the Hinterland: Creating a LGBT Community in Rural Pennsylvania*, is complete and has been submitted to our publisher, Penn State University Press. The images have been selected and the process to obtain permission for use from photographers is underway. It could take up to 18 months to complete the publishing process and release the book for sale.

Dickinson interns making a difference

We say farewell and thank you to our interns for the fall semester, Alette Kligman and Yasmin Cooper. Alette is a sophomore at Dickinson College majoring in political science and education with an interest in LGBT civil rights advocacy. Yasmin is a senior at Dickinson with a double major in women's and gender studies and Africana studies. Alette assisted in planning and curation of our annual exhibit *History Comes Out* and exhibit reception, and both interns assisted in doing transcriptions of oral history interviews, collections processing, and other projects. We are currently seeking interns for the spring semester.



Yasmin Cooper

Oral history volunteer training workshop

We are planning to have an oral history volunteer training workshop in early February, most likely on a Saturday in Carlisle and lasting for about 4-5 hours. If you are interesting in taking the training, either for the first time, or as a refresher having previously attended a training session, please contact us at history@centralpalgbtcenter.org to ask to be notified of the date, time and location.

Progress continues

We continue to make progress on many fronts with the History Project, including oral history interviews, transcriptions and exhibits. We currently have oral history interviews completed with 125 individuals (and transcriptions completed for all but about 10 interviews). About 112 people remain on the waiting list. We have more than 80 linear feet of artifact and archival collections.

December 1-31 we are featuring an exhibit at the LGBT Center of artifacts, documents and photographs commemorating the central PA chapter of the NAMES Project (AIDS memorial quilt). David Klinepeter, a member of the local group and whose son passed away from complications from AIDS, recently donated his collection to our History Project. Included are several quilt panels, posters, photographs and other memorabilia. The exhibit, installed by John Folby and Teddy Maurer opened on World AIDS Day. David also sat for an oral history interview.

The history project steering committee will be having its retreat in early 2018 in coordination with the retreat process for the LGBT Center's board and staff. We have done a retreat every two years since the beginning of the history project to help us plan our future work and programs.

We are looking for a new member of the history project steering committee to take over fundraising efforts. If you are interested, please contact us at history@centralpalgbtcenter.org.

Support our friends

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus (celebrating their 30th anniversary this year) and the Central PA Womyn's Chorus have been supportive friends to the History Project, welcoming us to be part of their information tables and providing free ad space in concert programs. Please check out their web sites for upcoming concert information and support them in their events.

<http://www.harrisburgmenschorus.org/>

<http://www.cpwchorus.org/>

And don't forget upcoming events at the LGBT Center: check out the full calendar of events at www.centralpalgbtcenter.org/. The LGBT Center is located at 1306 N. Third Street in Harrisburg.

LGBT Center of Central PA History Project

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