

LGBT Center Central PA History Project



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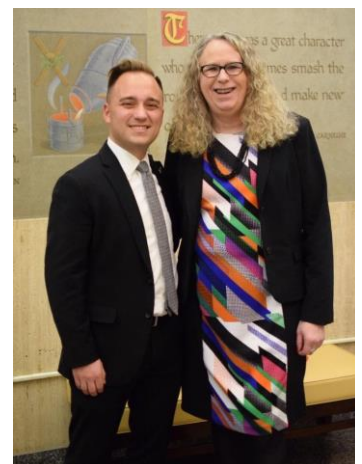
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Video on history project to debut April 11

A new introductory video about the LGBT History Project will debut at the Tuesday April 11 meeting of Aging with Pride, from 6 to 8 PM at the LGBT Center. Our fall intern, Emily Armando, a sophomore at Dickinson College, edited and produced the video. The video runs about 30 minutes and incorporates some of the interesting stories and clips from the oral history interviews conducted by the History Project, as well as still images of artifacts, historical photos and historical documents from our collection. We plan to later post it on the Center's YouTube channel to make it available to a wider audience. It will also serve as an example of what can be done with our 150 to 200 hours of video files, dozens of historical photos and photos of the hundreds of archival documents and artifacts from the collection, to tell stories of LGBT history in our region and will hopefully inspire more budding video documentarians to tell these stories.

Oral history interviews surpass the 100 mark

We continue to make progress on many fronts with the History Project, including oral histories and collections acquisitions. We currently have oral history interviews completed with 102 individuals (and transcriptions completed for interviews of 78 individuals). 90 people remain on the waiting list. We have more than 70 linear feet of artifact and archival collections.



Dr. Rachel Levine (pictured here with Louie Marven), is our 100th person interviewed.

Our current financial balance is \$1,673.37 (as a restricted line item within the LGBT Center's overall operating funds.)

We continue to seek additional donations of artifacts, old photos and archival documents related to LGBTQ history in central Pennsylvania. We are especially looking for materials from the York and Lebanon areas where we have very few items in our collection.

Dickinson interns interviewing, doing research

We welcomed two new interns for the History Project from Dickinson College in January. They have been busy engaged in research for our upcoming book, *Out in the Hinterland*, as well as doing oral history interviews.

Kailey Zengo is a junior pursuing a double major in political science and women's and gender studies. She has extensive volunteer experience with organizations that help low income children. She has a particular interest in our project after taking a Gay American Histories course at Dickinson and learning how voices of LGBT people have been left out of mainstream narratives of history. She is eager to conduct oral history interviews and do research on documents in our collection.



Amanda Donohue

Amanda Donoghue is a sophomore majoring in history. She had a summer internship with a museum in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer with Dickinson's Trout Gallery, has some oral history experience and has experience tutoring students in writing. Amanda says she is eager to "give voices to people who have been left out of history."

History Springs Out in fundraiser brunch

Our popular annual fundraising house party has moved from winter to spring and from an evening party to a Sunday brunch this year. History Springs Out is a Sunday brunch hosted by David Forney and friends at his beautiful home in New Cumberland on Sunday May 21 from noon to 3 pm. The minimum donation is \$30 per person, payable to the LGBT Center of Central PA. Please indicate History Brunch in the memo line of your check. RSVP by email to pvanhorn@centralpalgbtcenter.org by May 14 and mail your check to the LGBT Center at 1306 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102 by May 15. You will get an email confirmation with David's address. All proceeds go to fund the LGBT Center's History Project.

Harrisburg to host PA LGBT History Network

The second meeting of the PA LGBT History Network will be held on Tuesday March 21 at 11 am in Harrisburg. More than 50 individuals now comprise the Network representing college and university archives, public and non-profit museums, archives, historical organizations and LGBT organizations,

all having LGBT history collections, sites and/or projects. The agenda includes hearing about programs of the PA Historical and Museum Commission, approving a mission statement and discussing future programming leading up to the 50th anniversary of Stonewall.

The Network meets quarterly, is assembling a directory of collections and projects around PA, and has created a Facebook group page and facilitates communications through an email group. There is much excitement about the potential of such a network to raise the level of awareness of LGBT history in PA and to collaborate and share resources for future programming and exhibits. The LGBT Center of Central PA will have an open house and pop-up exhibit of representative artifacts from our history project collection on March 21 from 9 am to 4 pm.

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 including 3rd in the Burg at the LGBT Center Gallery every 3rd Friday evening: check out the full calendar of events at www.centralpalgbtcenter.org/. The LGBT Center is located at 1306 N. Third Street in Harrisburg.

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