



1975 Pride Parade, courtesy Worcester Telegram & Gazette

FOR THE RECORD LGBTQ+ Worcester



Lecture Series
at

WORCESTER
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Wearing Gay History

Thursday, May 30,
2019, 7-8:30PM



T-shirts and other elements of popular culture serve as valuable tools to see how we place ourselves in local and national history. PhD candidate **Eric Gonzaba** of George Mason University will discuss wearing physical evidence as another historical source for making visible the history of diverse sexual, gendered, and racial queer cultures. Mr. Gonzaba's research and interest revolve around the cultural politics of race and gender in late 20th century America, particularly 1970s African American and queer nightlife, along with costume history. Mr. Gonzaba formerly designed *Wearing Gay History: An Exhibit on LGBT History* through T-shirts. The exhibit featured t-shirts and other artifacts from the digitized *Chris Gonzalez Library and Archives of Indianapolis* to bring attention to LGBTQ+ history of "fly over" countries. Chris Gonzalez was an activist who succumbed to AIDS on May 5, 1994 in Indianapolis. Mr. Gonzaba is a doctoral student in American history at George Mason University, where he received his MA in history and women and gender studies. **Joseph Cullon**, guest curator of the LGBTQ+ FOR THE RECORD exhibit and WPI History professor, will moderate the talk with **Eric Gonzaba**.

The Riots That Sparked the Gay Revolution

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 7-8:30PM

Revisits Stonewall activism: Empowering Communities and Archiving LGBTQ history with **Jennifer Brier, PhD**, writer and historian of the LGBT civil rights movement.

LGBTQ+ Historical overview: Community Memory

Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 7-8:30PM

Eric Marcus, award-winning oral historian of the LGBTQ civil rights movement, will bring the voices of LGBTQ+ history to life through intimate conversations with moderator, Allen Young, co-author of *Lavender Culture*, former hospital administrator, and a co-founder of the legendary Royalston, MA commune of gay ex-new Yorkers at Butterworth Farm. Some of Marcus' decades-old audio archive will be donated to WHM to help build the LGBTQ+ physical archive.

Community Forum – Youth Culture and Worcester LGBTQ+ History

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7-8:30PM

This forum will provide insight into the current day experiences of LGBTQ+ youth, specifically the Safe Homes and SWAGLY programs for LGBTQ+, young people between the ages of 11 and 24. Young people at Safe Homes and SWAGLY come from Worcester and surrounding towns. Some are still in high school or college, and some have jobs or attend work-training programs. Topics: trans identity, queer people of color and intersectionality, marriage equality and current queer views on ME, military service, queer sexual health in schools. Moderated by **Professor Roxanne Samer**: Feminist, Queer, and Transgender Cinema Clark University.

LGBTQ and Latinx History: How Latinx immigrants have challenged U.S. immigration policy over the last century.

Friday, September 20, 2019, 7-8:30PM

Professor Julio Capó is a transnational historian whose research and teaching interests include modern U.S. history, especially the United States's relationship to the Caribbean and Latin America. He addresses how gender and sexuality have historically intersected and coalesced with constructions of ethnicity, race, class, nation, age, and ability.

The LGBTQ+ exhibit brings together the scattered documentation of Worcester County's LGBTQ+ experience made possible in partnership with **College of the Holy Cross, Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute** and **Digital Worcester**. With sponsorship from **Mass Humanities, state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities**, along with the **Albert W. Rice Charitable Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, UniBank, the Mass Cultural Council, and College of the Holy Cross's Scholarship-in-Action community-based research grant, sponsored by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.**

Lecture series is free with museum admission. Information is subject to change without notice—visit WHM website for updates. For more information on programs and about this exciting project and your opportunity to participate - go to LGBTQintheWoo.org.



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