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Agenda

6:00 - 6:15	Introduction
6:15- 6:30	Panel Introduction by Gary Van Ooteghem
6:30 - 7:30	Panel Discussion - Session I
7:30 - 7:45	Break
7:45 - 8:45	Panel Discussion - Session II
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9:30 - 9:50	Next Group Discussion
9:50 - 10:00	Announcements

Panel Guests

Pokey Anderson
Larry Bagneris
Kevin Davidson
Annise Parker
Gary Van Ooteghem

Leading and Learning Committee Members

Dan DiDonato
Chris Ehlinger
Johnene Horton
Connie Marmolejo
Bruce Turner

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1260	In Orleans, France, as new Law code mandates punishments for both men and women who commit same-sex acts: removal of the testicles or clitoris, respectively, for a first offense; removal of the penis or breasts for a second offense; and burning at the stake for a third offense
1497 -1512	Organized protest in Florence, Italy against religion and government by the Compagnacci, leading to the decrease in fines for sodomy in 1514
1725	Customers at a London Molly House fight off a police raid in protest
1791	Napoleonic Code (France) instituted which does not mention sex between consenting adults allowing a refuge for homosexuals
1924	Society For Human Rights, first formally organized gay-movement group in the U.S., forms in Chicago by Henry Geber
1934	On June 28, the anti-gay holocaust begins with the rounding up and execution of 200 "homosexual pigs who besmirch the honor of the party" (Hitler)
1937	Nazis begin using Pink Triangles to identify gay men and Black Triangles to identify women of "socially unacceptable" stance believed now to have included Lesbians.
1941	The U.S. enters W.W.II and the U.S. Surgeon General declares that homosexual and lesbian relationships in the armed forces should be tolerated as long as they are kept private.
1944	Sweden repeals anti-homosexual laws
1950	Onslaught of witch hunts that culminate in McCarthyism: homosexuals purged from federal government; thousands lose their jobs.
1953	Prohibition of gays in federal employment by Eisenhower executive order
1958	U.S. Supreme Court rules that <i>ONE Magazine</i> could be distributed through the mail

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1961	Drag performer, Jose Sarria, becomes the first openly gay person to campaign for public office running for supervisor in San Francisco.
1961	Czechoslovakia repeals anti-gay laws.
1962	Illinois becomes the first state to decriminalize homosexual acts between consenting adults in private
1963	First gay rights pickets
1964	Founding of the Society for Individual Rights (SIR)
1965	Homosexuals picket the White House and Pentagon
1966	Houstonian Ray Hill begins to appear on radio in lone effort to educate public
1967	Britain legalizes consensual adult homosexual activity
1969	Stonewall Riots, riots over a three-day period, in response to police harassment, signal the transition from more moderate homophile movements to more progressive activism
1969	Formation of Gay Liberation Front and, later, Gay Activist Alliance
1970	Purge of lesbians from the National Organization of Women
1970	Gay Liberation Front formed at University of Houston
1972	KPFT, in Houston, broadcast T. Sanders to enlighten straights about gays. Later became "Out of the Closet, Into the Streets." with Chuck Berger
1972	First gay persons elected to public office (Ann Arbor City Council)

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1973	Gay Political Coalition formed in Houston from Integrity members and Community Center supporters, led by Billy Walker, Chuck Berger, Bob Osborne and Randy Thomas.
1973	Founding of National Gay Task Force and Lambda Legal Defense Fund
1973	Houston Gay Political Coalition (HGPC) was organized to provide such basic needs as legal council, to educate parent groups, and to provide other services lacking within the gay and lesbian community.
1973	Fred Hofheinz mayoral candidate meets with Integrity/Houston to discuss his views on issues essential to homosexuals
1974	Elaine Noble is the first openly gay person elected to a state legislature
1974	The first bill to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians, HR-14752, introduced to House of Representatives by Bella Abzug and Ed Koch.
1975	Gay Political Caucus is formed in Houston with Pokey Anderson, Jerry Miller, Ray Hill, and Rev. Robert Falls announcing it.
1975	Gary Van Ooteghem chosen as first president of GPC in Houston
1975	Harvey Milk is elected to San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1975	The Gay Political Caucus (GPC) announced its formation in Houston
1975	Sergeant Miriam Ben-Shalom was discharged for military service for being homosexual.
1975	Gay Activist Alliance formed at University of Houston and granted University recognition.

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1975	Houston representative Craig Washington attempted to get the state Senate to repeal Article 21.06 of the penal code.
1976	Texas Gay Conference III held in Houston.
1976	About 200 members of the now-defunct Gay Activist Alliance marched down a two-block stretch of road in Houston.
1977	3000 Houstonian Gays and supporters protest Anita Bryant addressed by national leaders Liz Torres, Troy Perry, and David Goodstein. Her campaign is credited with galvanizing the community more than any other single event.
1977	First official lesbian/gay delegation received at the White House
1977	AIDS (yet unnamed/undiagnosed) cases begin appearing in U.S.
1977	In Houston, GPC Endorses Kathy Whitmire for Controller, despite attempts to use the endorsement against her she won.
1978	Town Meeting I held, 6000 reported to have attended in Houston
1978	Ex-supervisor Dan White assassinates Harvey Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone at City Hall
1978	Gilbert Baker designs the Rainbow Flag to fly in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade.
1979	First organized Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Parade in Houston commemorating the 10 year anniversary of Stonewall attracted app. 20,000
1979	The First Lesbian and Gay March on Washington takes place in October and attracts 200,000

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1979	Pokey Anderson ran for Neighborhood Development Commissioner in Houston
1980	CBS broadcast of "Gay Power, Gay Politics"
1980	Aaron Fricke goes to court to take his male date to a Rhode Island high school prom
1981	Phyllis Frye sues University of Houston (Bates College of Law) over transsexual discrimination in college activities
1981	First reference to AIDS (under the name Gay-Related Immune Disease) in medical journals and mainstream press
1981	The Center for Disease Control first reported that Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia was attacking gay men
1981	Kathy Whitmire elected as Houston's first woman mayor with 82.3% of the vote in the Montrose area
1982	Wisconsin becomes the first state with gay rights statute
1982	First Federal Judge to rule against state (Texas) sodomy statute
1983	Re-election of Congressman Studds (after being outed) as the first openly gay politician to national office and the election of the first openly gay mayor in Key West
1983	HIV virus identified
1984	Berkeley becomes first in the U.S. to institute Domestic Partner policy for city employees.
1984	The Wall Street Journal changed its editorial policy and now permitted the use of the word "gay" as an alternative to homosexual in the news.

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1985	Citywide referendum on job protection in City employment to include sexual preference, voted down in Houston
1985	Rock Hudson's death is a turning point in the media's awareness of AIDS; President Reagan publicly mention the epidemic for the first time
1986	Court upholds rights of states to criminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex (and at least some relations between consinting adults of the opposite sex) in Bowers v. Hadwick, U.S. Supreme
1987	The Second March on Washington is held. Crowds are estimated at 500,000.
1987	Congressman Frank comes out
1987	ACT UP (The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) is formed in New York, begiining a new wave in confrontational protest in the battle against AIDS
1988	First National Coming-Out Day is a success across the United States
1989	First openly gay black elected to public office (Albany, NY)
1989	Denmark first country to legalize same-sex marriage
1990	Founding of Queer Nation
1990	Congress passes and President Bush signs the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, the first federal law to include the term "sexual orientation."
1992	Margarethe Cammermeyer, former Colonel of the Washington State National Guard, discharged dishonorably based soley on her admission that she is a lesbian.
1993	Third March on Washington attracts One million people
1994	The 25th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising is commemorated with a march on the United Nations in NYC

Political Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1995	President signs executive order forbidding the denial of security clearance due to homosexuality
1997	First U.S. President to address a gay organization (HRC)
1997	Walt Whitman Community School, the nation's first private school for Gays and Lesbians, opens in Dallas.
1997	Anise Parker elected to an at large City Council Position in Houston
1998	Maine rescinds state's gay non-discrimination statute
1998	Mayor Lee Brown tries to use an executive order to stop discrimination in employment by the city of Houston

Social Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1883	Cross-dresser Lucy Ann Lobdell is featured in British medical journal
1920	Predominately gay bars appear in Houston, the Pink Elephant is from that era.
1936	Mona's, one of the first Lesbian bars in the U.S. opens in San Francisco.
1948	Publication of Sexual Behavior in the Human Male by Alfred Kinsey. First major survey of homosexual behavior informs Americans of the number of men who engage in same-sex sexual relationships
1953	Publicized transsexual operation of Christine Jorgensen
1953	Diana Foundation begins as spoof on the Oscar ceremony (1982 begins non-profit work) in Houston
1955	Founding of the Daughters of Bilitis (The same year Rosa Park's was arrested in Montgomery and Emmett Till lynched in Mississippi)
1955	Daughters of Bilitis, first lesbian membership organization, forms in San Francisco.
1960	First National Lesbian conference sponsored by the Daughters of Bilitis
1964	<i>Life</i> magazine entitles a cover story "Homosexuality in America"
1966	First gay community center opens in San Francisco
1969	Stonewall Riots, riots over a three-day period, in response to police harassment, signal the transition from more moderate homophile movements to more progressive activism
1969	The famed Stonewall Rebellion occurs in June in NYC.
1970	First lesbian/gay Chicano group formed in LA, Unidos, by Steve Jordon

Social Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1972	First attempt at community center in Houston, Montrose Gaze Community Center
1973	Club Bath chain reaches its 500,000th membership
1974	Lesbianas Latina Americanas meets in Highland Park on Figuero St. California
1975	Bisexual Forum is founded in NYC
1975	Gay American Indians (GAI) is founded in San Francisco
1975	The Montrose Activity center is started, finds a home in 1978 (founded by Gary van Ooteghem.)
1975	First Southeastern Conference on Lesbians and Gay Men (Chapel Hill)
1976	A perfect marriage of socialization and charity was attained through the formation of the Colt 45's in Houston
1976	Montrose Activity Center in Houston is incorporated.
1977	AIDS (yet unnamed/undiagnosed) cases begin appearing in U.S.
1978	Lesbians of Color (LA) is organized shortly after the National Lesbian Feminist Organization conference
1978	First anatomically correct gay doll - Gay Bob
1979	Second community center in Houston founded and floundered, supported by bar owners.
1981	First reference to AIDS (under the name Gay-Related Immune Disease) in medical journals and mainstream press

Social Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1981	The Gay Games first held in San Francisco with 1300 participants from twelve countries
1982	The first International Gay Games were held in San Francisco.
1983	HIV virus identified
1985	Asian Pacific Lesbians and Friends is formed in California
1985	Rock Hudson's death is a turning point in the media's awareness of AIDS; President Reagan publicly mention the epidemic for the first time
1987	First Latina Lesbian conference is held in Mexico City.
1987	First public display of The Quilt
1988	National Black Gay and Lesbian conference
1994	First School Sanctioned gay-youth prom held in Los Angeles
1998	Another attempt is made to create a Gay community center in Houston (At least the fifth).

Non-Profit Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1953	Diana Foundation begins as spoof on the Oscar ceremony (1982 begins non-profit work) in Houston
1968	Promethean Society formed, first Houston (support group) organization, by Ray Hill, Rita Wanstrom, and David Patterson.
1969	Stonewall Riots, riots over a three-day period, in response to police harassment, signal the transition from more moderate homophile movements to more progressive activism
1969	Texas Riders, Houston' oldest motorcycle club formed.
1970	Integrity/Houston founded, oldest existing gay Houston organization, involved in first gay speakers bureau, first V.D. screening in community, first successful attempt at political organizing.
1976	A perfect marriage of socialization and charity was attained through the formation of the Colt 45's in Houston
1977	AIDS (yet unnamed/undiagnosed) cases begin appearing in U.S.
1978	Montrose Activity Center (MAC) was an attempt to organize Houston's community, but eventually closed due to insufficient funding
1979	The Gay's Men's Chorus of Houston (GMCH) began performing to instill community spirit through a repertoire of formal, popular and empowering music
1980	The Montrose Sports Association (MSA) became a Texas nonprofit organization appealing to gays who enjoyed organized competitive sports
1981	First reference to AIDS (under the name Gay-Related Immune Disease) in medical journals and mainstream press
1981	Aids begins to appear in Houston according to city Health Department

Non-Profit Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1982	A group of medical professionals and other civic leaders joined forces against the growing crisis of HIV and AIDS in Houston, forming KS/AIDS Foundation Houston (AH)
1983	HIV virus identified
1983	Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) started as a nonprofit organization which helped to raise funds for charities through events preceding and including the Houston rodeo.
1983	Outrage Inc. was organized to raise funds for Houston area HIV/AIDS charities
1985	Rock Hudson's death is a turning point in the media's awareness of AIDS; President Reagan publicly mention the epidemic for the first time
1986	Omega House, Houston, was founded by Eleanor Munger, who recognized that patients in the terminal phase of AIDS were often discharged from the hospital with no place to go and a diminished support base
1987	Founded in Houston, the Bering Community Service Foundation purpose is to provide services to person who are living with HIV
1987	H.A.T.C.H (Houston Area Teen Coalition for Homosexuals) was founded
1989	The First Annual AIDS Walk Houston. Proceeds from the walk currently benefit 13 local HIV/AIDS organizations
1990	Houston's Ryan White Planning Council formed to coordinate Federal funding to Aids service agencies.
1996	Hollyfield Foundation is created in Houston

Professional Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1870	<i>Urnings</i> , First gay periodical published by Karl Zheinrich Ulrichs
1896	<i>Der Eigene</i> , ("Ones' Own") a gay periodical, published in Germany by Adolph Brand
1933	Nazi destruction of Hirschfeld's Scientific-Humanitarian Committee and Library
1947	Publication of first lesbian magazine, <i>Vice Versa</i> , by Lisa Ben (Edythe Eyde)
1953	Publication of <i>ONE Magazine</i> , first widely circulated gay periodical in North America
1956	First publication of <i>The Ladder</i> , a lesbian magazine published by Daughters of Bilitis
1964	Publication of <i>Vector</i> magazine
1969	Stonewall Riots, riots over a three-day period, in response to police harassment, signal the transition from more moderate homophile movements to more progressive activism
1977	AIDS (yet unnamed/undiagnosed) cases begin appearing in U.S.
1978	Established by Gary van Ooteghem, the first issue of <i>Upfront</i> appeared in Houston, taking on a more critical and substantial view of gay and lesbian issues
1978	EPAH founded in Houston
1978	William Scott heads discussions which lead to Montrose Counseling Center in Houston
1981	First reference to AIDS (under the name Gay-Related Immune Disease) in medical journals and mainstream press

Professional Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1981	Montrose Clinic opens in Houston. It started in the medical committee of the GPC and Lesbians and Gay persons in Medicine based on the mobile clinic begun by Ruth Ravas for V.D. screenings
1983	HIV virus identified
1985	Rock Hudson's death is a turning point in the media's awareness of AIDS; President Reagan publicly mention the epidemic for the first time

Religion Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1961	The Unitarian Universalist Association grew out of the consolidation of two religious denomination: the Universalists, organized in 1793, and the Unitarians, organized in 1825
1968	Metropolitan Community Church founded in Los Angeles by Troy Perry
1969	Stonewall Riots, riots over a three-day period, in response to police harassment, signal the transition from more moderate homophile movements to more progressive activism
1970	Roots of Dignity are planted (Roman Catholic)
1971	First steps taken to establish Metropolitan Community Church in Houston
1972	Opening of first gay synagogue in the U.S.
1972	First gay person ordained by a major Christian denomination (United Church of Christ)
1974	Since 1974, More Light Presbyterians, through it's predecessor organizations has been working to transform the church into a true community of hospitality
1975	Robert Falls was the first pastor of the newly formed Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection in Houston
1976	Integrity in Houston is founded (Episcopalian).
1977	AIDS (yet unnamed/undiagnosed) cases begin appearing in U.S.
1977	KKK burns a cross in front of MCCR building on Jo Anne St. in Houston
1977	Lutherans Concerned for Gays is founded in Houston

Religion Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1978	Bering Memorial UMC officially begins a homosexual outreach in Houston
1980	Gay Atheist League of America (Houston) is founded by Don Sanders.
1981	First reference to AIDS (under the name Gay-Related Immune Disease) in medical journals and mainstream press
1983	HIV virus identified
1983	The Reconciling Congregation Movement was conceived by members of Affirmation, a group of United Methodists for lesbian, gay, and bisexual concerns.
1984	Lutheran Concerned/North America started the Reconciling in Christ program to recognize congregations which welcome lesbian and gay believers
1985	General Synod Resolution calling on United Church of Christ Congregations to declare themselves Open and Affirming.
1991	The Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists was initiated at a gathering of pastors at the 1991 Biennial in Charleston, West Virginia, and was formally organized at the 1993 Biennial in San Jose, California.
1994	Maranatha Fellowship (an out growth of MCCR) is founded in Houston
1997	The Rev. Dr. Mel White received the ACLU's National Civil Liberties Award for applying the "soul force" principles of Gandhi and King to the liberation of sexual minorities. He is a co-founder of Soulforce and author of <i>Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America</i> .

Other Note Worthy Events

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1895	Trials of Oscar Wilde
1897	Discovery of remnants of Sappho's poetry
1928	Publication of the <i>Well Of Loneliness</i> by Radclyffe Hall
1956	Allen Ginsberg's <i>Howl</i>
1963	John Rechy's <i>City of Night</i>
1966	<i>The Transsexual Phenomena</i> by Harry Benjamin is published and becomes the comprehensive guide for transsexuals.
1967	First issue of <i>The Advocate</i>
1968	CBS Special "The Homosexual" reported by Mike Wallace
1969	Stonewall Riots, riots over a three-day period, in response to police harassment, signal the transition from more moderate homophile movements to more progressive activism
1970	"The Nuntius" Houston's first gay publication started.
1973	American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality as a mental disorder
1974	With strong Houston ties, "Contact" started publication, later absorbed by The Advocate.
1977	Wilde and Stein Bookstore opened in Houston by Charles Gillis, named after outlandish English playwright Oscar Wilde and feminist writer Gertrude Stein.
1977	AIDS (yet unnamed/undiagnosed) cases begin appearing in U.S.

Other Note Worthy Events

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1979	Montrose Patrol formed to counter police harassment and neglect in Houston
1979	<i>Montrose Voice</i> started by Henry McClurg.
1979	A Ten day celebration including a parade down Westheimer and fireworks in Spotts Parks highlight Gay Pride Week in Houston.
1981	First reference to AIDS (under the name Gay-Related Immune Disease) in medical journals and mainstream press
1983	HIV virus identified
1984	Greg Louganis wins four gold medals in the Olympics
1985	Rock Hudson's death is a turning point in the media's awareness of AIDS; President Reagan publicly mention the epidemic for the first time
1991	First major U.S. publicly held company (Lotus) extends domestic partner benefits

AMERICAN HISTORY of PERSECUTION
Prior to 1940

- 1566 French interpreter put to death by Spanish in Florida for being a "sodomite". The interpreter was the lover of a chief's son of the Guale who was the power in the village.
- 1624 Richard Cornish put to death for forcing himself on a cabin boy in the Virginia colony.
- 1646 William Plaine executed in Massachusetts Bay Colony for corrupting "a great portion of the youth of Guilford by masturbation"
- 1646 New York, Jan Creoli executed for a second offense of sodomy upon a lad of ten. First record of an African-American so punished, he was choked to death then burnt to ashes, and the boy was flogged.
- 1777-79 Thomas Jefferson revised the laws of Virginia to delete death as punishment, substituting "whosoever shall be guilty of .. Sodomy with man or woman shall be punished, if a man, by castration, if a woman, by cutting thro' the cartilage of her nose a hole of one half inch diameter at the least."
- 1778 Lieutenant Enslin court marshaled for trying to commit sodomy upon a soldier, dismissed from the service with infamy. Approved by George Washington.
- 1793-98 Philadelphia as described by a French lawyer. "These women, without real love and without passions, give themselves up at an early age... and are not at all strangers to being willing to seek unnatural pleasures with persons of their own sex."
- 1824-26 A broadside from Louis Dwight appears that may be the earliest to discuss the problem of homosexuality in prison, THAT BOYS ARE PROSTITUTED TO THE LUST OF OLD CONVICTS.
- 1846 New York City police department dismissed officer McCosker for allegedly fondling two men whom he was arresting. May have been framed.
- 1866 Horatio Alger charged with and admitted to gross indecency with two boys loses job as minister of Unitarian Church.

- 1880 United States census reports on those jailed for the crime against nature. (By state)
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| 1 Alabama | 1 Missouri |
| 3 California | 1 Montana |
| 5 Florida | 1 Nebraska |
| 3 Georgia | 5 New York |
| 4 Illinois | 6 Pennsylvania |
| 2 Kentucky | 1 Rhode Island |
| 3 Louisiana | 1 South Carolina |
| 2 Maryland | 7 Tennessee |
| 2 Massachusetts | 4 Texas |
| 1 Michigan | 2 Virginia |
| 7 Mississippi | 1 Washington |
| 31 white | 32 "colored" |
- 1890 Census 101 white 78 "colored" (included African-American and 2 Chinese)
- 1892 Alice Mitchell kills her lover Freda Ward whom she has conspired to marry by cross-dressing after Freda flirts with a man. President of Bryn Mawr, lives first with Mary Gwinn later with Mary Elizabeth Garret (philanthropist)
- 1896 An article in the "American Journal of Insanity" discusses the responsibility of homosexuals for their own financial wellbeing. Declarations of insanity can deprive them of that control. Used most often against lesbians of wealth.

WHO'S WHO THROUGH THE AGES

A non-exhaustive listing

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| 2500 BC | Gilgamesh "marries" the wild man Enkidu (most likely Sudanese) is written. This was an oral legend for perhaps 2500 years prior to being written down. |
| 1046 BC | Jonathon, Son of Saul "My brother Jonathon, thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women." David, (2 Samuel 1:26) |
| 600 BC | Sappho, the greatest of all the early Greek lyric poets. |
| 500 BC | mizi xia becomes part of the Chinese language as a man whom loves men, due to relationship between Mizi Xia and Duke Ling of Wei. |
| 427 BC | Plato, Prior to Freud, Platonic love was definitely sexual. |
| 388 BC? | Alexander' father Phillip slaughters the Sacred Band of Thebes, A fighting corps of 150 male couples known for their heroism. Murdered by his page Pausanias in revenge for having been sodomized publicly at a banquet, he is said to have taken eight hundred eunuchs with him on his battle marches. |
| 356 BC | Alexander the Great, once the most powerful man in the world. Had his lover (Hephaestion)'s physician killed for failing to save his life. |
| 200 BC | In India the epic Ramayana includes female-female eroticism, not as titillation. |
| 100 BC | Julius Caesar, routinely called "every man's wife" and Queen of Bithynia. |
| 63 BC | Augustus Caesar (Octavius) The favorite boy used by his Uncle Julius Caesar. |
| 1 CE | Emperor Ai of the Han Dynasty tries to name his lover as successor. |
| 12 CE | Caligula, The essential bisexual. |
| 130 CE | Emperor Hadrian, lover of Antinous, built a city to memorialize his lover. |
| 160 CE | Lucian writes about lesbianism in Rome and on the Isle of Lesbos. Describing, perhaps, the earliest examples of butch/femme relationships |

- 205 CE Marcus Aurelius Antininus, impressed with marriage ceremonies, went through two in one night, as wife to a charioteer and as husband to a boy name Hierocles. Both weddings were consummated in full public view.
- 300 c St. Sebastian, patron saint of gays, loved by the Emperor Diocletian, killed for embracing Christianity.
- 866 CE Emperor Michael III joins in a same-sex-union with Basil the Macedonian. (Byzantine Empire)
- 1252 Thomas Aquinas codifies homosexual practices as sins against nature.
- 1327 Edward II assassinated for his relationship to Piers Gaveston.
- 1431 Joan of Arc dies, anecdotal evidences that she was a lesbian. Her friend, Gilles de Rais murdered boys after sodomizing them.
- 1476 Leonardo Da Vinci denounced to authorities for acts of sodomy and was acquitted for lack of evidence.
- 1475-1564 No evidence exists that proves Michelangelo ever had sex. His homoeroticism was visual and written, it seems that religious qualm and civil prosecutions kept him chaste.
- 1520c Montezuma is known to cannibalize the boys he sodomized.
- 1580c Shakespeare, claimed-unknown.
- 1593 Christopher Marlowe writes the first play in English to treat a same sex relationship sympathetically "Edward II". Remembered for saying " All they that love not tobacco and boys are fools".
- 1687 Ihara Saikaku publishes *"The Great Mirror of Male Love" in Japan, tale of younger and older men, Samurai and Kabuki.*
- 1726 Mother Clap charged with running a "disorderly house" in London. More than fifty men were found making love in innocent and not so innocent ways.
- 1730's Frederick the Great, His father has his lover executed in front of him. Upon taking the throne, he excluded from the palace all women. Wrote bawdy love verses and entertained all of the gay young men (upper class) of Europe.

- 1732 William King publishes in satire the words, "lesbian loves", one of the first uses in English in a same sex context.
- 1770's William Pitt, English statesman for whom Pittsburgh, Pa. is named spoke for freedom.
- 1778 Baron Fredrich Wilhelm von Steuben and his seventeen-year-old "secretary" sign on to train the Continental Army.
- 1800c Lord Bryon's "Life and Adventures" is burned depriving us of a true story of his affairs; (he had to take his lover Nicolo to a physician to repair the over worked anal sphincter). He championed sexual freedom his entire short life.
- 1806c President Buchanan "divorces" William Rufus DeVane King by sending him to France as ambassador. Others referred to King as Miss Nancy and Aunt Fancy in the senate.
- 1813 Anselm von Feuerbach persuades Germany lawmakers to follow the Napoleonic Code and de-decriminalize sex acts.
- 1822 Spain follows suit.
- 1833 An anonymous "autobiography" of Lord Byron is written as protest against persecution of same sex love.
- 1835c The Crow known as Woman Chief takes four wives showing her status won through hunting and war.
- 1848 Elizabeth Stanton and Lucretia Mott host the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., marking the beginning of organized feminism in the U.S.A.
- 1860 Walt Whitman publishes the third edition of the Leaves of Grass now including the homoerotic Calamus poems and sex positive Children of Adam.
- 1868 Karoly Kertbeny coins the words homosexual and heterosexual.
- 1871 Rimbaud and Verlaine French modern poetry is their child.
- 1886 Richard Von Kraft-Ebing publishes "Psychopathia Sexualis" promoting a medical/psychiatric theory of homosexuality
- 1893 Tchaikovsky dies.

- 1894 Helen (or Martha) Carey Thomas becomes first woman president of Bryn Mawr. Founder of John Hopkins Medical School (on the agreement that women would be admitted. She had various lovers over her lifetime.
- 1895 Oscar Wilde is sentenced to two years hard labor for sodomy.
- 1896 Adolf Brand debuts the first successful gay periodical *Der Eigene* ("The Special").
- 1890's Sergei Diaghilev develops modern ballet with his string of lover/dancers Nijinsky, Massine, Lifar
- 1897 Magnus Hirschfeld organizes the first formal gay group to fight repression, the Scientific Humanitarian Committee.
- 1899 Arthur J. Cohen publishes "A Marriage Below Zero" the first American novel to discuss sex between two men openly.
- 1905 Sigmund Freud asserts that homosexuality is a form of arrested or deflected development, rejecting the idea of degeneracy.
- 1900s Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas are the most famous couple in Paris, nurturing writers and feminists and queer artists.
- 1912-18 T.E. Lawrence The Desert Fox, definitely effeminate had an affair with the Turkish younger man, Dahoum. No evidence of the claim that he was raped in the desert by Bedouins; his Irish nature was to exaggerate, it may have been a consensual act.
- 1916 Cavafy publishes his first homo-erotic poems.
In Australia, Charles Webster Leadbeater founds the Liberal Catholic Church, the first religious group to minister openly to gay men and lesbians.
- 1921 F.D.R. and officers under his command accused of ordering enlisted men to engage in "immoral practices" in an attempt to entrap perverts.
- 1924 Henry Gerber receives a charter for the Society for Human Rights, intended to be an emancipation group. He is arrested and group fails.
- 1925 Frank Kameny born American Activist.
- 1926 Andre Gide comes out, the first public figure?

- 1928 Radclyffe Hall's "the Well of Loneliness" is published in Paris. In Dec. it sells 20,000 copies in its first month in the U.S.
- 1930 "Lesbian music" recorded by Bessie Smith on so called race records. "The Boy in the Boat" and "It's Dirty But Good"
- 1931 Blair Niles publishes the first widely read novel of the Harlem Renaissance describing gay men, drag balls, and police raids.
- 1933 Hitler starts the Nazi persecution of homosexuals and homosexual rights groups.
- 1934 Paul Cadmus's "The Fleet's In" ignites controversy.
- 1940's Errol Flynn, bisexual heartthrob known to have had at least three men, Tyrone Powers, Truman Capote and Howard Hughes.
- 1943 Jim Kepner begins the collection that will become the International Gay and Lesbian Archives in Los Angeles.
- 1945 Tennessee Williams produces "The Glass Menagerie", ever since straight critics have been looking at Banche as a drag queen.
- 1947 "Lisa Ben" starts the first lesbian newsletter, Vice Versa with 12 copies.
- 1948 Gore Vidal publishes "The City and the Pillar" is forced to change ending to an unhappy one.
- 1948 A. Kinsey publishes "A Report on Male Sexuality" shocking the nation with reported same-sex encounters and lifetimes.
- 1950 Lesbian pulp fiction at \$0.25 becomes popular
- 1950 Chuck Rowland, Harry Hay, Rudi Gernreich, Dale Jennings and Bob Hull hold the first meeting of what will become the MATTACHINE Society, the first successful American Gay group.
- 1953 Eisenhower mandates that all federal employees exhibiting sexual perversions be dismissed. 640 fired, many allowed to resign quietly.
- 1954 Evelyn Hooker's research on 30 gay men and 30 straight men shows indistinguishable results in mental health.

- 1955 Daughters of Bilitis is founded by four lesbian couples, including Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon.
- 1956 Allen Ginsberg gives a public reading of Howl, Which later published by Feringhetti Press, is a celebration of gay sex.
- 1956 Jeannette Foster publishes "Sex Variant Women in Literature" a groundbreaking study and bibliography on Lesbianism.
- 1956 The Daughters of Bilitis publish the 1st issue of The Ladder.
- 1950's George Jorgensen becomes Christine Jorgensen, the world's most known transgendered person.
- 1961 Jose` Saria runs for city supervisor in San Francisco believed to be the first openly gay person to run for public office in the U.S.A.
- 1964 Life Magazine runs a cover story "Homosexuality in America" challenging the pansy stereotype they feature "the Tool Box" in San Francisco.
- 1960s c Janis Joplin, the only question unanswerable is "was it more men or more women?"
- 1967 Craig Rodwell opens the first gay bookstore in the USA the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, NY.
- 1968 W.H. Auden finally admits to writing "A Platonic Blow", the great English poet actually wrote it about a blowjob.
- 1968 Troy Perry holds the 1st Metropolitan Community Church service in his home in LA.
- 1969 June 28th the police raid the Stonewall Inn
- 1974 Kathy Kozachenko becomes the first openly gay/lesbian person elected to public office, Ann Arbor City Council.
- 1975 David Copay reveals homosexuality shocking the sports world.
- 1977 Harvey Milk is elected to San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the first openly gay elected official in a large US city.
- 1978 Gilbert Baker debuts the first Rainbow Flag for San Francisco' Gay Freedom Day Parade.

- 1981 New York Times runs first story on what will later be named AIDS.
- 1982 Larry Kramer and friends form Gay Men's Health Crisis, the 1st Aids help organization.
- 1982 Tom Waddell opens the first Gay Games in San Francisco.
- 1985 Rock Hudson is outed as having Aids and then again as homosexual.
- 1987 Barney Frank is asked by the Boston Globe if he is gay? replies, "Yes, so what?"

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