



Birds of a Feather

1972 - 2022

50th Anniversary of Organized
LGBTQ Law Student Activism

A Production of Spectrum Institute

Commemorating the Synergy of LGBTQ Law
Students, Professors, and Lawyers in the 1970s

Documentary Film • Videos • Memory Book • Forums

Various activities will occur in the fall of 2022 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first gay law student association in the nation and the legal activism of that era. A documentary film will recognize law students, law professors, and lawyers who were trailblazers for LGBTQ rights throughout the 1970s. Short videos of interviews with living trailblazers will be made available on our website. A memory book of autobiographical essays from living trailblazers and biographical narratives of those who are deceased will be produced in print and digital formats. Participating law schools, student organizations, and bar associations will conduct forums where the documentary film (30 min.) will be shown, followed by an audience conversation with one or more of the living trailblazers.

An Invitation to Participate

Sponsors. Individuals, law firms, businesses, organizations, law schools, and bar associations are invited to sponsor this commemoration. Individuals can become sponsors by making a donation of \$100 or more. Sponsorships are available for law firms, businesses, organizations, law schools, and bar associations with a donation of \$250. Sponsors will be acknowledged in all commemorative activities. Benefactors who make a donation of \$500 or more will receive special recognition at forums and will receive display space in the memory book where they can identify themselves and convey a message to trailblazers. To become a benefactor or sponsor, contact John DiPietro (dipietrojohn09@gmail.com).

Trailblazers. Individuals who were active in LGBTQ activism in the 1970s as law students, law professors, or lawyers, are invited to participate in these activities. Contact us to arrange for a zoom interview. Submit photos or graphic images relevant to your activities during that era. Write an autobiographical essay to be included in the memory book. As your schedule permits, be available to participate in one or more forums in the fall of 2022.

Law Schools. Student organizations or faculty members at law schools can sponsor an in-person or virtual forum in September or October 2022 to commemorate the LGBTQ legal activism of the 1970s. After the film is shown, students, faculty, and members of the local legal community can have a conversation with one or more of the trailblazers from that era. Law schools and student organizations may arrange for participation by contacting Thomas

F. Coleman (tomcoleman@spectruminstitute.org) Participating law schools will have display space in the memory book.

Bar Associations. National, state, and local bar associations can participate by sponsoring a forum in September or October 2022. The documentary will be made available for showing at an in-person or virtual event that you host. One or more trailblazers will be available for a discussion following the film. Bar associations may arrange for participation by contacting Thomas F. Coleman (tomcoleman@spectruminstitute.org) Participating bar associations will have display space in the memory book.

Living Trailblazers (36): (partial list)

Thomas F. Coleman (1973 - Loyola, L.A.); Jack Baker (1971 – U. of MN); Abby Rubinfeld (1979 – Boston U.); Stephen Lachs (1963 – UCLA); Susan McGreivy (1977 – Los Angeles); Marilyn Hedges (1977 – Hastings); Matt Coles (1977 – San Francisco); Jay Kohorn (1974 – UCLA); Georgia Garrett-Norris (1980 – Irvine); Tim Stearns (1974 – Golden Gate); Gerald Gerash (1969 - Denver); Leonard Graff (1975 - Cooley) Bill Thom (19?? - Yale); Rosalyn Richter (1979 - Brooklyn Law School); John Sanchez (197? - Boalt Hall); Barry Copilow (1973 - USC); David A. J. Richards (1971 - Harvard); William H. Gardner (1959 - U. of Buffalo); George Raya (1980 - Thomas Jefferson); Rick Angel (1973 - Loyola, L.A.); Jerel McCrary (1977 - Hastings); Robert Blaustein (1975 - Loyola, L.A.); Thomas B. DePriest (1976 - U of VA); John O’Loughlin (1972 - UCLA); Rhonda Rivera (1967 - Wayne State); Patricia Cain (1973 - U. of GA); Jean Love (1968 - U of WI); Roberta Achtenberg (197? - U of UT); Jon Davidson (1979 - Yale); David Piontkowsky (1981 - Wayne State); John Ward (1976 - Boston U); Terence O’Brien (1972 - Loyola L.A.); Thomas J. Coleman Jr. (1980 - Tulane); Michael Pastor (1975 - USC); Kenneth Lasson (1966 - U of MD); Nan Hunter (1975 - Georgetown).

In Memoriam (26): (partial list)

David Rosenbaum (1973 - Southwestern); Ron Grayson (1975 - Peoples College); Claudio Frias (1975 - Rutgers); Craig Patton (1971 - Ohio State); Marjorie Rushforth (1978 - Western State); E. Carrington Boggan (19?? - NY); Harris Kimball (1953 - FL); R. Michael Wetherbee (196? - U. of MN); Donald Knutson (1958 - U. of MN) Arthur Warner (1946 - Harvard); Renee Hanover (1969 - John Marshall); William Reynard (1948 - Colorado); Leroy Walker (1966 - NYU); Steven Kelber (1976 - UCLA); Albert Gordon (1967 - Los Angeles); Walter Barnett (19?? - NM); Matt St. George (1979 - Loyola); Tom Homann (1978 - Western Law School); George Haverstick (1969 - U of San Diego); Mary Dunlap (196? - Boalt Hall); Ray Hatler (1975 - Los Angeles); Marshall Jacobson (1972 - Loyola L.A.); Barry Kohn (197? - Pennsylvania); B.J. Beckwith (1966 - San Francisco); Herb Donaldson (1957 - Stanford); Tom Stoddard (1977- NYU).



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