Liberate the Bar! Queer Nightlife, Activism, and Spacemaking

On view June 28 – October 20, 2019
ONE Gallery, West Hollywood
626 N. Robertson Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069

Opening Reception
Friday, June 28, 2019
5:00–8:00 PM

Liberate the Bar! Queer Nightlife, Activism, and Spacemaking is a multimedia exhibition that sheds light on the intricate relationship between nightlife, activism, and creative expression across space and time. The exhibition is not a historical overview, but instead presents clusters of archival materials such as newspapers, photographs, flyers, and videos alongside works by contemporary artists to meditate on past and present struggles and triumphs of queer life. Set to open on the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, the exhibition emphasizes the significant and underrecognized contributions of queer, transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming artists and activists to contemporary society. To learn more about this exhibition, please click here.

Following the opening reception, join us at the Liberate the Bar! Afterparty at Plaza with performances by DJ Timbalerx and Blaisa Discoteca. Admission is $7 at the door. Cash bar. Entry to Liberate the Bar! Afterparty begins at 8:30 PM.

3rd Annual Professional Learning Symposium Held This Week

The 3rd Annual Professional Learning Symposium for teachers—titled Contextualizing the Stonewall Riots—took place this week at ONE Archives at the USC Libraries. A partnership between the ONE Archives Foundation and the UCLA History-Geography Project, this Symposium explored LGBTQ activism that preceded and followed the Stonewall Riots through readings, presentations by historians, model lessons, and hands-on exploration of ONE Archives at the USC Libraries. Participating teachers will now work to develop lesson plans centered on these topics, and we look forward to sharing them
with you in the coming months! To read and download the lesson plans from last year's Professional Learning Symposium, please click here.

The Inaugural Class of Youth Ambassadors for Queer History Graduated

Beginning in August 2018, Youth Ambassadors attended working sessions at ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, LGBTQ history lessons by community leaders, and explored LGBTQ landmarks throughout Los Angeles. At the Graduation Celebration, Youth Ambassadors shared about the year-long projects they worked on; projects include LGBTQ representation in 20th century film, a newsletter about global LGBTQ issues, photo collages depicting changes in LGBTQ activism, queer love letters, and a zine exploring life for LGBTQ youth in Los Angeles County. To learn more about this program, please click here.

Updates from the 2019 LGBTQ Research Fellows

Following a competitive selection process, 14 scholars from across the country were awarded the LGBTQ Research Fellowship from the ONE Archives Foundation. We’re pleased to announce that many of the Fellows have begun their research at ONE Archives at the USC Libraries. The 2019 LGBTQ Research Fellows and their topics are as follows:

Kathryn Rose Alexander – Queer Country Cultures: Country Western Dance and Rodeo


Jamal Batts – Immoral Panics: Black Queer Aesthetics and the Construction of Risk

Aiden Bettine – The Queer Archival Impulse across the U.S.: Community Archiving from Gay Liberation to the AIDS Epidemic

John Carranza – Explaining Sex: Sex Education, Normalization, and Disability in the United States from the 1960s to the 1990s

Eric Denby – LGBTQ Youth Organizing from 1965 to 1985

Emmett Harsin Drager – “To Be Seen: Transsexuals and the Gender Clinics”

Alexis Heller – ON OUR BACKS: The Revolutionary Art of Queer Sex Work

Emily Hobson – AIDS and Abolition: Activism Against the Epidemic in Prisons

Stacy Macias – Disappeared Spheres: Circling the Greater East Los Angeles Latina Lesbian Bar Orbit

Lindsay Mattock – Mapping the Queer Archival Impulse: Tracing the Origins of the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Archives and Libraries

Austin Rodenbiker – Gay Pornography, Suicide, and Queer Mourning

Nick Simko – Researching Images of the LGBTQ Community from the 1960s to the 1990s

To learn more about research conducted by the 2018 LGBTQ Research Fellows, please click here.

ONE Archives Foundation Is Hiring!

The ONE Archives Foundation has a job opening for individuals interested in joining the organization! To view the position description and to apply, click on the position title below:

- Director of Content Strategy

Images: (Liberate the Bar!...) Mario Sandoval, Escandalo Revival at Arena Nightclub, Hollywood, c. 2010. Courtesy of the artist. (The Inaugural Class of...) Image by Priscilla Mars. (Updates from the 2019 LGBTQ...) All images courtesy of each Fellow.