

LGBT Heritage Month 06.09

Honoring the Past
Celebrating the Future

2003

The United States Supreme Court strikes down remaining laws against homosexual acts

2004

Massachusetts is the first state in the U.S. to legalize same-sex marriage

2002

Buenos Aires is the first Latin-American city to legalize same-sex unions

2001

The Netherlands is the first country to legalize same-sex marriage

1972

Sweden becomes the first country to allow transsexuals to legally change their sex and provides free hormone therapy

1977

Harvey Milk becomes city-county supervisor in San Francisco

1969

The Stonewall riots are first instances in American history when gays and lesbians fight back

1924

The Society for Human Rights is the first gay rights organization in America

1920

The word gay is used for the first time in reference to homosexuals

1910

Katherine Lee Bates writes "America the Beautiful"

1973

The American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality from its *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*

1979

The first national homosexual rights march on Washington, D.C. is held

Bay Area Events

San Francisco Gay Pride Parade
San Francisco AIDS/Lifecycle
San Jose Pride Parade

English 5
Introduction to the history and development of gay and lesbian literature as a continuous theme in the development of mainstream literary traditions and more recently as a separate and distinct literary genre. Readings selected to represent a variety of historical periods and contrasting societal attitudes toward same-sex relationships ranging from ancient Greek and Roman texts to contemporary American poetry, fiction, drama, and non-fiction prose. Emphasis on the emergence of contemporary gay/lesbian literatures and identities in the United States in the 20th century within the broader context of on-going class, race, gender, religious, political, and aesthetic debates. Only offered in the Fall Quarter.

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Gay/Straight Alliance Network
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
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1791

Revolutionary France adopts a new penal code, making it the first western nation to decriminalize homosexual acts

1906

The first openly homosexual American novel, *Imre* is published

1897

The Scientific-Humanitarian Committee is the first organization in history to campaign for social recognition of LGBT

600 BCE

Greek poet Sappho writes famous love poems about women

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