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## ONLINE BOOK EVENT: LOVE YOUR ASIAN BODY WITH AUTHOR ERIC C. WAT

Evening of Audio-Visual Storytelling to Take Place on January 26 at 5pm PST / 8pm EST

Conversation with Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow Jaime Shearn Coan to Follow

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Los Angeles, CA (January 21, 2022) — ONE Archives Foundation announced today an online event featuring audio-visual storytelling and a conversation with **Eric C. Wat**, on the occasion of his recently released book, **Love Your Asian Body: AIDS Activism in Los Angeles** (University of Washington Press, October 2021).

From the publisher: "A community memoir, *Love Your Asian Body* connects the deeply personal with the uncompromisingly political in telling the stories of more than thirty Asian American AIDS activists."

Eric C. Wat, a 2018-19 <u>LGBTQ Research Fellow</u> at ONE Archives Foundation, will share archival materials from research conducted at ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, as well as a selection of his oral history interviews. He will then be joined in conversation with ONE Archives Foundation's Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow and Communications Manager **Jaime Shearn Coan**.

**Eric C. Wat** is the author of *The Making of a Gay Asian Community: An Oral History of Pre-AIDS Los Angeles* and *SWIM*, a novel. Learn more at <u>ericwatbooks.com</u>.

This event is organized by ONE Archives Foundation and co-presented with CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies. Special thanks to A/PGF and API Equality LA for their support in promoting the event.

This online book event is free with a suggested donation of \$10. Registration is required. Learn more about this online event and register at: <a href="https://www.onearchives.org/january-26-2022-love-your-asian-body-book-event-eric-c-wat/">https://www.onearchives.org/january-26-2022-love-your-asian-body-book-event-eric-c-wat/</a>

## **About ONE Archives Foundation**

Founded in 1952, ONE Archives Foundation is the oldest active LGBTQ organization in the United States, and is dedicated to telling the accurate stories and history of all LGBTQ people and their culture. As an independent nonprofit, ONE Archives Foundation promotes ONE Archives at the USC Libraries — the largest repository of LGBTQ materials in the world — and provides innovative educational initiatives, public exhibitions, and community programs.

The curatorial and educational choices made by ONE Archives Foundation are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gendernonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes.

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