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QUEER HISTORIES FESTIVAL

Presented by OAH Archives Foundation

Open Call for Proposals 2023

Application Deadline: 11:59 PM PST on Monday, May 8, 2023.

All applications must be submitted via our online submit.oaharchives.org

Please direct application inquiries to Sallie Burkert at sallie@oaharchives.org

ABOUT CIRCA

Celebrating seven decades of service to the LGBTQ+ community, OAH Archives Foundation presents Circa, the first and only LGBTQ+ history festival in the United States. Kicking off at the start of LGBTQ+ History Month, October 2023, the month-long programming series will showcase the trailblazing histories and vibrant cultural contributions of LGBTQ+ communities through the lens of present-day challenges and triumphs. Spanning the arts, humanities, politics, and culture, Circa will feature queer and trans thinkers and stories leading the movement for LGBTQ+ liberation.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Program proposals may be explicitly about queer historical events or individuals. We also welcome proposals that loosely, creatively, and expansively approach queer history.

What we mean by Queer Histories Programming

OAH Archives Foundation (OAH) invites queer, trans, and allied community members, artists, activists, scholars, youth, educators, cultural institutions, and community organizations to submit innovative, thought-provoking program proposals. We welcome proposals from across the arts, cultural, and humanities disciplines in the form of performances, screenings, readings, lectures, dialogues, debates, podcasts, workshops, exhibitions, pop-ups, parties, happenings, multidisciplinary programs, and more. We are currently prioritizing in-person programs but will also accept virtual programs accessible to broader audiences.

How we define Queer History

We define queer history broadly, as histories, herstories, and shestories. Queer histories interest everything in our lives. Consider submitting a festival program proposal on such themes as Activism, Solidarity, Liberation, Collaboration, Inspiration, Lineage, Ancestry, Chosen Family, Sex Work, Humor, Intoxication, Joy, Love, Resistance, Disability, Grief, Mourning, Death, Community, Courage, Transgression, Intergeneration, Birth, Rebirth, Sanction, Magic, Medicine, Religion, Spirituality, Faith, Immigration, Amnesty, Labels, Pronouns, Language, Drag, Memory, and don't forget... Sex! Other thematic ideas are also welcome.