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**ONE ARCHIVES FOUNDATION'S
YOUSPEAK RADIO 2023
SPOTLIGHTS CALIFORNIA LGBTQ+ TRAILBLAZERS**

**Education Program Empowers High School Students
Through Inspiring Interviews
With Six LGBTQ+ Activists & Role Models**

Preview Latest Interviews at Listening Party on July 19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Los Angeles, CA (July 13, 2023) — ONE Archives Foundation announced today its 2023 **Youspeak Radio Listening Party**, a virtual event featuring highlights and reflections from six inspiring new interviews created by this year's Youspeak Radio participants. The event is free and will take place online on **Wednesday, July 19 at 5pm PT / 7pm CR / 8pm ET**. Listen to the 2023 audio trailer **out now**.

This culmination event is part of **Youspeak Radio**, an educational initiative from ONE Archives Foundation that pairs high school students with California-based LGBTQ+ activists for in-depth conversations that offer insight into our past as a community and ignite students' passion for changemaking. The 2023 cohort transformed these interviews into audio stories to be released on a weekly basis starting July 26. These six bright young students will share reflections on their experience in Youspeak, following an excerpt from their audio story, at the **Listening Party** next Wednesday, July 19.

RSVP for the event at onearchives.org/youspeak2023

The LGBTQ+ trailblazers featured in our 2023 **Youspeak Radio** episodes include: former Los Angeles City councilmember **Mike Bonin**; multidisciplinary artist **Dorian Wood**; drag queen and political activist **Terence Alan Smith**, also known as Joan Jett Blakk; psychologist and Bi+ activist **Dr. Mimi Hoang**; healer and trans community leader **Reverend Valerie Spencer**; and provost and historian **Dr. Amy Sueyoshi**. Each of these trailblazers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to share their stories and connect with the younger generation.

"I am just so touched that ONE has this platform to help youth," said Mimi Hoang, internationally-recognized bisexual activist and psychologist and 2023 Youspeak Radio interviewee. "You are going to change the world. It makes me happy as someone who is older to be able to impart some of my experiences."

Youspeak Radio equips students with audio storytelling, oral history, and interview skills necessary to bring stories to life. The 2023 program is led by Trevor Ladner, ONE Archives Foundation's new Education Programs Manager. As a former K-12 social studies educator, Ladner champions initiatives to make LGBTQ+ history more accessible to queer and trans teens.

"In a time of old attacks on a new generation of LGBTQ+ people, I am inspired by the knowledge and passion that our youth fellows brought to their conversations with these trailblazers," said Trevor Ladner.

ONE Archives Foundation offers a wide range of innovative education programs focused on curriculum development, K-12 teacher training, and youth mentorship that empower the next generation of students and educators. Learn more about ONE's mission to inspire transformative stories of LGBTQ+ history at onearchives.org/education.

“By connecting our community’s youth with our community’s elders,” said Executive Director Tony Valenzuela, “ONE is playing a vital role in passing down queer legacies to tomorrow’s leaders, making the future stronger and safer for all.”

Youspeak Radio 2023 is made possible with support from the Dwight Stuart Youth Fund.

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 history and stories of all LGBTQ+ people. As an independent partner to ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, ONE Archives Foundation promotes the largest repository of LGBTQ+ materials in the world and provides a range of 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, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes. Learn more at onearchives.org, and connect with ONE on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @onearchives.

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YOU SPEAK RADIO LISTENING PARTY

Listen to their stories. Learn from their wisdom. Launch into our future.

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023
5:00 PM PT via Zoom**

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“What makes you sickening is the fact that you are queer. Your transness is your fuel, your gender non-conformity is your fuel.”

REV. VALERIE SPENCER,
HEALER AND TRANS
COMMUNITY LEADER

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“You have a right to be who you are. And you deserved to be loved. And deserved to be empowered.”

MIKE BONIN,
FORMER LOS ANGELES
CITY COUNCILMEMBER

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Remember you are magic. Embrace the idea that we are meant to transcend the binary.

DORIAN WOOD,
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
ARTIST



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History is a powerful tool of changing how we think about the past, empowering ourselves, and moving towards a better future.

DR. AMY SUEYOSHI,
PROVOST AND
HISTORIAN

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