

LGBT HISTORY MONTH 2016 WHAT'S ON

A series of events throughout February 2016 celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, organised by Oxford Brookes, University of Oxford and local community groups.

INTRODUCTION



We are excited to be able to present our first ever celebration of LGBT History Month at Oxford Brookes. The diverse programme, which takes place both at Brookes and in the wider Oxford area, has been proposed by staff and students from across the University and focuses on key issues for and achievements of the LGBT community.

It also helps us look forward, promoting a greater understanding of people who identify as LGBT and helping to shape future initiatives, with support from Stonewall, a key partner in LGBT equality.

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For more information about equality, diversity and inclusion at Oxford Brookes please visit the website:

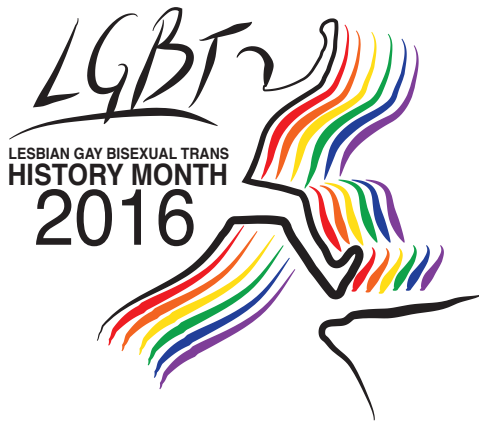
www.brookes.ac.uk/staff/human-resources/equality-diversity-and-inclusion

LGBT HISTORY MONTH

The overall aim of LGBT History month is to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of the public.

This is done by:

- Increasing the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) people, their history, lives and their experiences in the curriculum and culture of educational and other institutions, and the wider community;
- Raising awareness and advancing education on matters affecting the LGBT community;
- Working to make educational and other institutions safe spaces for all LGBT communities; and
- Promoting the welfare of LGBT people, by ensuring that the education system recognises and enables LGBT people to achieve their full potential, so they contribute fully to society and lead fulfilled lives, thus benefiting society as a whole.





WELLBEING / LGBT+ STAFF FORUM

Wellbeing services aim to enhance the learning, emotional, physical and spiritual life of the Oxford Brookes community.
www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/

The LGBT+ Forum aims to support staff in their working lives and to promote awareness of issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace.
<http://bitly.com/brookes-lgbt-staff-forum>

COFFEE MORNINGS

Grab a coffee and meet like-minded people for a chat. Wellbeing and the LGBT+ Staff Forum have organised a series of coffee mornings throughout the month, encouraging Brookes staff and students to meet informally, whether you identify as LGBT+ or consider yourself an ally. 11am-12pm in the following locations:

- 1 February: Harcourt Kitchen, Harcourt Hill Campus
- 8 February: (10.30am-12pm) Seminar Room 2 SF2/09, Ferndale Campus (refreshments provided)
- 15 February: Chaplaincy HKG/43, Helena Kennedy Student Centre, Headington Campus (refreshments provided)
- 22 February: Caffe Deli, Wheatley Campus
- 29 February: Canteen MRG/36, Marston Road Site

WHO: Brookes staff and students

WHEN: Every Monday throughout February, 11am-12pm

WHERE: All Brookes campuses

FREE



Oxford Area LGBT University Staff Social Group

Social events for all lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender staff at HE institutions in the Oxford area.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The group organises regular social events every month:

First Thursday drinks (4 February during LGBT History Month) happens at 6pm at the Oxford University Club on Mansfield Road on the first Thursday of each month. Drinks and food are available from the bar and members of the group always fly a rainbow flag on our table so new people can find them.

Cheap Eats (21 February during LGBT History Month) is the third Sunday evening of each month. The organisation rotates among members and the event is normally well-attended in various economical restaurants in Oxford.

LGBT Tea (22 February during LGBT History Month) is a relaxed tea/coffee/ice cream gathering in Oxford on the fourth Monday of each month around 5.30pm.

WHO LGBT staff working in HE in the Oxford area

WHEN Various dates

WHERE Locations around Oxford

FREE

OXFORD AREA LGBT UNIVERSITY STAFF SOCIAL GROUP

This network is intended for all lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) staff at Oxford Brookes University, University of Oxford, Oxford University Press and Ruskin College. This includes post-docs, research fellows, academic and non-academic staff.

Staff at other universities and research institutes etc. in the region are also welcome to join. Similarly, while the group is primarily intended for staff, post-graduate students are welcome to join the list and attend events if they wish.

www.ox-lgbt-acad.org.uk



BROOKES CHAPLAINCY

The Chaplaincy is open to all members of the Oxford Brookes community, and visitors.

We are here to offer friendship and spiritual care to all members of the University - students and staff, UK and internationals, people from any faith tradition, or no faith at all.

www.brookes.ac.uk/students/wellbeing/chaplaincy/

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM LGBT+ PEOPLE OF FAITH?

An open discussion with two members of the LGBT+ community who are people of faith.

Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston has been working for LGBT rights as a member of the Metropolitan Community Churches for nearly 30 years, and led the churches in Europe for many years. She is currently serving as the Pastor of MCC Newcastle.

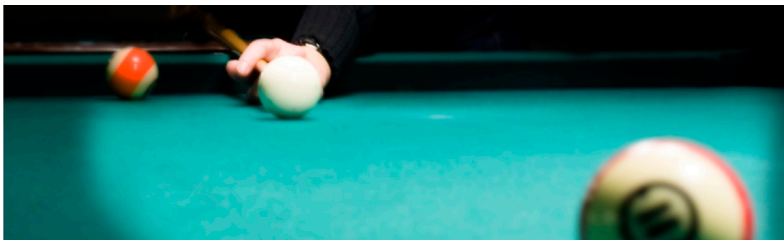
Maryam Din is a postgraduate student and queer Muslim who has blogged about her experiences and actively seeks good interfaith relations and works to change perceptions of queer people of faith.

WHO Members of the public, students and staff

WHEN Friday 5 February 2016, 3pm

WHERE Chaplaincy, Helena Kennedy Student Centre, Headington Campus

FREE



RED BOX

A friendly, welcoming bar night for women (cis and trans) of all sexual orientations and backgrounds to meet for entertainment and conversation.

Red Box is a women-only event.

WHO Women (cis/trans) of all sexual orientations and backgrounds

WHEN Tuesday 9 February 2016, 8pm

WHERE Check website for details

FREE



RED BOX

Red Box is a friendly women-only event, held on the second Tuesday of every month from 8pm.

We also host occasional cabaret, music, film and comedy events.

Red Box also publicises and supports other events around Oxfordshire that may be of interest to the community. If you know of an event that you think fits the bill, let us know on Facebook or Twitter.

www.redboxoxford.co.uk



DR NIALL MUNRO

Dr Niall Munro is a Senior Lecturer in American Literature and Director of the Poetry Centre at Brookes. In 2015 he published a monograph about the American poet Hart Crane entitled *Hart Crane's Queer Modernist Aesthetic* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), and is currently at work on another book about the memory of the American Civil War in literature of the period 1891-1944.

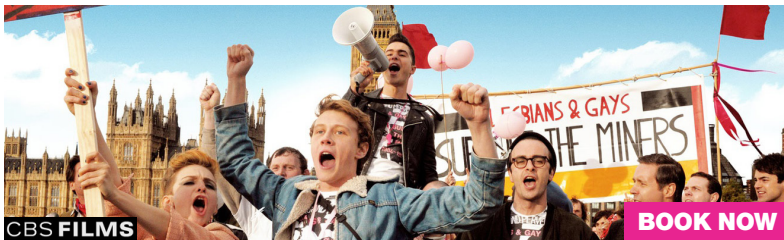
OF OUIJA BOARDS AND THE FOURTH DIMENSION: queer American poetry and the world beyond

To coincide with this year's theme for LGBT History Month, 'Religion, Belief and Philosophy', this lecture explores the life and work of four gay American poets of the 19th and 20th centuries: Walt Whitman, Hilda Doolittle (H.D.), Hart Crane and James Merrill.

Each writer became fascinated with different forms of belief, whether it was mysticism, the unconscious or the occult and used these ideas to inspire their work. These beliefs also allowed the poets to write about their sexualities, creating ground-breaking texts that challenged the times in which they lived. What can such an imagined community of poets tell us about being 'queer' in the 20th century, and what can they suggest about the relationship between belief and sexuality today?

WHO Members of the public, students and staff
WHEN Wednesday 10 February 2016, 6pm
WHERE JHB Lecture Theatre, Headington Campus

FREE



PRIDE (2014)

PRIDE is inspired by an extraordinary true story. It's the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers' families. Initially rebuffed by the Union, the group identifies a tiny mining village in Wales and sets off to make their donation in person. As the strike drags on, the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.

WHO Members of the public, students and staff

WHEN Sunday 21 February 2016, doors 7pm, film starts 7.30pm

WHERE Union Hall, John Henry Brookes Building, Headington Campus

£3

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SUNDAY NIGHT CINEMA

Settle in for the Sunday Night Cinema, as we take you on a trip to our decadent weekly movie.

Tickets cost £3 which includes a huge tub of pick'n'mix and popcorn.

www.brookesunion.org.uk/events/pride



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**RICHARD B.
PARKINSON**

Professor of Egyptology,
Fellow of Queen's
College and author of the
best-selling book *A Little
Gay History: Desire and
Diversity across the World*,
published by British
Museum Press.

**“A GREAT UNRECORDED HISTORY”:
LGBTQ HERITAGE IN WORLD CULTURES**

University of Oxford LGBT History Month Lecture

Introduced by the Vice Chancellor, Richard B. Parkinson, Professor of Egyptology and author of “A Little Gay History: Desire and Diversity across the World”, will give the 2016 Oxford University LGBT History Month Lecture.

Booking is recommended to be sure of a place: oxlgbt2016.eventbrite.co.uk

WHO Members of the public, students and staff

WHEN Tuesday 23 February 2016, 6pm

WHERE Mathematical Institute, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6GG

FREE



MONTHLY TALK

One of the Oxford Lesbian History Group's monthly talks on the lives of lesbians past and present: writers, actresses, artists, political activists and many more.

WHO Women only

WHEN Tuesday 23 February 2016, 8pm

WHERE See our Facebook page

FREE



OXFORD LESBIAN HISTORY GROUP

This is a small, friendly and informal women's group, with an interest in all aspects of lesbian history and culture. Meetings usually take the form of a talk given by one of the members, but there are also sometimes discussions and social activities.

For more information see our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/Oxford-Lesbian-History-Group-207330545978893



OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY DOCUMENTARY CLUB

We aim to show fantastic and diverse documentaries which represent different points of view relevant to particular topics.

Scan the code to see our full programme:



BOOK NOW

THE CASE AGAINST 8 (2014)

A behind-the-scenes look inside the historic case to overturn California's ban on same-sex marriage. The high-profile trial first makes headlines with the unlikely pairing of Ted Olson and David Boies, political foes who last faced off as opposing attorneys in *Bush v. Gore*. The film also follows the plaintiffs, two gay couples who find their families at the center of the same-sex marriage controversy. Five years in the making, this is the story of how they took the first federal marriage equality lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court.

WHO Members of the public, students and staff
WHEN Thursday 25 February 2016, 7pm
WHERE JHB Lecture Theatre, Headington Campus

FREE



WHAT DOES GENDER IDENTITY AND TRANSGENDER INCLUSION MEAN TO ME?

Meet up to find out more and share your views.



During LGBT History Month Robbie Young, one of the LGBT Officers with the NUS, will be joining Brookes Union, LGBT+ Forum colleagues and students for a discussion on how the sector is doing, highlighting current issues and debates, and how Brookes can learn from and be part of good practice.

Brookes Union and the University are working collaboratively on the development of our policy, resources and approach to improve our awareness and practice in relation to gender identity and transgender equality.

Details to be confirmed



FAITH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS IN OXFORD

**5 February 2016,
7.30pm**

Wesley Memorial Church,
New Inn Hall Street

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXILE - PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

Pádraig Ó Tuama is a poet, story-teller and theologian. This event is hosted by the Faith in Action Group (St. Columba's URC, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, St. Michael in the North Gate & New Road Baptist Church)

**7 February 2016,
7.15pm**

St. Columba's,
Alfred Street

CHRIST'S TABLE IS ROUND: FIRST SUNDAY

First Sunday is a monthly gathering of LGBT Christians for worship and discussion.

**25 February 2016,
7.30pm**

New Road Baptist Church,
Bonn Square

LGBT AND CHRISTIAN: BELIEF, CHALLENGE, AND OPPORTUNITY

A panel discussion with Adrian Moore, Susan Durbur, and Paul Fiddes. This event is hosted by the Faith in Action Group (St. Columba's URC, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, St. Michael in the North Gate & New Road Baptist Church)

THE
NATIONAL FESTIVAL
of
LGBT HISTORY

FURTHER AFIELD

The National Festival of LGBT History will be in locations around the country for its second year. It will be at the V&A on 6 February and the Museum of London on 7 February.

See the events calendar on the LGBT History Month website for festival details and information about other events taking place around the country.

<http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/event-calendar/>



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LGBT+ STAFF FORUM

At Oxford Brookes University, we are committed to ensuring the very best staff experience where all our community can flourish in a culture of respect and support, where we celebrate difference and thrive on each other's success.

As part of our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion we have set up a LGBT+ Staff Forum.

For further information email
hr-lgbtplus@brookes.ac.uk

STUDENT LGBT+ SOCIETY

We are a society who is accepting of those who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Transexual, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Pansexual, Asexual, Straight, and everything in between.

If you are trying to figure out who you are, need someone to talk to, or just want to meet likeminded people, check out our events page and come along, or email **su.lgbt@brookes.ac.uk**