

Along the Rainbow: 2024 Pride Month Newsletter

Compiled and Edited by Steven Goings, aka

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Welcome to Our First Edition!

Hi. I'm Quazar, the 2024 Grand Marshal for Monterey Peninsula Pride's parade and celebration.

The Purpose of the *Along the Rainbow* newsletter is to highlight the people, organizations and activities of LGBTQ+ Monterey Bay Communities.

This includes the goings on of our four local Pride organizations, (Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley and Pajaro Valley) as well as various online groups such as the Monterey Bay LGBTQ+ Network, the LGBTQ+ History Project Monterey County and Monterey LGBTQ & Friends Meetup.

Our various pride websites and online communities do a good job of posting LGBTQ+ related info and activities on their pages, but you have to



go to each of those websites and socials to get a comprehensive view of what's going on in our community.

The ultimate purpose of this newsletter is to be a central hub of timely information for the LGBTQ+ communities of Monterey Bay that comes directly to you (please subscribe). There will be weekly editions in the months of June and October (LGBTQ+ Pride & History months), with biweekly or monthly editions otherwise.

Future editions will include profiles of local queer activists and a gathering of LGBTQ+ resources including a listing of local LGBTQ+ owned businesses.

Please spread the word....(wait for it...)

ALONG THE RAINBOW!

-- Quazar

Along the Rainbow Land Acknowledgement by Quazar



Photo by Ohlone Coastanoan Esselen Tribal Chairwoman Louise J. Miranda Ramirez

Along the Rainbow acknowledges that our local LGBTQ+ communities live and thrive on the traditional, ancestral territories and homelands of the Esselen, Rumsen, Costanoan and Ohlone people. As an oppressed community ourselves, we must acknowledge that we reside on land stolen from indigenous people through physical and cultural violence. That cultural violence included the transmission of colonial Christian homophobia and transphobia to indigenous communities through boarding schools and missions with the express purpose of suppressing Two-Spirit people who went from being regarded as holy by their own indigenous communities to being regarded as deviants by European, Mexican and American settlers. To support and learn more about the surviving indigenous communities of Monterey, we encourage you to visit any of their websites:

LOCAL Pride Celebrations

49th Santa Cruz Pride Festival Information:

- Date: Sunday June 2, 2024
- Time: 11 am (parade); 12- 4pm (festival)
- Place: Downtown Santa Cruz
- Stage One: Abbott Square
- Stage Two: Intersection of Pacific Ave. and Locus St.
- Theme: Beacon of Pride
- Contact: Logan at [logan.kwalker@gmail](mailto:logan.kwalker@gmail.com) with questions or concerns
- Website: <https://santacruzpride.org/>



Monterey Peninsula Pride Parade & Celebration Information:

- Date: Saturday June 29, 2024
- Time: 11 am (parade); 12-3pm (celebration)
- Place: Downtown Monterey
- Parade: Hartnell & Polk Street
- Celebration: Custom House Plaza
- Theme: Be Queer Here
- Contact: Beth at bethwalker@peninsulapride.org
- Website: <https://www.peninsulapride.org/>

Pararo Valley Pride Info:

- Date: Sunday Aug 18, 2024
- Time: 11 to 4 pm
- Place: 340 East Beach Street, Watsonville
- Contact: Info@pajarovalleypride.org
- Website: <https://pajarovalleypride.org/>

Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations Info:

- Date: Saturday Oct 12, 2024
- Time: 11 to 3 pm
- Place: Central Park, Salinas:
- RSVP: SVPC Facebook page;

<https://www.facebook.com/events/328793883176744>

- Website: <https://www.salinasvalleypride.com/>
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EVENTS:

49th Annual Santa Cruz Pride Parade

Cheer on our Grand Marshals, watch cheerleaders, listen to bands and view a wide variety of contingents making up the largest LGBTQ+ Pride parade on the Central Coast. The Santa Cruz Pride parade and festival celebrates the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, transgender, Queer/Questioning Plus) community in Santa Cruz County. The parade and festival is a safe and inclusive space for the queer community and their

allies. You are welcome to be who you are and join the organizations, allies, supportive groups, churches, candidates, ensembles, performers, parents, children to show your pride, activism, enthusiasm and love.

Parade Route and Festival Following

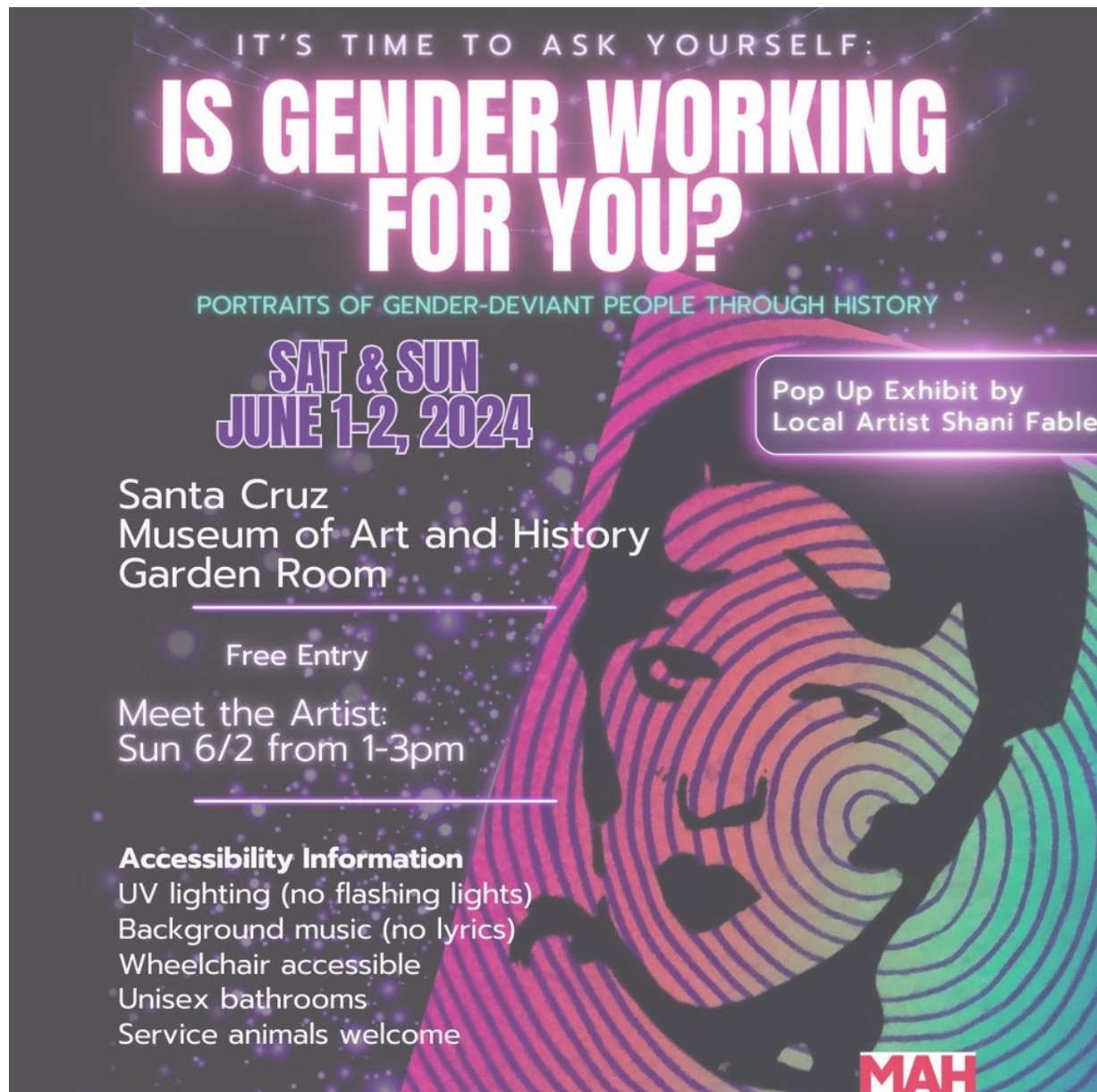
The parade travels along Pacific from Cathcart to Locust. Following the parade, join us at the Festival on Cooper Street, Abbott Square and in the MAH (free admission, art project for youth and the young at heart). The Festival will take place along Cooper Street and Pacific Avenue.

Where to Park? restrooms?

See this [map of parking lot and restroom locations](#) in downtown Santa Cruz.

Share Your Photos

- Use the hashtag #SantaCruzPride
- Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).



IT'S TIME TO ASK YOURSELF:
IS GENDER WORKING FOR YOU?
PORTRAITS OF GENDER-DEVIANT PEOPLE THROUGH HISTORY

**SAT & SUN
JUNE 1-2, 2024**

Pop Up Exhibit by
Local Artist Shani Fable

Santa Cruz
Museum of Art and History
Garden Room

Free Entry

Meet the Artist:
Sun 6/2 from 1-3pm

Accessibility Information
UV lighting (no flashing lights)
Background music (no lyrics)
Wheelchair accessible
Unisex bathrooms
Service animals welcome

MAH

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A CALL TO ACTIVISM

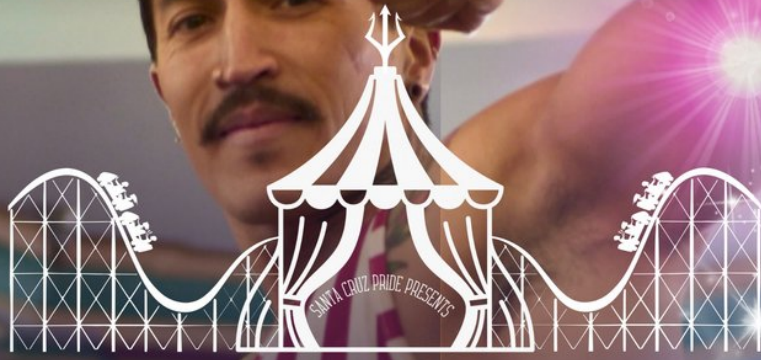
SPEAKERS AWARDS BURLESQUE & DRAG PERFORMANCES DJ HOLACRUZ REGISTER TO VOTE

4PM - 6PM AT THE CLOCKTOWER	SATURDAY JUNE 1ST 2024	6PM ACTIVIST MARCH
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THROUGH THE POWER OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION,
WE COME TOGETHER TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE

- SC TRANS SANCTUARY COUNTY • GENDER AFFIRMING CARE •
- TRANS RIGHTS AND LIBERATION • PRISON ABOLITION •
- ACCESS TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE MEDICAL CARE •
- RACIAL JUSTICE • SEX WORK DECRIMINALIZATION •
- PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN •
- BODY AUTONOMY • COMPASSIONATE DEATH •
- CLIMATE CHANGE • GO FUCKING VOTE •





QUEERLANTIS

A SEA ODDITY CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA


Hosted by Rogue Roulette with Beats by DJ AyumiPlease
FT : BearPad | Khloe Quarter Pounder | Em Dragon | Kuntz the Clown
Alpha Andromeda | Woo Woo Monroe | Carmel Delights

1 June
9:00 PM

Cocoanut Grove
400 Beach Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

18+ W/ Valid ID



queerlantis2024.eventbrite.com  [queerlantis](https://www.instagram.com/queerlantis)



SC Pride
Interfaith Service
Sun. June 2 @ 9:30am
All Are Welcome
Downtown Santa Cruz
Plaza Lane off Pacific
Near Hidden Peak Tea House



*Beacon
of Pride*
SANTA CRUZ PRIDE
2024
SantaCruzPride.org



Students:
March in the SC Pride Parade
With the Cabrillo GSA
Meet up on June 2 at 10am
at Cathcart and Pacific



@cabrillogsa

Cabrillo College



Beacon of Pride

**SANTA CRUZ PRIDE
2024**

JUNE 2ND | 11AM
DOWNTOWN SANTA CRUZ
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**Introducing Our 2024
Santa Cruz Grand
Marshal:**



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We are thrilled to introduce you to Elaine Johnson, a driving force within our community. As President of the Santa Cruz NAACP and Executive Director of Housing Santa Cruz County, Elaine embodies the spirit of diverse and compassionate leadership. Her unwavering dedication to uplifting the queer community of color through her exceptional community service is nothing short of inspiring.

Elaine's journey from overcoming adversity to becoming a beacon of hope and empowerment touches the lives of everyone around her. Her groundbreaking work at Housing Santa Cruz County has brought forth numerous affordable housing projects, making housing more accessible for everyone in our county. As the leader of the NAACP, she has infused a renewed sense of diversity and compassion, empowering the local black community.

Let's join together in celebrating Elaine Johnson, a true role model and leader. Stay tuned for an equally inspiring announcement of our second Grand Marshal tomorrow! And don't forget to join us at the Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival on June 2nd in Downtown Santa Cruz.

Introducing Pat Dellin, a dedicated leader within our community. As a Community Organizer and Former Diversity Center Board Member, Pat's commitment to preserving LGBTQ+ history and creating meaningful exhibits has left an indelible mark on our community.

Pat organized and collected all the LGBTQ+ archive materials from individuals around Santa Cruz, ensuring their preservation at the MAH and playing a key role in the creation of the Queerstory online and in-person exhibit.

Pat's impact extends beyond preservation, having contributed significantly to pride events and notably spearheading the organization of the virtual pride event in 2020. The founding of the Trailblazers program at the Diversity Center and years of advocacy and organization since the first pride in 1975 stand as a testament to Pat's unwavering commitment to the LGBTQ+ community.

Let's come together to celebrate Pat Dellin, a true trailblazer and community advocate. And don't forget to join us at the Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival on June 2nd in Downtown Santa Cruz.



Endless Pride

The Official Santa Cruz Pride Afterparty

Sunday, June 2nd • 2 PM to 7 PM • Hotel Paradox

611 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

PARADOX
AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION
HOTEL



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*A special
screening
of the
documentary*



Conversations with Gay Elders

Join us to watch one in a series of six interviews and conversational documentaries focused on gay men whose journeys of self-discovery precede the era of Stonewall and Gay Liberation. The conversations explore how these men navigated being “different” long before there was any social or political context for a positive LGBT self-image.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GAY ELDERS was a cross-generational collaboration in which producer/director David Weissman (then in his early 60s) worked in partnership with gay men in their 20s and 30s as editors to profile gay men in their 70s and 80s.

Filmmaker David Weissman (*The Cockettes, We Were Here*) will be joining us at this presentation.

Thurs., June 6th • 7-8:30pm

CSL Santa Cruz • 1818 Felt Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Attendance is free; donations accepted.

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MONTEREY PENINSULA

PRIDE

EVENTS:

APRIL 10, 2024

BE QUEER HERE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Press Release: Monterey Peninsula
Pride Parade and Celebration 2024



Monterey, CA - Join Monterey Peninsula's LGBTQIA+ and ally community for a family-friendly day of camaraderie, joy, and pride on Saturday, June 29, 2024, as we march and dance down Alvarado Street and celebrate at the Monterey State Historic Park's Custom House Plaza.

The theme for 2024 is "Be Queer Here." This theme serves two essential aspects of our organization and community. First, it reflects our firm commitment to supporting LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities, promoting acceptance, and ensuring that queer identities are respected and celebrated without erasure. Second, it is a nod to the reality that while San Francisco and the broader Bay Area are often associated with queerness and celebration, this spirit can also thrive right here in Monterey! Our community has always existed, and we want everyone who visits Monterey, or calls this place home, to understand that they can embrace their authentic selves.

The day will start with the Pride Parade, which will kick off at 11:00 a.m. starting on Polk Street near Alta Bakery. Our Grand Marshall, Quazar Goings, will lead the parade down Alvarado Street where we will end at Custom House Plaza. When asked about the importance of queer existence, Quazar said that "being queer is a rare and precious gift; queer lives transform a drab and monotonous existence into a creative celebration of joy and authenticity."

Following the parade, the celebration will take place at Custom House Plaza by Fisherman's Wharf at 12:00 p.m., and includes speakers and entertainment. Local musicians will get the dance party started and there will be drag performances by queens Rogue Roulette and Khloe Quarterpounder, and others!

New this year is our Queer Youth Awards portion of the stage program where we will award a number of queer students with scholarships to honor their commitment to going above and beyond in advocating for the local LGBTQIA+ community.

We will have over 65 local agencies tabling during the celebration portion of our event representing healthcare, non-profit, wellness, faith-based, art groups, and local food trucks that will provide meals and refreshments. This is a FREE event for the all ages, although donations are encouraged.

Monterey Peninsula Pride would like to thank the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that are making this event possible!

Please visit www.montereypeninsulapride.org or follow @montereypride on Facebook and Instagram for more information. If you're interested in getting involved as a volunteer, tabling, as a sponsor, or would like to sign up for email updates, please reach us via the email below.

Press Contact: info@peninsulapride.org

Melissa Lewis, Co-Chair
831-227-1184

Beth Walker, Co-Chair
650-619-0567



MONTEREY PENINSULA
PRIDE



QUEER YOUTH RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP

In support of the queer youth on the in our area, Monterey Peninsula Pride is excited to announce our first ever Queer Youth Recognition Scholarship. The Queer Youth Recognition Scholarship encourages the applications of queer youth who have demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges, advocated for the queer community or have contributed positively to the community on the Monterey Peninsula.

Applications will open on Friday, April 5th, 2024 and be closed on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024. Queer youth selected for these scholarships will be recognized at our Monterey Peninsula Pride Celebration on June 29th, 2024 at Custom House Plaza.

Scan the QR code below or visit the link in our bio for more information on application requirements!



MONTEREY PENINSULA
PRIDE





PANELISTS:
Tyler Williamson,
Monterey Mayor

David A Reichard,
Professor of History and
Legal Studies, Emeritus,
CSUMB

Debra Busman, Professor
of Creative Writing and
Social Action

Father Jon Perez, Vicar,
Epiphany Church, Marina

JT Mason, Whites for
Racial Equity & Pelenke
Arts

SAT 6/22/24, 11 AM

RAINBOW PRIDE PANEL
AT THE VILLAGE PROJECT, INC

A Celebration of Queer Activists

A Monterey Peninsula Pride Program

Co-Sponsored by **The Village Project, Inc.**

BE QUEER HERE! Save the Date!



MEET THE PRIDE 2024 GRAND
MARSHALL - QUAZAR

In their role as Grand Marshal for Monterey Peninsula Pride's 2024 Parade and Celebration, Quazar, has personally selected a group of local queer activists whose accomplishments you are invited to discover & celebrate!

For Disability Accommodations, Contact Steven Goings (aka Quazar) at sgoings@csumb.edu

THE VILLAGE PROJECT,
INC.

1069 Broadway Ave, Suite
201, Seaside, CA

Registration details coming
soon!

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Monterey Peninsula Pride

Present

TATTOOS & PRIDE

FLASH FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING

M.P.P.S' QUEER YOUTH RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP

Saturday June 22nd 12-8pm

140 w. Franklin ste 205

PRE-DRAWN FLASH DESIGNS CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ CULTURE

BLACK AND GREY \$80

RAINBOW \$100

Quazar (they-them-their) currently identifies as a bigender androsexual. Quazar is a founding organizer for Monterey Peninsula Pride, is a former president of the organization, and now serves as an emeritus board member. Quazar's roots in activism lay in their struggle to integrate intersectional identities whose communities were often at odds with one another; specifically, African American, Christian and LGBTQ+ identities and communities.



MEET THE PRIDE 2024 GRAND
MARSHALL - QUAZAR

Seeking a spiritual community where they could be openly gay, they moved

from Seaside to San Francisco in 1987 and got involved with an LGBTQ+ serving new age / omnifaith church called Radiant Light Ministries. Radiant Light taught that our spiritual potential is activated by serving our communities.

At 43, they enrolled at Cal State Monterey Bay as an undergraduate where they discovered their inner activist. Quazar's graduating capstone project was *Queer Spirit: Queer Navigations of Christian Cultural Terrain*. They were a co-founder of the LGBTQ+ student club Out and About (now the Pride Club), and was among the first group of CSUMB's Rainbow Graduates in 2010. In 2014, they were recognized for their HIV/AIDS activism by Central Coast HIV/AIDS Services.

Over the years, Quazar has co-designed LGBTQ+ Safe Zone training for CSUMB, Hartnell and Interim, Inc. Quazar is among the original organizers of Monterey Peninsula Pride's first parade and program in 2017. Each non-COVID year they have organized the MPP's interfaith welcome and pride panel.

Last summer, they facilitated a transgender mental health panel for The Village Project, Inc. This summer at the Village Project, they will be facilitating a celebration of local LGBTQ+ activist a week before Monterey Pride's parade and celebration.

Quazar currently works at CSUMB, where they co-facilitate the LGBTQ+ counseling and support group for students and co-facilitate the CSUMB LGBTQ+ Employees Affinity Group which was instrumental in developing CSUMB's Rainbow Raft Pride Center which opened in May 2024. They are honored to serve as Monterey Peninsula Pride's Grand Marshal for its 2024 Parade and Celebration.

HERE & QUEER & THRIVING!



a pride open mic night

Saturday, June 22

beginning at 6 PM (PST)

featured performer:

YOSIMAR REYES

music by
DJ AYUMIPLEASE

\$5 to \$10

suggested sliding scale donation
(no one turned away for lack of funds)

sponsored by:



530 ELM AVENUE
SEASIDE, CA 93955

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (831) 998-7291
OR EMAIL OURGENTE@EPICENTERMONTEREY.ORG

Save the Date!

Monterey Peninsula Pride's Parade & Celebration
Sat June 29th, from 11 am to 3 pm
Monterey Custom House Plaza

Look for our flier in next week's edition of *Along the Rainbow*

In the Spotlight:

The Rainbow Raft Pride Center



Excerpts from March 29, 2024 KAZU article by Janelle Salanga from <https://www.kazu.org/kazu-news/2024-03-29/finding-trans-community-around-the-monterey-bay>

Long-time CSU Monterey Bay professor David Reichard teaches history and legal studies. He was one of the advisors to the campus's first LGBTQ+ student group after arriving on campus in 1999.

“The activism of those students has been very responsive to the specifics of the time — for example, in 2000, when California was considering an anti-gay marriage proposition on the ballot, the students here really organized around that,” he said. “I remember tabling with them in the front of the post office. We had events on campus.”

Still, he recalled, not every LGBTQ+ student was gung-ho about public organizing.

“Some of the first group of students that I worked with in that [first iteration of the] club really didn't want to be public,” he said. “So we met in my office, because it had no windows.”

But he's seen the campus shift over the past 25 years, citing [*drag shows in the fall*](#) and CSU Monterey Bay's [*Rainbow Graduation ceremony*](#), which Reichard said hosted “a record number of students this year.”

“That's a very public, visible event,” he said. “I mean, it's amazing.”

The Rainbow Raft Pride Center, which formalizes resources and creates a dedicated space for LGBTQ+ students, is set to open in May, and Reichard is working with students and staff to get the center going.

Part of its work creating visibility will be connecting students to the legacy of trans and queer organizing on the CSU Monterey Bay campus.

“We have a plan to put a wall of CSUMB queer history here in the center, with images and photographs and documents,” Reichard said. “So students who come into the center know that they’re standing on the shoulders of a whole generation of students who organized before them.”

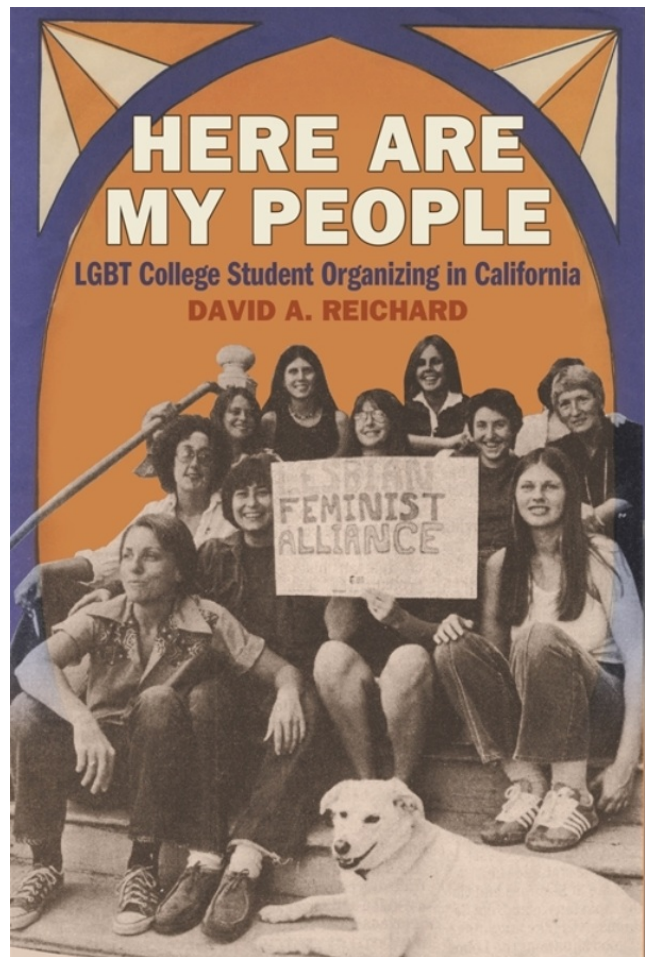
-- Janelle Salanga

In the Spotlight:

Here Are My People: LGBT College Student Organizing in California

A Book By CSUMB
Professor David A. Reichard

Uploaded from:



<https://ugapress.org/book/9780820366760/here-are-my-people/>

How a trailblazing group of college student activists made their mark on the history of the modern LGBTQ movement

Beginning in the late 1960s and throughout the 1970s, a new generation of LGBT students in California began to organize publicly on college and university campuses, inspired by contemporaneous social movements and informed by California’s rich history of LGBT community formation and political engagement. *Here Are My People* documents how a trailblazing group of queer student activists in California made their mark on the history

of the modern LGBTQ movement and paved the way for generations of organizers who followed.

Rooted in extensive archival research and original oral histories, *Here Are My People* explores how this organizing unfolded, comparing different regions, types of campuses, and diverse student populations. Through campus-based organizations and within women's studies programs, and despite various forms of reactionary resistance, student organizers promoted LGBT-themed educational programming and changes to curriculum, provided peer support like counseling and hotlines, and sponsored events showcasing queer creative practices including poetry, theater, and film. Collaborating across various campuses, they formed regional and statewide alliances. And, importantly, LGBT student organizers engaged California's vibrant gay liberation and lesbian feminist political communities, forging new and important relationships in the movement which enhanced both on and off-campus LGBT organizing.

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CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

2024 PRIDE FLAG RAISING

Saturday, June 1, 2024 • 10:30 am
Del Monte Blvd / Reservation Road
Marina, California



The map shows the intersection of Reservation Road and Del Monte Boulevard. Landmarks include Starbucks, Jack in the Box, Locke-Paddon Wetland Park, and Vince DiMaggio Park. The City of Marina logo is also present.

In the



Spotlight:

Local LGBTQ+ Progressive Flag Raisings

- City of Carmel: Mon June 3rd - Point of Contact: nromero@cbts.us
- City of Del Rey Oaks: Sat June 1st - Noon - City Hall / 650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd - Point of Contact: John Uy; juy@delreyoaks.org
- City of Marina: Sat June 1st - 11 am - Vince Di Maggio Park / 3200 Del Monte Blvd - Point of Contact: Brian McCarthy, bmccarthy@cityofmarina.org
- City of Monterey:
- City of Pacific Grove:
- City of Salinas: Fri May 31 - 9 am - City Hall / 200 Lincoln Ave. - Point of Contact: City Clerk; cclerk@ci.salinas.ca.us
- City of Sand City:
- City of Seaside: Thu June 6 - 4 pm - City Hall, 440 Harcourt Ave. - Point of Contact: Alexis Garcia Arrazola; agarcia@ci.seaside.ca.us



SAVE THE DATE

**Annual Progress Pride
Flag Raising Event**

**Friday, May 31st at 9 AM
Salinas City Hall, 200 Lincoln Ave.**

More Events

THE LARAMIE PROJECT

A Dramatic Reading

***We will not have Pride in the future ...
.... If we do not remember the past!***

"...Somberly spectacular..."

*"... both sides of that fateful fence
... unvarnished and raw..."*

*"... sends you back out into the world feeling that
as an individual you can make a difference!"*

Written by **Moises Kaufman**
and members of the Teutonic Theatre Project

Directed by Karen Cusson ❖ Stage Management by Tiffany Torrez & Robert Feeny

MAY 31ST & JUNE 1ST

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN & EPISCOPAL CHURCH

425 Carmel Ave., Marina CA 7:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION - *Limited seating!*

Call (831) 384-6323 for reservations

(Mature content....Parental discretion advised!)

The Laramie Project article from Monterey County NOW published on May 30, 2024 at...

[A local church is kicking off Pride Month with a powerful reading on the tragedy of hate.](#)

by **Agata Popeda**

Matthew Shepard was a gay student at the University of Wyoming who was beaten, tortured, and left to die near the Wyoming town of Laramie on Oct. 6, 1998. He died

in a hospital several days later. Shepard's story inspired films and TV shows, but also a stage play, *The Laramie Project*, that you can see as a dramatic reading at Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church in Marina.

"Extremely powerful," says Pastor Jon Perez, the church vicar who made it happen. "The church would always be involved in a theatrical project one year before the pandemic," he adds. "It's time to bring it back. It's a great way to kick off Pride Month."

It may be shocking to certain people who claim the stamp of religion that such a tribute takes place in a church, but the Epiphany Church is certainly not the only temple that showed such compassion. In fact, Shepard's remains found their resting place in one of the most beautiful churches in the U.S., the neo-Gothic Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

"We are a progressive church," Perez says. "At the same time, we are a very diverse church, also politically." None of the church members had anything against the idea, according to Perez, and many of them will participate in *The Laramie Project*.

The core of the project – created originally in 2000 by Moisés Kaufman, a Venezuelan American playwright and the founder of Tectonic Theater Project in New York City – are multiple stories told by people who knew Shepard, who participated in the event and in a trial after his death. In other words, we meet indirect witnesses of Shepard's story.

Thirteen local actors will do the reading. It is directed by Karen Cusson and Tiffany Torez is in charge of stage management. Both are church members.

"People share their view of the tragic event, which makes a great impact," Perez says about the underlying advocacy. The murder was denounced as a hate crime and brought attention to the lack of hate crime laws in various states.

But Perez also observes that while the LGBTQ+ community seems to have more rights than ever, hate crimes are on the rise. "There are more rights but also more violence," he says.

THE LARAMIE PROJECT runs at 7pm Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1. Epiphany Lutheran & Episcopal Church, 424 Carmel Ave., Marina. Free; reservations required. 384-6323, epiphanymarina.org.



PRIDE NIGHT!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH 7:00PM
CARDINALE STADIUM, SEASIDE, CA



Saturday, June 8

STRYKER FORCE
By Flex Party @
FlexPartyPride

8-9:30 PM

Bulldog Sport Club;
611 Lighthouse Ave.,
Monterey

General Admission: \$15.00



[**Click Here for Tickets**](#)

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF INCREDIBLE MUSIC, HOT GO-GO DANCERS, SINGERS, AND A STAR STUDED-DRAG SHOW. THIS IS A

NIGHT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!

Come join us at BULLDOGS SPORTS PUB for an epic night of fun and incredible music by DJ ATMOS, hot go-go dancers, singers, and a star-studded drag show to start off PRIDE month. THIS IS A NIGHT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!! Experience the pleasure and excitement of our very own SOCCER HOTTIES and don't miss out on the action - mark your calendars and you might just SCORE.....A GOAL!!

Sunday, June 9


XYZ COMEDY
Featuring (Lesbian)
Comic Lulu Vee

7:30 PM

Sunset Center; Saint
Carlos Street at 9th Ave.,
Carmel

General Admission:
\$35.00

[Click Here for](#)
[Tickets](#)

A portrait of Irene Tu, a stand-up comedian, actor, and writer. She is wearing a vibrant, patterned short-sleeved shirt with a pineapple and floral design. Her hair is styled in a short, dark, textured cut. She is holding a light green, rectangular object (possibly a piece of paper or a prop) above her head with her right hand. The background is a solid, bright orange color.

IRENE TU
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT 8PM

Irene Tu is an LA-based stand-up comedian, actor and writer who honed her chops in San Francisco. Her first comedy album WE'RE DONE NOW debuted in March of this year at #1 on the iTunes comedy charts. Irene has performed at Netflix Is A Joke comedy festival in the highly coveted "INTRODUCING" showcase. Her STAND-UP FEATURING set is the most watched reel on Comedy Central's Stand-Up's Instagram page, with over 2.7 million views. Paste Magazine praised Irene's "quick wit, relaxed stage presence, and hilariously off-the-wall observations" in this album that "ticks all the boxes of a winning introduction, and then some." She was named one of Vulture's "Comedians You Should and Will Know" and singled out in The SF Chronicle as an "artist on the brink of fame." She's a regular at festivals and clubs around the country and opens for comics like Taylor Tomlinson and Patton Oswalt.



UPCOMING WEBINAR

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