

LGBT HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 1ST-31ST



WHY?

The purpose of LGBT History Month is the observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and a celebration of those who have come before us.

HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM PRIDE MONTH?

LGBT History Month is a celebration of our elders who have acted as role models and have led our way. LGBT History month is also celebrated in United Kingdom and Canada, in February and October respectively.

LGBT Pride Month is celebrated in June. It promotes self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. LGBT Pride Month commemorated the Stonewall riots from 1969.

HISTORY

LGBT History Month was first celebrated in 1994. It was founded by Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher.

October was chosen because National Coming Out Day is on October 11th. National Coming Out Day commemorates the date of the Second March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1987. October also commemorated the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1979.

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OPPORTUNITIES

LGBT Resource Center Scholarships
Bastian Scholarship (B.W. Bastian Foundation)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT THE U

- The Diversity Graduate School Application Advisory
- Inclusive Earth
- in-STEM
- LGBTQ and Allies in Medicine
- Out for Business at the David Eccles School of Business
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (oSTEM)
- Pride Law Caucus
- Queer and Trans Students of Color (QTSOC)
- Students for Queer Arts, Resistance, and Education (SQUARE)
- LGBTQ+STEM

EVENTS

Fabulous Fridays: free food, games, meeting new people.

Big Q-T Welcome: to build community and learn about resources.

Gay-la and Silent Auction: fundraiser to support LGBT Resource Center scholarships, emergency funds, and student programs.

Pride Week: planned by a volunteer committee of faculty, staff, and students across the university.

Lavender Graduation: Students graduating in May, August, or December, undergraduate and graduate, are invited to take part in the celebration. You can register through the LGBT Resource Center website.

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RON BUCKMIRE

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

Ron is a Grenadian-born mathematician and LGBT activist. He created the Queer Resources Directory, the first comprehensive directory of LGBT and HIV/AIDS information on the Internet, in 1991, before the World Wide Web was invented. The QRD was one of several named plaintiffs in a successful Supreme Court challenge to the 1996 Communications Decency Act. His interests involve applied mathematics, numerical analysis, mathematics education, LGBT history and sexual orientation law.

ANTHONY BONATO

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Anthony received his B.S. from McMaster University, and his M.M. and Ph.D. from University of Waterloo. He is interested in graph theory, with applications to real-world complex networks and graph searching games. He has a blog called *The Intrepid Mathematician* where he writes about mathematics and mathematicians for a non-mathematician audience. He describes himself as part-time Larry King of mathematics.

ROBERT BRYANT

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Robert was the 63rd president of AMS. He received his B.A. from North Carolina State University and his Ph.D. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He works in differential geometry; Bryant surfaces and Bryant soliton are named after him. Robert is part of the board of directors of EDGE, a transition program for women entering graduate studies in the mathematical sciences. He is also a board member of Spectra, an association for LGBTQ+ mathematicians.

AUTUMN KENT

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Autumn earned her B.A. at University of North Carolina and her Ph.D. at University of Texas. She works in geometry and topology. She organized the LG&TBQ+ conference and is a promoter of trans rights. Autumn also participated in an interview about being a trans mathematician. You can find her story in *Living Proof: Stories of Resilience Along the Mathematical Journey*.

ANDREW HODGES

WADHAM COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Andrew is a British mathematician and author. During the 1970s, he participated in the gay liberation movement. He is the author of the critically acclaimed book *Alan Turing: The Enigma*, which inspired *The Imitation Game*. He has also written several works that popularise mathematics and science. One of his main research interests is twistor theory.