



LGBTQ Religious Archives Network

The **LGBTQ Religious Archives Network (LGBTQ-RAN)** is an innovative venture in preserving history and encouraging scholarly study of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) religious movements around the world. LGBTQ-RAN has three basic purposes:

- 1** **We assist** LGBTQ+ religious leaders and groups in determining how best to preserve their records and papers in appropriate repositories.
- 2** **We provide** a digital information clearinghouse (www.lgbtqreligiousarchives.org) for these archival collections and other historical data about LGBTQ+ religious history for the use of historians, researchers and other interested persons.
- 3** **We encourage** scholarly research and study about queer religious history.

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LGBTQ religious activism has been vital in the struggle for sexual and gender justice over the last 60+ years, and yet it has been vastly understudied. The **LGBTQ Religious Archives Network** has done more than any other organization to publicize and make widely accessible critical elements of this history. Its exhibits, its oral histories, and its comprehensive listing of archives are indispensable resources for understanding our continuing struggle for justice.



JOHN D'EMILIO, PH.D.

Author of *Queer Legacies: Stories from Chicago's LGBTQ Archives* and *Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin*

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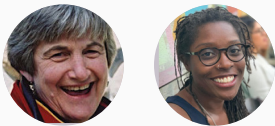
FROM THE Board of Directors

In our second year of being an independent organization, LGBTQ-RAN reached another milestone in our history—our 20th anniversary!

The board and staff planned and led a month-long 20th anniversary celebration in the fall of 2021, entitled *Queering Our Roots*. This campaign enabled us to demonstrate the many ways that the diverse seeds planted by queer religious activists over several decades have rooted and blossomed to transform lives and societies—and how LGBTQ-RAN has played a critical role in telling those stories.

A highlight of the anniversary celebration was five online webinar-conversations, each between an elder advocate and a younger thinker-activist. These intergenerational dialogues honored the courageous deeds of pioneering activists and provided a glimpse of what our future might hold.

Queering Our Roots Conversations



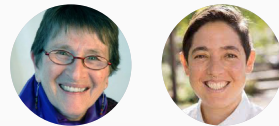
Rev. Dr. Jane Adams Spahr &
Rev. Annanda Barclay

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Rev. Jonathon Thunderword &
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Archbishop Zachary Jones &
Rev. Paul Anthony Daniels
remember Archbishop
Carl Bean

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Rev. Dr. Troy Perry &
Matthias Roberts

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Founder Mark Bowman has nurtured LGBTQ-RAN since it began in 2001. His inspirational idea to digitally capture the stories of people advocating for acceptance of LGBTQ+ folks within spiritual communities was implemented with the assistance of web technician Carl Foote. Doris Malkmus later joined the team as archivist. We are ever-grateful to Mark, Carl and Doris for making LGBTQ-RAN what it is today – a unique portrayal of religious voices and stories within LGBTQ justice-seeking movements around the world that anyone, anywhere can freely access.

Watch Mark, Carl & Doris talk about the launch and formation of LGBTQ-RAN:



Mark
Bowman
FOUNDER &
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR



Carl
Foote
WEB TECHNICIAN



Doris
Malkmus
ARCHIVIST



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Queering Our Roots was also an opportunity to help build a solid financial foundation for our future. Thirty groups, congregations and schools signed as sponsors to support LGBTQ-RAN and honor its 20 years of history. Many of you responded to a financial challenge match that resulted in a total of \$44,535 in donations. We thank you all for this generous support which provides a stable basis for LGBTQ-RAN's continued growth and development.

As the board overseeing LGBTQ-RAN, we express our great appreciation for the thoughtful and dedicated contributions of Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis and Barbara Satin who completed their service on the board. Pursuing our ongoing commitment to be more representative of our diverse constituencies, we added four new members in 2022. If you may be interested in participating in the board or the future of LGBTQ-RAN, [please reach out to us](#).

In the following pages you will find information about the many ways LGBTQ-RAN has fulfilled its mission over this past year. We welcome your comments, feedback and suggestions as we work together to preserve our voices and stories for future generations.

THE LGBTQ-RAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Queering Our Roots was sponsored by:

7 congregations

9 seminars

10 organizations

3 archives

54 individuals & families

donating a total of

\$44,535

[MEET THE SPONSORS →](#)

LGBTQ-RAN's website is the foremost source of information on LGBTQ religious history around the world.

This year we gathered and added:

26

New biographical **profiles** for a total of **577**

51

Additional **collection listings** for a total of **397**

5

Oral history interviews for a total of **72**

1

New **online exhibition**

We created the position of **Public Historian** on our personnel team to focus on collecting and preserving stories from LGBTQ communities of color and religious traditions that are underrepresented on our website.

More ways we expanded our historical collections:

An LGBTQ-RAN advisor referred **historian Rachel Waltner Goossen** to us for assistance in what to do with ten compelling interviews she had recorded with LGBTQ activists in the Mennonite Church in her research. Archivist Doris Malkmus worked with Goossen and the archivist at the Mennonite Church USA who offered to transcribe and preserve the recordings. We then selected six of the oral histories to post on the LGBTQ-RAN website.

Looking ahead to celebrating its 50th anniversary, **Congregation Beit Simchat Torah (CBST) in New York City** contacted LGBTQ-RAN about developing a digital depiction of its history. LGBTQ-RAN provided an intern who worked with an archival team at CBST to create an [online exhibit](#) that portrayed the founding and early years of this ground-breaking synagogue created by and for queer people.



Archivist Doris Malkmus assisted organizations with determining where to donate their records, including: Welcoming & Affirming Baptists; Disciples LGBTQ Alliance; and Neherim.

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LGBTQ-RAN is my go-to resource for exploring queer lives and witness in religious communities. The concise, informative biographies give me a rich sense of the persons in the archives and a sense of the arc of how queer folk have been important participants and leaders in religious life.



EMILIE M. TOWNES, PH.D.

Distinguished Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society,
Vanderbilt University Divinity School

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Building on the success of the *Queering Our Roots* celebration, in January 2022 LGBTQ-RAN launched a program of monthly webinars exploring diverse aspects of LGBTQ+ religious history, including the following:

We also created a new **Events** page on our website to provide access to recordings of our online educational programs.



Launch Party for new Congregation Beit Simchat Torah exhibit
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A Conversation with Katie Hemphill, Ph.D. recipient of the 2021-22 LGBTQ Religious History Award
[VIEW ONLINE →](#)



LGBTQ and Faith in Uganda: Beyond the Single Story
[VIEW ONLINE →](#)



AIDS, Activism and American Christian: A Conversation
[VIEW ONLINE →](#)



Creating Community, Making History: 50 Years of Congregation Beth Chayim Chadashim
[VIEW ONLINE →](#)



Exceptionally Queer: Sexuality & Gender in Mormonism
[VIEW ONLINE →](#)



Riot Mueller



AhSa-Ti Tyehimba-Ford

Communications Assistant **Riot Mueller** joined Communications Coordinator **AhSa-Ti Tyehimba-Ford** to publicize the webinar program and to expand outreach about LGBTQ-RAN's vast online resources through social media and other communication networks.

18%

Our email constituency grew by 18% to **2,233** persons and groups.

LGBTQ-RAN offered professional experience and training for younger queer scholars, historians and archivists as interns.

Summer 2021



Gabrielle
Garcia



Ve'Amber
Miller



Joshua
Smith

Fall 2021



Irene
Renaldy



Remy
Biggs

Spring 2022



Laken
Olah

The contributions of these interns include:

Refreshing the exhibit on the Council and the Homosexual

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Indexing the digital periodical collections of *Open Hands* and *Second Stone*

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[VIEW SECOND STONE ONLINE →](#)

Creating videos for the *Queering Our Roots* campaign

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Designing the exhibit on Congregation Beit Simchat Torah

[VIEW ONLINE →](#)



LGBTQ-RAN encouraged scholarly research and study about queer religious movements.

The 2021-22 **LGBTQ Religious History Award** was given to **Katie Hemphill, Ph.D.**, for her paper, “Pastor Was Trapped: Queer Scandal and Contestations Over Christian Anti-Vice Reform.”



We initiated a new award, the **LGBTQ-RAN Educational Resource Prize**, which was given to **Caro Bratnober** for their workshop, “Queering Religious Archives.”



The planning for these scholarly pursuits was guided by LGBTQ-RAN’s Advisory Team of historians, archivists and activists.

LGBTQ-RAN Advisory Team



Caro
Bratnober



Gillian
Frank, Ph.D.



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Krody



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Patty



Justin
Sabis-Tanis,
Ph.D.



Thelathia
“Nikki” Young,
Ph.D.

Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Memorial Award

LGBTQ-RAN collaborated with the estate and family of renowned feminist-lesbian-trans theologian **Virginia Ramey Mollenkott** (1932-2020) to name our annual award for papers as well as establish a memorial fund in her honor.



The proceeds from the investment of these funds will cover the expenses of that award. Friends generously pledged and gave just over **\$40,000** for the **Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Memorial Fund**.

In the coming year, we will continue to work with Mollenkott's friends and those who were influenced by her to attain—and even surpass—the memorial fund's **\$50,000** goal. It is fitting that Virginia's legacy will support the endeavors of young queer scholars in religion for many years to come.

DONATE TO THE MOLLENKOTT MEMORIAL FUND →

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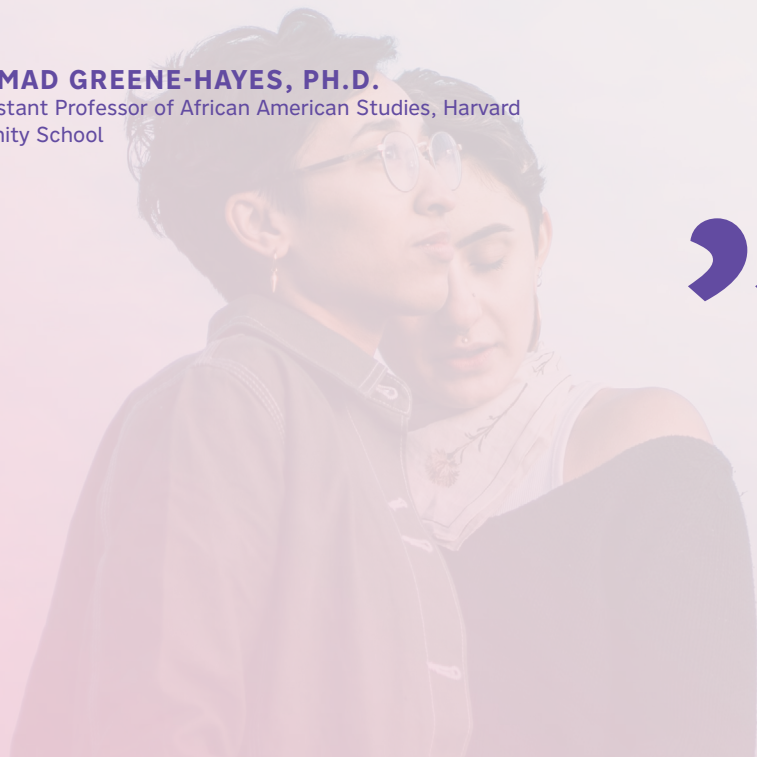
LGBTQ-RAN is a necessary intervention in dominant historiographies and public discourses which all-too-often silence and overlook the contributions of queer, transgender, and gender-nonconforming persons in the study of American religions. LGBTQ-RAN stands as a transformative force in connecting narratives about gender, sexuality and religion in America.



AHMAD GREENE-HAYES, PH.D.

Assistant Professor of African American Studies, Harvard Divinity School

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet

FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JUNE 30, 2022

Assets

Operating Fund	\$19,669
Restricted Funds	\$21,775
Reserve Fund	\$15,003
Total Funds	\$56,447

Grants Receivable	\$18,000
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Total Assets	\$74,447
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$0
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Total Liabilities	\$0
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Equity

Opening Equity Balance	\$29,038
Unrestricted Net Revenue	\$23,634
Temporarily Restricted Net Revenue	\$21,775

Total Equity	\$74,447
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Total Liabilities & Equity	\$74,447
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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Net Revenue Statement

FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2021 -
JUNE 30, 2022

Revenue

General Donations	\$33,641
20th Anniversary Donations	\$44,535
Grants	\$30,000
Restricted Donations	\$22,975
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Total Revenue	\$131,151

Expenditures

Historical Preservation	\$25,657
Educational Resources	\$16,660
Communications & Outreach	\$27,321
Administration	\$14,904
Restricted Expenses	\$1,200
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Total Expenditures	\$85,742

Unrestricted Net Revenue	\$23,634
Temporarily Restricted Net Revenue	\$21,775
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Total Net Revenue	\$45,409

Highlights of this past year's finances:

60%

Donations increased by 60% to **\$108,176** plus **\$22,975** in restricted gifts.

\$4,000

The board increased its reserve fund (for future contingencies) by \$4,000 to **\$15,000**.

25%

The contracted time for the personnel team increased by 25% to **42.5** hours per week.

137

Donors to our operations increased by **30%** to 137 giving units.



Penny Junco joined the LGBTQ-RAN team as Financial Accountant.

LGBTQ-RAN is most grateful to the
E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation
for its generous support.

LGBTQ-RAN expresses appreciation to these 137
households for their abundant giving to support our
operations over this past year.

\$1,000+

Jim Anderson
Dan Blackford
Mark Bowman
Kim Byham
Ellie Charlton & Bev Reddick
Robert & Ann Cromey
Luisa Derouen
Fetzer Institute
Institute for Judaism,
Sexual Orientation
& Gender Identity
Nancy E. Krody
Joel Kushner
Jim Mitulski
Richard Peterson
& Wayne Bradley
Bob Roehm
Marnie Warner
Ralph Watkins

\$500-\$999

Ray Bagnuolo
Steve Carson
Congregation Beit Simchat
Torah
John D'Emilio
First UMC Austin
Ron Gebhardtsbauer
& Greg Wright
Jay Johnson
Lynn Jordan
William Matson
Barbara Satin
Michelle Scheidt
& Barbara Crock
David Showers
Beverley Simmons
& Mary Lou Schill
Kenneth South
Richard Taylor
Wendy Taylor

\$250-\$499

Rebecca Alpert
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Anthony Petro
Melissa Wilcox
& Nicole Pitsavas
Stan Yogi & David Carroll

\$100-\$249

Dennis & Gail Alexander
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 Kathy Cooper-Ledesma
 Jimmy Creech
 Paul Crego
 Stacy Cusulos
 Marianne Duddy-Burke
 Sarah Flynn
 Enid Gast
 Alan Gates
 Lynne Gerber
 Mary "Suzi" Hagen
 Ed Hansen
 Jane Heckles
 Jan & Nancy Hensley-Olson
 David Jamieson
 William Johnson
 Dawn E. Jones
 Yoel Kahn
 Ted Karpf
 David Key
 Richard Kirker
 David Knapp
 Harry Knox
 Clayton Koppes
 & David (Jax) Kelly
 Anne Linstatter
 Bernard Lynch
 Deborah Maria
 Jim McCrea
 Rick Mixon
 Wes Mullins
 Larry Neff
 Sara Novak

Dusty Pruitt
 Irene Renaldy
 Donna Riley
 Kenneth Rowe
 Marti Scheel
 Laurel Schneider
 Eric Schuman
 Mark Shenise
 Barry Smith
 Matt Smucker
 Jackie & Jim Spahr
 William Stell
 B.J. Stiles
 Deborah Streeter
 Emilie Townes
 Leo Treadway
 Trudi Veldman
 Heather White

\$1-\$99

Greg Atkins
 Dorothy Bacon-Neighbors
 Bob Barzan
 David Baughman
 Bonnie Beckonchrist
 Don Behr
 John Tyler Connoley
 Brendan Fay
 Carl Foote
 Larry Fox
 Dayle Friedman
 Gabrielle Garcia
 Doug Heyboer
 Jordan Heykoop
 Jenelle Holmes
 Loraine Hutchins
 Lyle Jenks
 Toby Johnson
 Jason Kauffman
 Vincent Kelly
 Suzanna Krivulskaya
 Marjorie Larney
 Monique Moultrie
 Alton Mozingo
 Jeanette Mott Oxford
 & Dorothy Gannon
 Stedney Phillips
 Judith Plaskow
 Ruth Potts
 James South
 Jim Spahr
 Frank Staggs
 Christopher Vella
 Bill Wood
 Ralph Wushke

What can I do?

Tell others about LGBTQ-RAN and encourage them to **explore the website**. So often we hear that people are astonished to have never seen what valuable resources we have. Help us to spread the word.

Make a gift—a monthly recurring gift or a one-time gift—to LGBTQ-RAN so we can continue to capture advocacy stories from the past and those that are being lived today. Giving ensures our legacy.



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