OUR MISSION

Our mission is to preserve history and encourage scholarly study of LGBTQ+ religious movements around the world.

OUR 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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LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Growing Steadily

LGBTQ-RAN has completed its third year operating as an independent nonprofit organization. This board has established LGBTQ-RAN as a solid, growing entity and through the dedicated work of our personnel has strengthened and expanded programming. We are pleased to present you with these highlights in our 2022-23 annual report.

We have reached out to you and other LGBTQ-RAN constituents through our series of monthly online webinars. These continuing education opportunities showcase what historians and scholars are researching and publishing across a diverse expanse of LGBTQ+ religious history. In addition, our personnel provided interactive workshops that delineate best practices for archiving paper and digital records.

As our society emerged from Covid restrictions, LGBTQ-RAN was delighted to co-host an in-person gathering with Union Theological Seminary in New York City to celebrate the first recipient of the new Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Award. Through the generosity of a number of Mollenkott friends we endowed a memorial fund that will underwrite the costs of the Mollenkott Award for years to come.

Recognizing the need for resources for teaching LGBTQ+ spiritual history in a variety of educational setting, LGBTQ-RAN has prioritized gathering and creating such resources on our website. Our new Educational Resource Prize is one way we are growing and diversifying the availability of these resources for educators.

The turbulent global economy in 2022 provided some financial challenges—reduced foundation monies and a negligible increase in donation revenue. Given recent economic improvements, the board is redoubling its efforts to build a giving base that will sustain and grow our preservation and educational endeavors into the future. We are proud that LGBTQ-RAN accomplishes so much with quite limited resources. It is your support that will enable LGBTQ-RAN to continue its mission in the coming years.

Finally, the Board lifts up our dedicated and gifted personnel team—all of whom work very part-time—but who make LGBTQ-RAN an unprecedented resource on queer religious history. Furthermore, we express gratitude to the countless volunteers who help with webinars, serve as advisors, participate in our events, send us historical information, and tell others about LGBTQ-RAN. It is this collaboration that makes LGBTQ-RAN a unique resource and community.

Sincere thanks,

The LGBTQ-RAN Board of Directors (see next page)
Board of Directors

as of July 1, 2023

* To strengthen organizational leadership, four additional board members were added, effective July 1, 2023.
Archives Growth

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

This year we gathered and added:

- **32** biographical profiles for a total of 609
- **27** collection listings for a total of 424
- **21** remembrances for a total of 205
- **2** oral history interviews for a total of 74

Did you know:

Our Profiles Gallery has 600+ biographies of leaders and prominent initiators in LGBTQ+ religious movements around the world?

Explore Profiles →

Our Team:

- **Doris Malkmus** Archivist
- **Carl Foote** Web Technician
- **Mark Bowman** Founder & Exec. Director

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Educational Programs

We held a monthly webinar series exploring different aspects of LGBTQ+ religious and spiritual history to provide learning opportunities for our growing and diverse constituency.

2022
- Exceptionally Queer: Sexuality and Gender in Mormonism
- Ochumaré’s Rainbow & the River Maid: Queerness in Black Atlantic Religions
- Archiving Papers & Records

2023
- Gay Priest John McNeill: Stories of a Passionate & Prophetic Witness
- Preserving Sistory: Archives & the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
- Preserving Your Web Presence at the Internet Archive
- Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Award
  Honoring Wallace Best, Ph.D.
- Trans Visibility Past & Present
- Hidden Histories: Faith & Black Lesbian Leadership
- Kids on the Street: Queer Kinship & Religion in San Francisco’s Tenderloin

VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS →
AhSa-Ti Tyehimba-Ford and Riot Mueller promoted the webinar program and methodically disseminated information about LGBTQ-RAN’s vast online resources through social media and other communication networks.

**TRIBUTES TO INSPIRATIONAL BLACK QUEER LEADERS**

- **Kelly Brown Douglas** on Pauli Murray
  - Watch Video →
- **Alicia R. Forde** on Ayo Yetunde
  - Watch Video →
- **Su Yon Pak** on Alicia Forde
  - Watch Video →

**OUTREACH**

- **20% increase in email constituency**
  - For a total of 2,673 subscribers

- **Pride 2023 - You Are Loved**
  - Watch Video →
LGBTQ-RAN encouraged scholarly research about the history of queer spirituality, led by an Advisory Team of historians, archivists and activists.

HIGHLIGHTS

• An Educational Resource Prize was given for a second year to Elizabeth Pérez, Ph.D. for her course: “LGBT Religious History: Queering the Spirit.”

• Sam Davis and Sam McLoughlin received honorable mention for their syllabus: “Queerness at the Potluck: Storytelling, Religion, & History.”

• Summer intern Thomas Schwartz created an educational resource on BIPOC Religion and AIDS Activism.
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.

Dozens of persons gathered to hear invigorating presentations:

- Librarian & author Keegan Osinki elucidated the significance of queer religious history for our day;
- Theologian Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng gave tribute to the profound legacy of Virginia Ramey Mollenkott in queer theology;

The inaugural Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Award was presented to Wallace D. Best, Ph.D., at a public reception co-hosted with Union Theological Seminary in New York City on March 8, 2023.

The Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Memorial Award recognizes research and writing in the areas of religion, gender, sexuality, and social justice.

Below: LGBTQ-RAN board member Brendan Fay, awardee Wallace D. Best, Ph.D., presenter Keegan Osinski.

Below: Board chair Marnie Warner, presenters Keegan Osinski, Rev. Dr. Patrick Cheng, Debra Morrison, Wallace D. Best, Ph.D., & Gillian Frank, Ph.D.; executive director Mark Bowman.
In collaboration with friends and family of Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, LGBTQ-RAN raised $45,695 in gifts and pledges to endow the Mollenkott Memorial Fund. The proceeds from the investment of these funds will be used to cover the annual expenses for the Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Award. LGBTQ-RAN expresses deep gratitude to these 54 households for the generous gifts that will commemorate Virginia’s profound legacy as well as support queer religious scholarship for many years to come.

Financial Statement

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EAGLE (her favorite) $5,000
- David & Connie Herrstrom
- Nancy E. Krody
- Anne Linstatter
- Debra Morrison

EAGLET $2,500–$4,999
- Carter Heyward
- Gail Ricciuti

GREAT BLUE HERON $1,000–$2,499
- Ray Bannuolo
- Mark Bowman
- Marvin M. Ellison
- Mary Anna Hite
  & Elizabeth Norman
- Rick Peterson
  & Wayne Bradley
- Michael S. Piazza
- Bob Roehm
- Robert Whitmoyer
- Anonymous Donor

WILD GOOSE $500–$999
- Selisse Berry
- Daniel Borysewicz

Steve Carson
- Beverly Dale
- Brendan Faye & Tom Moulton
- Marie M. Fortune
  & Glenna T. Shepherd
- Ron Gebhardt-Sbauer
  & Greg Wright
- Jakob Hero-Shaw
- Mary E. Hunt & Diann L. Neu
- Jay Johnson
- Deborah Maria
- Jim Mitsuiki
- Bev Reddick in honor
  of Ellie Charlton
- Ralph Watkins
- Nancy Wilson & Paula Schoenweather

CARDINAL $250–$499
- Nicholas Calamusa
- Marie Mayor
- Cameron Partridge
- Deb Reale
- Jean Richardson
  & Pat Mulroy
- William Stell

ROBIN $100–$249
- Jann Aldredge-Clanton
- Lockett Ballard, Jr.
- Dona Garofano
- Neill Johnson
- Donald King
- Brian McNaught
  & Ray Struble
- Roselyn Narvarte in
  memory of Steve Carson
- Sarah Novak
- Arlene Scala & Donna Ezrol
- Johnine Simpson
- Max Strassfeld
- Richard Taylor

BIRDS OF A FEATHER $1–$99
- Janet Blaustein
- Kathy Cheney-Egan
- Harry Knox
- John Magisano
- Rita Voors
- Melissa Wilcox & Nicole Pitsavas
Operating Fund Report

Revenue

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The $24,722 deficit for this fiscal year was applied to a positive fund balance carried over from 2021-22 leaving an operating fund balance of $2,927 as of June 30, 2023. In addition, the reserve fund balance was $15,024.

A copy of complete financial statements for 2022-23 are available upon request.

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

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

$1,000+
- Mark Bowman
- Fetzer Institute
- Nancy E. Krody
- Jim Mitulski
- Monique Moultrie
- Richard Peterson & Wayne Bradley
- Bob Roehm Foundation Fund
- Marnie Warner & rosioolmstead

First UMC Austin
- Ron Gebhardstbauer
- & Greg Wright
- Jay Johnson
- Lynn Jordan
- Joel Kushner
- Deborah Maria
- William J. Matson
- Stephen Pentek
- Bev Reddick
- Michelle A. Scheidt
- & Barbara Crock
- David Showers & Bruce Calvin
- Beverley Simmons
- & Mary Lou Schill
- Kenneth South

$500-$999
- Rebecca Alpert
- Judy Cayot
- Patrick Cheng
- John D’Emilio

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LGBTQ-RAN expresses appreciation to these 128 households and groups for their abundant giving to support our operations over this past year.
Why I Give

Religion and spirituality have been vital to the LGBTQ+ struggle for justice, and LGBTQ-RAN continues to be the only organization devoted to preserving this important and little-known history.

Heather R. White, Ph.D.

LGBTQ-RAN reminds us that the significant moments in our queer histories and herstories occur when generations of the oppressed, past and present, rise up to become the legacy of living into your truths, authenticity, and empowerment, as activists and enablers of creation stories for social justice.

Lynn Jordan

It’s all too easy to ignore or even erase the history of LGBTQ people in religion. This organization is one of the very few that fights back, as it archives the amazing work LGBTQ people have done and showcases this activism through its online platform.

Anthony Michael Petro, Ph.D.

I give to LGBTQ-RAN every month as a way to honor the courageous saints and brave trailblazers who took risks and walked faithfully as shining lights in the queer history of the Church.

Rev. Matthew Smucker

A special expression of gratitude to the 17 households who provide recurring gifts totaling $1,100+ per month to sustain LGBTQ-RAN’s operations.
What can I do?

Spread the word
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 build the archive
Send us information about queer religious history to archive. We need the assistance of others to document the vast historical record of LGBTQ+ religious movements around the world.

Make a gift
A monthly recurring gift or a one-time gift to LGBTQ-RAN helps us continue to capture important stories from the past and those that are being lived today. Giving ensures our legacy.

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