

Common Heritage: LGBTQ Community Day

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NEH Common Heritage grant

- Established in 2015
- Aims to capture the cultural heritage preserved in our homes, family histories and life stories
- Supports digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of public programming at community events



Mission

Spark discovery of Ohio's stories. Embrace the present, share the past and transform the future.



Core Values

- Relevance
- Authenticity
- Inclusivity
- Stewardship
- Working Together



Gay Ohio History Initiative (GOHI)



- Established in 2005
- Collaborative project of the Ohio History Connection and Outlook Media

Gay Ohio History Initiative (GOHI)



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LGBTQ

COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, August 20 • 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Ohio History Center

FREE ADMISSION!



Project goals

- LGBTQ Community Day
- GOHI Community Collection



Community Day activities

- Exhibitor tables
- Collections display table
- Curator talks
- Echoes in Time Theater presentation

Community partners

- Primary grant partner - Outlook Media
- Stonewall Columbus*
- Ohio Lesbian Archives*
- Columbus chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network)
- Equality Ohio
- Kaleidoscope Youth Center



Community Collection - Digitization

- Digitization of both two and three-dimensional objects
- Limit five items per person
- 30 minute appointments
 - Opened scheduling to public prior to event
- Two scanning stations
- One photography station
- Copy of digital files given to participants on USB drive

Digitization agreement forms

- Created two digitization agreement forms
 - Non-exclusive rights to digital files
 - Only using OHC scanning services

Digitization item information forms

GOHI Community Collection
Item Information Form

Complete one form for each item. Limit up to 5 items per participant. Attach photocopies or snapshots, if possible.

Participant Information		Date:
Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip		
Phone		
Email Address		

Item Information		
Item Name or Title:		
Item Description: What is this item?		
People		
1. Who originally owned this?	1. Original Owner:	
2. Who wrote or created this?	2. Author/Creator:	
3. Who made or published this?	3. Publisher:	
4. Who is the current owner?	4. Current Owner:	
5. How did the current owner come to possess this item?	5. Source:	
Dates		
1. When was the original owner born and when did they die?	1. Original Owner	
2. When was this item made, written, or published?	2. Date created	
3. When did the original owner acquire this item?	3. Date acquired	
Places		
1. Where did the original owner live? (City, State)	1. Original Owner	
2. Where was this item made?	2. Location	
Relevancy How is this item related to [INSERT GRANT TOPIC]?		
Other Information/Notes Use this space to provide any additional information.		

OFFICE USE
Participant Name _____ Form# _____ of _____
Participant# _____ Item# _____

Appointment information

Appointment Date:		
Scanned by:		
Item Format:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph _____ • Manuscript _____ • Book _____ • Object _____ 	
Scanning Resolution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 dpi _____ • 600 dpi _____ • 1200 dpi _____ • Other _____ 	
Digitization Equipment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flatbed _____ • Camera _____ • Other _____ 	
Printed/Handwritten Materials:	Is this item handwritten? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes _____ • No _____ Does the material need transcribed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes _____ • No _____ 	
Copyright Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Domain _____ • Permission given _____ • Needs release _____ 	
Ownership Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by participant _____ • Brought by participant with permission of owner _____ • Needs permission _____ • Questionable/Unsure _____ 	
Authenticity Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authentic _____ • Questionable/Unsure _____ • No _____ 	
File Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Item Returned to Participant:	Scan Tech initials: <input type="text"/> Participant initials: <input type="text"/>	
Recommendation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make available online _____ • Make available online with restrictions _____ • Do not put online _____ 	
Reason not online:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not meet eligibility criteria _____ • Copyright issue _____ • Ownership issue _____ • Authenticity issue _____ • Duplicate _____ • Poor scan/photograph _____ 	

Marketing



LGBTQ COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, August 20 • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Ohio History Center
800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211

Ohio History Connection and Outlook Media invite you to bring in your photos, documents and objects to be digitized to contribute to our digital collection. This is a Gay Ohio History Initiative (GOHI) project designed to preserve and share the stories of Ohio's LGBTQ community.

This special day is free and will include:

- A display of current GOHI collection items
- Exhibitors from other Ohio LGBTQ organizations
- Special curator talks
- Living history performances
- Hands-on activities for families

LGBTQ Community Day is a project of the Gay Ohio History Initiative. GOHI was established by Ohio History Connection and Outlook Media to preserve and share the history and culture of Ohio's LGBTQ citizens. This event is sponsored by the Ohio History Connection, Outlook Media and the Common Heritage Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



To make an appointment to scan your items, or for more information about LGBTQ Community Day, please call 614.297.2663 or visit ohiohistory.org/GOHIday.



LGBTQ COLLEGES STEP UP FOR LGBT STUDENTS

by Bob Vitale

When Jude Milulich came out as transgender at the beginning of his senior year at Youngstown State University, just one classmate refused to use his preferred male pronouns.

Follow the student leaders at Milulich's track.

"Our friends are our safe zone," he said, sitting among a group of them at the Youngstown Pride in July.

YState, the university's LGBTQ student group, will host a Diversity Prom, an LGBTQIA organization fair, Coming Out Week events, discussions, a drag show and other events in the course of the coming school year.

It and groups like it have made college a much different experience for today's LGBTQ students.

Brian Wells, an academic advisor at Youngstown State, was president of the LGBTQ student group when he attended the university in the late 1990s. He remembers seeing fellow students in the gay bars and then seeing them meet their eyes when they passed him on campus.

"There was a fear of association," he said. "It is a completely different time and place now."

In compiling this LGBTQ College Resource Guide for Ohio, Outlook found LGBTQ student groups and official university offices to support LGBTQ students at 70 schools in the state. That's more than 60 percent of the colleges and universities listed by the Ohio Department of Education.

Schools without LGBTQ resources tended to be Bible colleges and seminaries, theological schools and others with conservative religious affiliations.

But for any notion that queer students are sticking to ivory liberal arts schools and big state universities.

At Rio Grande Community College in Rio Grande, a southern Ohio town of 630 people best known as the home of the first Bob Evans restaurant, 11 faculty and staff display Safe Zone stickers on their doors to let students know they're allies.

LGBTQ student groups are active not only at Ohio University in Athens, but at OU branch

campuses in Chillicothe, St. Clairsville and Zanesville. Ohio State University campuses in Lima, Mansfield, Marion and Newark have Offices of Diversity and Inclusion that extend beyond race and ethnicity into gender identity and sexual orientation.

Bowling Green State University students will be greeted back to school with a Big Gay Welcome next month. And at campuses across the state, seminars will be held off spring with Lesbian/Gay Graduation ceremonies.

LGBTQ students were on their own years ago, left to navigate coming out, hostile classmates and other issues without much of a support system.

But attitudes have evolved on campus.

"One of my primary goals is to provide programming so that our LGBTQ students feel connected to a larger community as they explore the multiple and intersectional ways there are to be LGBTQ," said Krishna Han, assistant director of the BSU's Office of Multi-cultural Affairs.

See Wells in the *Wall to Wall* column of Outlook. You can reach him at bawells@outlookmedia.com or at 614.382.8232, cd.

New Cleveland Law Ensures Restroom Access

It took three years of advocacy, but Cleveland's City Council finally acted on July 16 to overturn a local law that had allowed bars and businesses owners to dictate the public restrooms used by transgender people.

Council members voted 16-0 to close a loophole in Cleveland's nondiscrimination law that exempted restrooms from its guarantee of access to public accommodations. Mayor Frank Jackson signed the proposal into law on July 22, and these people now can use the restrooms that match their gender identity.

Cleveland joins Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo and more than 150 cities nationwide that extend full nondiscrimination protection to people based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

"We did it," the leaders of a campaign called Cleveland 16-0 said via Facebook. "It

took conversations, truth and hard work to get it done.... We took on the meanness and most denigrating argument. We took on the view that transgender people are a social threat. And... for at least today in Cleveland, we won."

Cleveland is proudly included Equality Ohio. TransOhio, the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Advocates for Transgender Equality, PLAC Cleveland, Trans Family, the AIDS Risk Reduction Center Cleveland and other groups.



Youngstown Has a New LGBTQ Community Group

Maria Cain expected to be calling on a lot of people in Youngstown to tell them about the Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, a new center for support, services and more.



LGBTQ+ people in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

But even before the formal launch of the organization at Youngstown Pride on July 16, people were calling her.

"Everything's just falling into place," she said. "There's such a need for it."

Full Spectrum will begin offering two support

groups in August at St. John's Episcopal Church (323 Wick Ave., Youngstown, 44503). A transgender group led by Ragan Jones Cover and her Partner will meet for the first time on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 6p, and it will meet on the second Sunday of every month.

A sexuality support group led by Rick Marmor and Mia Aoi will meet on Thursday, Aug. 18, at 6p, and on the third Thursday of every month thereafter.

Long term, Full Spectrum hopes to expand into other Mahoning Valley counties, start a shelter for LGBT homeless youth, start a scholarship fund for LGBT students in the area, and offer financial help to local LGBT groups and events.



GOHI: Preserving Our History



Until now.

The Ohio History Connection - the state's official historical society - is stepping up its effort to collect and preserve Ohio's LGBTQ history with an event on Saturday, Aug. 20 in Columbus. LGBTQ Community Day at the Ohio History Center is part of the Gay Ohio History Initiative, a 10-year-old collaboration between the state and Outlook.

It will be a free museum day where people can bring in items



such as photos and other print materials to be scanned and digitized. There will be a display of GOHI items, exhibitors from Ohio LGBTQ organizations, curator talks and more.

Stack Kowalek, outreach director at the Ohio History Connection, has the answers.

What is GOHI? It's a collecting initiative developed in 2006 by the Ohio History Connection and Outlook Media designed to preserve and share Ohio's LGBTQ history. GOHI seeks to preserve, archive and curate the history and culture of the LGBTQ citizens of Ohio, to tell the truth about their experiences and to share LGBTQ culture and history with all Ohioans. This is the 10th anniversary of our partnership with Outlook Media, which is really exciting.

Why was it formed? Our organization, along with Outlook Media, recognizes the need to preserve and share the history and culture of the LGBTQ citizens of Ohio, to tell the truth about their experiences and to share LGBTQ culture and history with all Ohioans. This is the 10th anniversary of our partnership with Outlook Media, which is really exciting.

Why is GOHI meaningful to you? Since the beginning, this initiative has been defined by the LGBTQ community. We were working to engage with the community to preserve their history in a way that is meaningful to them, that will allow us to better represent the LGBTQ experience.

What objects do you wish you had? I wish we had more personal collections - letters, diaries, scrapbooks, photos. We have newsletters and organizational records, and while we still need more of those, we have a gap when it comes to individually personal stories. It's so nice to collect more from LGBTQ veterans, as well as things from the gay ballroom generation.

Are you accepting donations of materials? We are. We're interested in donating, you can contact our curators at collection@ohiohistory.org or call 614.297.2653. You can find out more about how to donate at ohiohistory.org/GOHIday.

We can get more information about LGBTQ Community Day at the Ohio History Center by visiting ohiohistory.org/GOHIday.

LGBTQ couples? You can see it on display at the Ohio History Center now.

What kind of things fit do you collect? We collect a wide range of items. From 3-D objects like parade banners, buttons, clothing and other personal items to archival materials like letters and journals. We also collect photos, film and organizational records.

What are some of your favorite items in the collection? I really like some of the early newsletters and journals from the 1970s - those include micrographed, hand-drawn pictures and articles that were typeset, pasted together and circulated. It's interesting to see how information was shared and distributed in the early days of the LGBTQ movement. At the time, having this information would have been an act of rebellion in itself.

Also like our Flagpoles collection - we have to engage with the community to preserve their history in a way that is meaningful to them, that will allow us to better represent the LGBTQ experience.

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The best-laid plans...

- NBC 4 hosts Shred-It Day at Ohio Expo Center
- 45 minute (or longer) wait times to enter OHC parking lot

What we learned

- Logistics
- Staffing
- Overall experience

Post LGBTQ Community Day

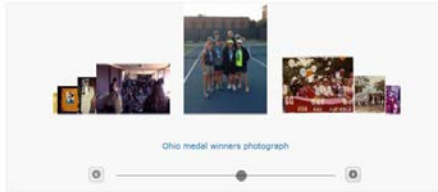
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About this collection

The Gay Ohio History Initiative (GOHI) is a collecting initiative, developed by the Ohio History Connection and community partners, designed to collect, preserve, and share Ohio's LGBTQ history. The GOHI Community Collection contains items contributed by LGBTQ Ohioans that document the significant contributions the LGBTQ community has made to the historical, cultural, and business heritage of the State.

This project was funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities Common Heritage grant.

Recent Additions

Receive updates for this collection.



James and Yarrow Sanders photograph



Guerrilla performance photograph



Gender play photograph



Stefan Lubbenmann photograph



In 2006, Outback Media and the OhioHistory Connection founded the Ohio Historical Society's/created the Gay Ohio History Initiative or GOHI. This partnership was one of the first of its kind and was created to collect, preserve, and share the contributions of the LGBTQ community to Ohio's collective history. GOHI aims to be the central hub for LGBTQ history across Ohio through our collections, outreach and partnerships.

From its inception, GOHI has been designed as a grant-funded, community-led effort. The LGBTQ community of Ohio demonstrated its commitment to this effort by providing us with a narrative being ignored in the community. We have had success connecting with the LGBTQ community in Central Ohio, but it is time for GOHI to have a home for LGBTQ history for all Ohioans. GOHI is connecting with community organizations, activists, and social networks across the state to bring about and preserve important LGBTQ stories.

Creating our community-based and community-led collection is local. No one general, picture or artifact can tell the story of Ohio's LGBTQ past. It is only through a vibrant and diverse collection that Ohio's LGBTQ narrative can be properly preserved. The Ohio History Connection's combined staff and professional expertise ensure that the collection is housed with the utmost care and discipline so it can be preserved for generations to come. The collection currently has a great deal of items from the 1970s and 1980s. We are looking for items from as well as those that tell personal stories. Good examples include items in the collection, but its core focus is on human stories we are seeking journals, photographs, clothing and anything else that tells the story of Ohio's LGBTQ individuals through time. People often think that items from their past don't have "historical value". However, it's the story of everyday people that tell the struggles and triumphs of history. For example, a Chef's menu may be a usually overlooked piece of a museum, but it's the personal journal of the player on the battlefield that gives us the most meaningful and personal understanding of the times. We are always looking to grow the GOHI collection so if you think you have something to share please contact us! Contact the member of the GOHI collection at the OhioHistory Connection

info@ohiohistory.org or 614-297-2972. It is in our best interests in the community and GOHI's continued outreach efforts that will allow such, personalized narratives to be added with the GOHI collection.

GOHI will also act as a resource to engage and encourage local history organizations. We need our partners to discover LGBTQ history in their own collections, and more. Great local resources include the Dublin Archives in Cleveland or the Western Reserve Historical Society's LGBTQ archives in Cleveland can be given a voice.

Through GOHI for your greater involvement in a community's local LGBTQ history, GOHI will continue to make partnerships across Ohio and is always looking for ways to encourage local LGBTQ history and sharing. We will also partner with the educational community by providing quality professional development for K-12 social studies and history teachers to incorporate Ohio's LGBTQ history in the classroom.

Beginning this month, the GOHI collection in Facebook will be a place to share Ohio's LGBTQ history and GOHI efforts to support it. We look forward to sharing a link post that many of us still have yet to discover. The collection will discuss items in the GOHI collection and the stories they tell. We will team up with our local history partners to describe the resources available in your area. Most importantly, we will work together to continue discovering and

sharing Ohio's LGBTQ history. As GOHI grows across Ohio we are always looking to connect and partner with new organizations and people. To share a place or person in Ohio's LGBTQ history we should look into "Should we come to your organization and working or need" let us know!

If you would like to donate, get involved or know more about GOHI please contact the history of the Ohio History Connection. info@ohiohistory.org or 614-297-2972.

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Next LGBTQ Community Day

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Ohio History Center

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information: gohi.org



Thank you!

