

Breaking Out of the Library Bubble

University of Toronto Libraries
Collaborative Outreach to LGBTQ+ Communities

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Agenda

- I. Starting the LGBTQ+ Outreach Initiative
- II. LGBTQ+ outreach activities 2014-2016
- III. Benefits and lessons.
- IV. Activity: what are you doing/want to do?

Starting the LGBTQ+ Initiative

Building on existing structures and initiatives

Don McLeod, liaison librarian

Library collections

Participation of LGBTQ library staff and allies

Starting the LGBTQ+ Initiative

Why?

safety

being oneself

visibility

difference

connection

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Partner Libraries and Organizations:

- Robarts Library
- Media Commons
- Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library
- Inforum & the Faculty of Information
- Sexual and Gender Diversity Office (SGDO)
- Department of History
- Department of Geography
- LGBTQOUT
- First Nations House
- Equity Studies Student Union
- Women and Gender Studies Student Union
- Anti-Racism & Cultural Diversity Office
- Ecumenical Chaplaincy at the University of Toronto

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1. Relationship building
2. Research guide revamp
3. Tours
4. Film series
5. Instruction
6. Social Media

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RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

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POSITIVE SPACE CAMPAIGN

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lesbian gay transgender bisexual queer

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
POSITIVE SPACE CAMPAIGN

Welcome to the University of Toronto's Positive Space Campaign Website

The University's **Positive Space Campaign** is a groundbreaking program that identifies safer and more inclusive spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersexed, queer, questioning and Two-Spirited (LGBTTIQQ2S) students, staff, faculty, alumni and allies at the University of Toronto.

Positive Space challenges the patterns of silence that continue to marginalize lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender, transsexual and queer students, staff and faculty - even in environments with anti-discriminatory and inclusive policies. The most visible symbol of this campaign is the inverted rainbow triangle sticker that you will see in many places around campus.

If you notice a rainbow triangle sticker on a door or an office, it is a sign that people in that office are supportive of LGBTQ students, staff, faculty, and our allies and would welcome your questions and requests for assistance. They may not have all the answers, but they will be helpful in a general way, and can refer you to appropriate offices and services.

Currently, each campus has a committee that works towards ensuring that working and learning environments are welcoming to LGBTQ students, staff, faculty and allies. Change can not come from policy alone, but also comes from people acting together to ensure that all are welcome and respected. Each committee establishes its own agenda, but all work towards spreading awareness

Sexual Representation Collection

"I developed the collection in order to chronicle the production and evolution of various styles and strategies of sexual representation, and to document the attendant legal and social struggles. Historically there have been a number of interconnected debates regarding issues of freedom of expression, sexuality, and the connection between explicit sexual representation and criminal behavior. The records of these debates are readily available but are meaningless without access to the materials at issue."

-Max Allen, quote by Michelle Wilder and Allison Larsh, in "The Sexual Representation Collection: Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies, University of Toronto," for FIS 2308, August 2007



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RESEARCH GUIDE

Sexual and Gender Diversity Studies

Research Background Policy & Statistics Primary Sources Special Collections @ U of T Help Lead With Pride Materials

On this page

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Find articles

To find more article databases select **Subjects A to Z** on the library home page, and choose a discipline such as 'Sexual Diversity Studies,' or consult Popular Databases.

- **LGBT Life with Full Text**
- **Gender Studies Database**
Provides interdisciplinary coverage of gender-related topics including women's studies, men's studies, ethnic studies, health issues, and sexual diversity.
- **Alternative Press Index Archive**
- **Alternative Press Index**
Provides access to the emerging theories and practices of radical social change.
- **JSTOR**
Excellent interdisciplinary full-text database, but coverage often lags by three to five years.
- **Summon**
The search box on the library home page accesses a major interdisciplinary database.

Welcome!



Don McLeod

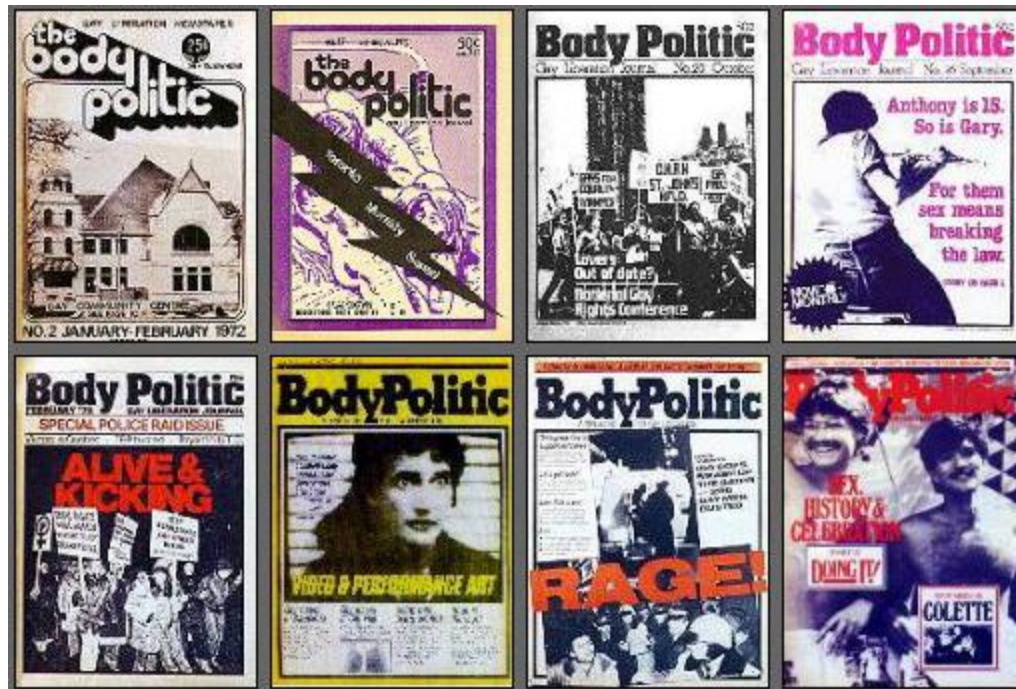


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TOURS



Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library



Special Collections

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LGBT FILM SERIES

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Dances of the Heart: Two Spirit Film Night

First Stories: Two-Spirited (Sharon A. Desjarlais)
Dance to Miss Chief (Kent Monkman)
Byron Chief Moon: Grey Horse Rider (Philip Szporer & Marlene Millar)

Doors open at 6:00 pm & the event starts at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

LGBT Classic Film Night

Paris is Burning (Jennie Livingston)

Doors open at 6:30 pm & the event starts at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Queer Women of Colour Film Night

World Unseen (Shamim Sharif)

Doors open at 6:00 pm & the event starts at 6:30 pm

Media Commons Theatre, Robarts Library (3rd floor), 130 St. George

<http://uoft.me/LGBT-film-series>

QUEER MOVIE NIGHT

Monday, September 29, 2014, 6-9pm

Media Commons Theatre,
Robarts Library (3rd floor), 130 St. George Street



Queer Orientation 2014

<http://sgdo.utoronto.ca/programs/queer-orientation/>

A poster for the 25th anniversary screening of the movie 'Paris is Burning'. It features a drag queen in a white feathered outfit. The text on the poster includes: '25TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING AND PANEL', 'PARIS IS BURNING', 'TUESDAY, FEB. 24, 2015', 'Doors 6:30 pm | Event 7:00 pm', 'NEW VENUE!!!', 'Northrop Frye Hall, Rm. NF003', '73 Queen's Park Crescent Toronto, Ontario', and a list of panelists: 'DR. LAUREN BISHOP (moderator)', 'DR. ROSEMARY BLATT', 'JENNIE LIVINGSTON', 'JAMES MCKENNA', and 'JONAS MEYER'. At the bottom, it says 'Accessible | Free Admission' and 'Single-User All Gender Washrooms Available'. The URL <http://uoft.me/LGBT-film-series> is also present.

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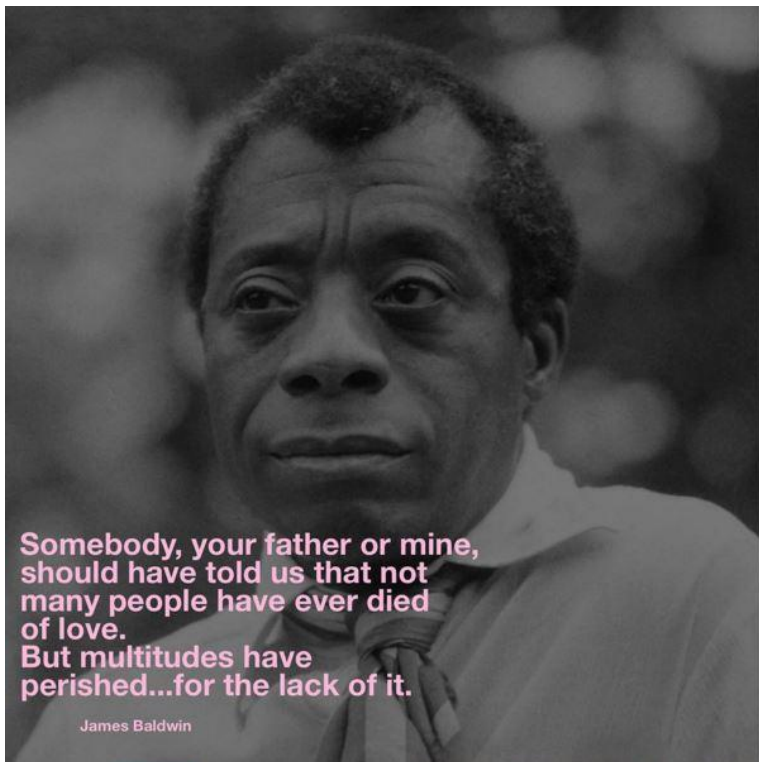
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INSTRUCTION



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SOCIAL MEDIA



Somebody, your father or mine, should have told us that not many people have ever died of love. But multitudes have perished...for the lack of it.

James Baldwin

uoftlibraries University of Toronto

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uoftlibraries This week's #quotesagram is for #UofT Queer Orientation. #JamesBaldwin, the celebrated #LGBTQ #AfricanAmerican #writer, said, "Somebody, your father or mine, should have told us that not many people have ever died of love. But multitudes have perished...for the lack of it." #jamesbaldwinquote #LibraryLove #LibrariesOfInstagram #love #UofTQO #library #libraries #literature

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Collaborative Equity Programming



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**Sexual & Gender
Diversity Office**

The SGDO develops partnerships to build supportive learning and working communities at the University of Toronto by working towards equity and challenging discrimination. The Office provides innovative education, programming, resources and advocacy on sexual and gender diversity for students, staff and faculty across the University's three campuses.

Collaborative Equity Programming

Student Organizations:



Collaborative Equity Programming

Key indicators for success:

- Open to listening and learning
- Prioritize meaningful student engagement
- Clear roles that reflect strengths
- Willingness to experiment
- Organizational support & resources

Collaborative Equity Programming

Recommendations based on the UTL collaboration:

- Work closely with students and equity offices
- Demonstrate commitment
- Utilize the library's strengths and resources
- Expand the limits of Library programming

Benefits and Lessons

Three key benefits for LGBTQ communities at U of T:

- 1) Breaking down barriers
- 2) Demonstrating alternative avenues to connect with library services
- 3) Highlighting how libraries can play a key role in student self development, provide avenues for diverse areas of learning and co-curricular programming

Benefits and Lessons

Opportunities to:

- Promote library as a positive space
- Improve LGBT student engagement
- Engage with faculty and departments
- Instruct
- Raise awareness about library resources, services, and spaces
- Collaborate with other campus offices

Benefits and Lessons

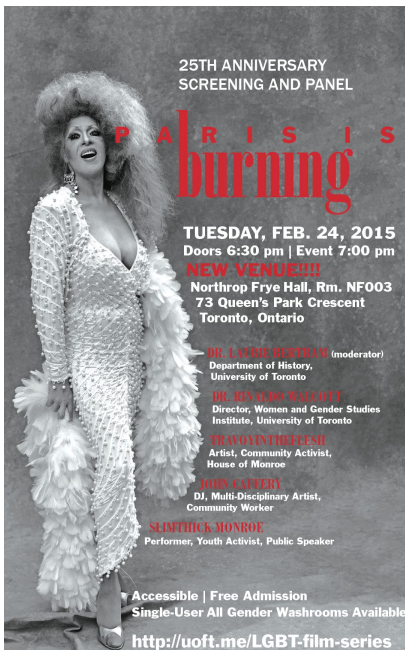
LESSONS:

- Use available resources
- Collaborate! Collaborate! Collaborate!
- Take into account intersectionality
- Draw on your campus equity offices

Case study: *Paris is Burning* & *Tongues Untied*

*A tale of
two films*

25TH ANNIVERSARY
SCREENING AND PANEL



**PARIS IS
burning**

TUESDAY, FEB. 24, 2015
Doors 6:30 pm | Event 7:00 pm
NEW VENUE!!!
Northrop Frye Hall, Rm. NF003
73 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario

WILLIAMS BURNETT (moderator)
Department of History,
University of Toronto

ME SHANE KILGORTY
Director, Women and Gender Studies
Institute, University of Toronto

TRAVIS BENTLEY
Artist, Community Activist,
House of Monroe

MIKE GARDNER
DJ, Multi-Disciplinary Artist,
Community Worker

SHANTIN & MONROE
Performer, Youth Activist, Public Speaker

Accessible | Free Admission
Single-User All Gender Washrooms Available

<http://uoft.me/LGBT-film-series>




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Diversity Office

**LGBTQ
Film Series
2015-2016**

The LGBTQ Film Series is a monthly educational
film series sponsored by U of T Libraries, the
Sexual & Gender Diversity Office and a rotating
group of student organizations and University
Departments. The series showcases films
within the U of T Libraries' collections, focusing
on the lives of LGBTQ people in Canada and
internationally.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015
Tongues Untied
1989 | 55 minutes | A film by Marlon Riggs



Special Guest: Dr. Rinaldo Walcott, Director,
Women and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto
Doors open at 6:00 pm & the event starts at 6:30 pm

Media Commons Theatre
Robarts Library, 3rd floor

Accessible | Free Admission
Everyone welcome

Single user, All-Gender Washrooms
Available

Contact jesse.coffiner@utoronto.ca if
you have questions about accessibility.
uoft.me/LGBT-film-series

• COMING SOON • November 12, 2015: Flag Wars
Films for 2016: To Be Announced

OCTOBER FILM SCREENING SPONSORED BY

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Anti-Racism & Cultural Diversity Office, and the University of Toronto Libraries

Case Study: First Nations House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Two Spirits

2009 | 65 minutes | Directed by Lydia Nibley

SHORT FILM Dance to Miss Chief | Directed by Kent Monkman

Doors 6:00 pm | Event 6:30 pm | Media Commons Theatre |
Robarts Library, 3rd floor | 130 St. George Street | Toronto, ON

★ **MORE FILMS FOR 2016** ★ To Be Announced

**TWO SPIRIT
LGBT
INDIGENOUS
FILM
NIGHT**



Image courtesy of Lydia Nibley

Activity: Discuss in small groups

1. How is your library currently engaging with the LGBTQ+ or other underrepresented communities?
2. What new initiatives would you like to explore?
3. Who could you collaborate with on campus, or in your community?
4. Are there questions that you would like to ask the workshop participants here today, or ways that you would like to develop ongoing connections?

Questions?

Thank you!

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