

UCLA LGBTQ History Timeline, compiled by Mika Baumgardner, Arlene Reynolds, with assistance from Al Aubin and Kaya Foster

Please note, while this document contains many events in UCLA's history, it does not contain all of them. Particularly, contributions made by and cultural history moments for Black, Indigenous, People of Color at UCLA are undocumented in the same way that those of their white peers have been. We have done our best to compile those we could find and are open to feedback on this living project!

1945

John Burnside graduated from UCLA, where he studied physics and mathematics. He would go on to be one of the founding members of the Los Angeles Gay Liberation Front - one of the first and largest chapters of the national movement sparked by the Stonewall Riots - with his long-time partner, Harry Hay, as well as many other LGBTQ activist organizations, including the Radical Faeries.

1950

UCLA Urologist and first Dean of UCLA Medical School, Elmer Belt, performs some of the first gender-reassignment surgeries in the United States

1954

UCLA research psychologist Evelyn Hooker began publicly presenting her research which showed that there is no detectable difference in the psychological health of homosexual and heterosexual men. Hooker's research is considered to be the foundation for homosexuality eventually being removed from the DSM. This research was heavily influenced and inspired by contributions from UCLA Extension student, Sam From.

1962

Doctors in the UCLA Department of Psychiatry established the first gender identity clinic in the United States, primarily a discussion group for those studying minority genders and sexualities. The legacy of the clinic is problematical, since it was dedicated to instilling traditional gender roles in children. Nevertheless, because of its interest in cross-gender behaviors and

identifications, it became a center for the study of transsexuality and a model for other such clinics.

1969

First openly gay and lesbian student organization at UCLA emerged, a UCLA chapter of the Gay Liberation Front.

1972

GLF Rebrands to Gay Student Union and seeks official recognition by Student Legislative Council, to receive funding from university

1973

Jan Aura (then Jan Field) founded Lesbian Sisterhood (initially called the Gay Sisterhood), affiliated with the Women's Resource Center, an important hub for feminist organizing at UCLA. Staged "Lesbian Demonstrations"

Lesbian Sisterhood helps host West Coast Lesbian Conference at UCLA with over 1500 women attending <http://revolution.berkeley.edu/west-coast-lesbian-conference-feminists-split/>

1974

First Gay Awareness Week hosted by GSU

GSU debuts its newspaper *The Gayzette* fall 1974

1975

Larry Duplechan became one of the editors for *The Gayzette*

UCLA Chancellor Charles E. Young directed departments and programs not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, one of the first such administrative orders by the head of an American university.

1976

First LGB studies course offered by Peter Thorslev, who is speculated to be the first openly gay faculty member at UCLA

1979

A gay film festival was held at UCLA, organized by John Ramirez and Stuart Timmons. This grew to become the OutFest Film Festival.

TenPercent, the first college funded LGBT focused magazine is published by UCLA students.

1981

UCLA physicians reported the very first cases of what was described as “newly acquired immunodeficiency” — the disease entity we now know as AIDS.

1982

Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Studies, Taught by Dan Calder and Linda Garnets

1988

UCLA AIDS Institute and Center for AIDS Research was established

UCLA approved a lesbian sorority, Lambda Delta Lambda, believed to be first of its kind in the nation (founders: Allison Adler, Marci Kaye, Krisi Burk).

UCLA approved a gay fraternity (Delta Lambda Phi).

1989

May 7th, First meeting of gay/lesbian faculty and staff, start of the Faculty and Staff Network. Coordinated by Rae Lee Siporin at her home

May 4, Official Lambda Alumni Network created; Assisted by Ramona Cortez Garza, then Director of Outreach Programs

UCLA Alumni Association voted to include sexual orientation in anti-discrimination clause

1990

July, Chuck Young sends letter to Honorable Richard Cheney, Secretary, Department of Defense; “reconsider and abandon discriminatory policies based on sexual orientation currently practiced in the military“

Winter, Gay and Lesbian Faculty/Staff Network approved by CEY

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues was established

1991

First Lambda Alumni scholarship winners, Alice Hom & Luis Balmaseda

Curt Shepard proposed LGB Center

First gay student to be nominated for Homecoming Court, Adam Ross (now Stuart)

Steven Gonzales, first openly gay person to be successfully elected to USAC

1992

Western Association of Schools and Colleges: UCLA accreditation, Diversity policy debates, excludes sexual orientation, Efforts led by Curt Shepard, Rae Lee Siporin, and Albert E. Aubin

1993

HIV Peer Group started in the Staff and Faculty Service Center, Started by Nan Vandenberg

Rand Schrader Humanitarian Award established

1994

1st National Coming Out Week. Coordinated campus wide by Voltaire Tinana

1995

LGB Student Resource Center opened under guidance of doctoral student Charles Outcalt

1996

November 12th, Domestic Partner benefits approved by Board of Regents. UCLA efforts coordinated by Albert E. Aubin

November, 18th, Proposal for an Undergraduate Minor In LGB Studies Program at UCLA submitted to the Faculty Executive Committee of the College of Letters and Science (Chaired by Thomas Wortham, out faculty member; Proposed by Peter B. Hammond, Chancellors Task Force on the LGB Studies

1997

LGB Studies Minor established

LGBT Center moved from closet in Haines Hall to full office in Kinsey Hall

1998

Domestic partner benefits for staff and faculty and non-discrimination policy became effective

Lavender Graduation established by Dr. Ronni Sanlo

Student Tim Curran wins major legal case against the Boy Scouts with the assistance of the ACLU.

2001

The Williams Institute, a think-tank at UCLA dedicated to conducting rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy, is founded through a generous grant by businessman, academic, and philanthropist Charles R. "Chuck" Williams.

2003

LGBT CRC relocated to SAC

2011

CAPS offered first gender identity support group at UCLA

2013

First QScholar Conference hosted by the UCLA LGBTQ Studies Department.

2014

UCLA hosted the first Pride Admit Weekend, the first and only yield event for LGBTQ+ admitted first year students

UC President Janet Napolitano announced a system wide push to increase the number of all-gender restrooms. At the time, UCLA had nearly 50 such facilities, all single-stall. Since then, UCLA has been converting all existing single-stall restrooms into all-gender restrooms and now has over 250 on campus

2015

University of California President Janet Napolitano allowed students to self-identify as LGBTQ on the UC application, allowing the university to maintain records of LGBTQ student and alumni for the very first time

The preferred name process for UCLA systems is introduced

2016

Ashe Student Health Center began offering hormone replacement therapy

2017

Preferred names printed on Bruincards, unfortunately with legal names still printed on the back.

All four UCLA hospitals and the Ashe Center were lauded by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation for equitable, inclusive care.

2019

UC Regents invited transgender and a non-binary students to speak

First Pride Admit Weekend for transfer students

In honor of UCLA's 100 years, the LGBT CRC, Lambda Alumni Association, Diversity Programs of Alumni Affairs, UCLA Health, the LGBTQ Affairs Committee, UCLA Transportation, LGBTQ Faculty and Staff Network, Athletics and the Williams Institute partner to have a campus-wide presence at this year's LA Pride.