

MONDAY FEB 8

Black Queer Activism

Events Before 1970s

Compton's Cafeteria Riot August 1966 (42:40-44:32)

Compton's Riot

- In August 1966, drag queens and trans people collectively stood up against police harassment at a place called “Gene Compton’s Cafeteria”
- It was the one place that members of the community could go because it was open all night and they would have to either do sex work or performance.
- As the Civil Rights Movement grew, the locals in San Francisco had to do something (Play video)



Events Before 1970s

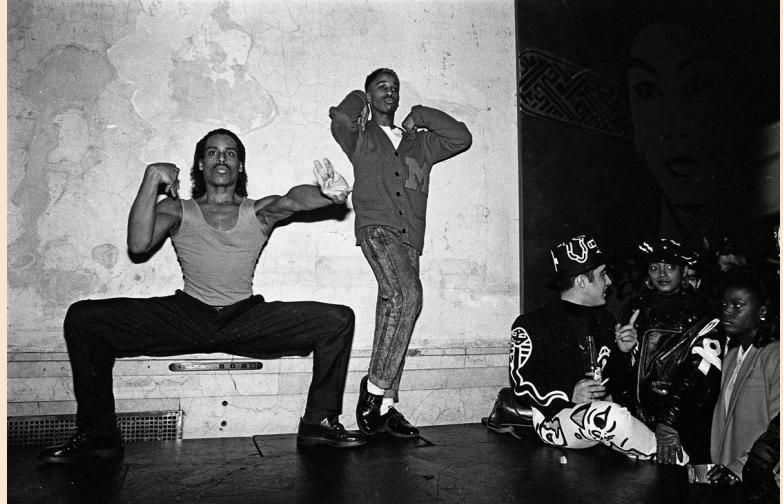
The Stonewall Riots or the StoneWall Uprising of 1969 were a direct response to rampant police brutality against New York's LGBTQ+ community. It was specifically in response to a violent, unjust raid at the Stonewall Inn, a gay club that provided a safe haven for queer folks where they could escape harrasment and express themselves freely. Many of the leaders of the stonewall riots were black and brown including activists Marsha P. Johnson and Miss Major Griffin Gracy. The stonewall riots led to LGBTQ+ liberation movements and later became the pride parades we know today.



Activists Before 1970s

Willi Ninja

- Willi Ninja on the left was known as the grandfather of vogueing
- He propelled vogueing to be more mainstage as he appeared in “Paris Is Burning” (a documentary about the ballroom scene) and Madonna’s music video of “Vogue.”
- His artform encouraged many Black youth to feel a sense of community
- [Here is a video of Willi talking about how fighting could be channeled into vogueing](#)
(Play to 1:12)



Activists Before 1970s

Ernestine Eckstein was a Black lesbian activist. She was first active in the civil rights movement before getting involved with the gay rights movement in the 1960s where she came to terms with her sexuality. She became a leader of the New York City chapter of the Daughters of Bilitism a lesbian civil rights organization. She was one of the only visible Black gay rights activists at the time. In the 1970s, she became involved in the black feminist movement, particularly the organization BWOA - Black Women Organized for Action.



Activists After 1970s

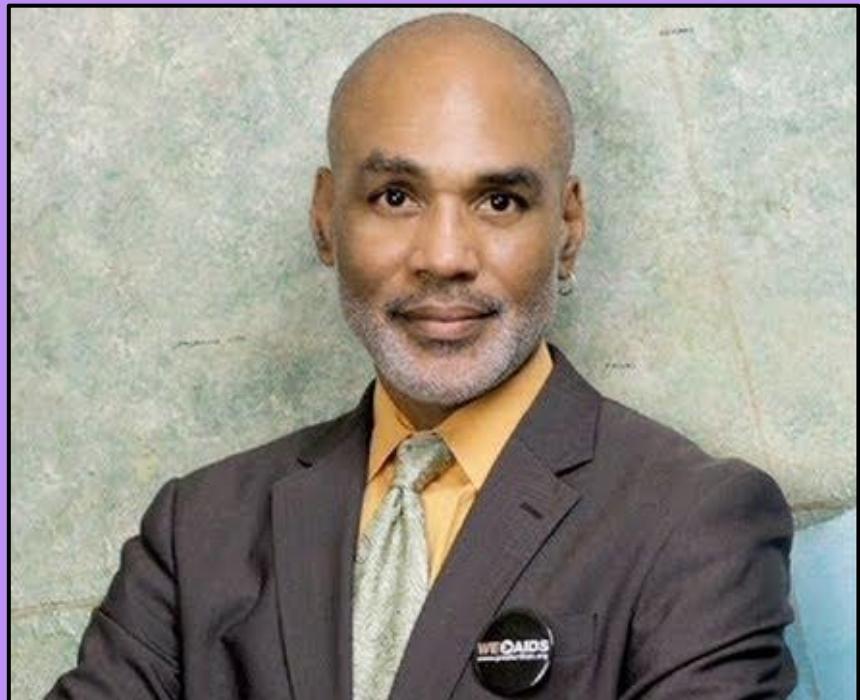
Alice Nkom

- Though she does not herself identify as queer, she has avidly fought for queer rights in Camaroon where it is illegal to be queer.
- She has created the Association for the Defence of Homosexuality as there is much police brutality against queer people in Camaroon
- She is a human rights lawyer



Activists After 1970s

Phil Wilson is an African American activist who founded the Black AIDS Institute in 1999. This institute was the first and only national organization focused on addressing the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Black community. He began his career in AIDS activism when he and his partner, Chris, were diagnosed with HIV, when the epidemic was in its early stages. As the CEO of the institute for 19 years, Wilson has become a prominent voice in research and advocacy for Black HIV+ people.



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Queer Love

Videos: LGBTQ+ Dating & Adoption

This video talks about some issues LGBTQ people may face, but regardless of potential issues finding queer love is exciting! (skip number 3)

[8 Unique LGBTQ Dating Problems](#)

This video is a story of a boy adopted by his two dads as a baby from China.

[Becoming Ben Smith](#) (end at 5 min)

Celebrating Queer Love

Why do no gay people look like me? Jamal Jordan, a black digital editor at The Times, lamented growing up. So as an adult, he decided to give a gift to his younger self: the imagery of queer love.

"I'd never met gay parents before. But I had taken a family portrait.

It's clear that Tree and Carlton have big dreams, for their family and their business — Zambo Aroma, a small shop in the North Bronx that sells soaps, candles and beard oil.

Taking photos with children is hard. At first they wouldn't look at me, then they cried. The boys ran away, then hid behind their parents before deciding to team up and attack me: One on my back, one on my leg, before everyone else joined in.

Tree and Carlton beamed through it all.

Lesson learned: Children aren't props, and this wouldn't look like a magazine spread.

On one hand, it felt just like every other family portrait. On the other, I felt like I'd captured something impossible."

Tree Alexander & Carlton Rolle

The Bronx



Cyree Jarelle Johnson and
Azure D Osborne-Lee
East New York



Cyree, 29, and Azure, 33, identify as trans-masculine, and are currently searching for a wedding venue. Cyree said don't get caught up in other people's conception of "love."

Lucas and Trellis
Reedsville, West Virginia
16 years together



Lucas Tatham and Trellis Smith met on a rainy day in New Orleans in 2004. They met through a work project, and after a brief initial interaction, Trellis offered to walk Lucas to his car, under his umbrella. Lucas agreed — even though he had an umbrella in his black briefcase.

Paulette Thomas-Martin
and Pat Martin
Harlem



Paulette Thomas-Martin and Pat Martin live together in Harlem. They are both 66 and have 13 grandchildren between them from the lives they lived before they met.

“Soul mates, friend, lover, all of the above,” Petra Wenham said of Loraine Wenham, her wife for nearly half a century. “Most definitely, it was love at first sight.”

The pair met in London in the 1970s, when they were both in their mid-20s and working at British Telecom. They married within a year of meeting, and now they have two sons and two grandchildren.

Petra described their relationship as a “meeting of the minds,” saying they will discuss things vigorously, and the only thing they don’t really agree on these days is music: Petra has a love for jazz, while Loraine prefers classical.

Petra came out to Loraine as transgender before their wedding, which coincided with a period of denial about her gender identity.

“Lorraine has been an absolute brick and has supported me all the way, and I took her to most of my gender clinic consultations,” Petra said.

In 2019, the pair traveled to Germany on Petra’s new passport, with all bookings made in her new name. They traveled by rail and did what they love: visited new places, experienced new cultures and met new people.

Petra and Loraine Suffolk, England



49 years together

“We are looking forward to many more happy years together,” Petra said.

Valentine's Card!

Make a valentine's day card for QT club in any form of media you want. It can be a card that you take a picture of and upload, a digital drawing, a slide show etc. It's up to you to create what you want but try to incorporate a nice or motivational message for the QT club members! We'll show them next club! Happy late valentine's day! <3



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Pride Around the World

Pride from Around the World Videos!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMu8-xswHd8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mH9oVshOU38>

Importance of pride

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etQmDOqKSXo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6g8ks2bmgs>

Helsinki, Finland

During the last week of June, helsinki in Finland, embraces it's queer community with extra-fabulous love and attention. Pride programs in Helsinki run for one week including sports events, gallery shows, seminars, a rainbow fair, and a number of fun parties! There is a colorful Pride parade on Saturday and the celebration continues with a picnic/concert!



Taipei, Taiwan

Taiwan was the first country in Asia to legalize same-sex marriage in 2019. This arised from massive demonstrations when hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets of the capital, Taipei City, in support of creating change for LGBTQ+ people. The annual pride parade in Taiwan is so big that crowds split into multiple routes before reuniting at Taipei City Hall. A Trans Parade is also help there the day before Pride, which typically occurs on a Saturday.



Lisbon, Portugal

Portugal legalized same-sex marriage in 2010. Pride parades in Lisbon have two main events held on the weekends in late June. The first is a street party in Praça do Comércio, a large square in Europe. In 2019 more than 70,000 people took part in this! The second of the events is a pride march with a neighborhood full of cafes, restaurants, and late-night gay bars. There is also a monument to the victims of homophobia made of iron and concrete depicting two doors with one person standing in one door and another person standing in the other door, inviting anyone who wishes to enter.



London

London was home to the UK's first Pride rally in 1972, and continues to be the longest running Pride event in the country. By 2019 over 1.5 million people came to London to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community! For the past 15 years London has also been home to UK Black Pride, Europe's largest event celebrating LGBTQ+ individuals from African, Asian, Caribbean, Middle Eastern & Latin American descent. There are plenty of spots to enjoy London's LGBTQ+ nightlife all year round including Ku in SoHo one of the top gay bars in the city!



Manchester

Featuring two men sharing a kiss, the mural by Faith47 and Lyall Sprong is situated in Manchester. As part of Faith47's ongoing series *7.83 Hz.*, the mural explores the interconnectedness between individuals through time and space. It is also a celebration of human intimacy. The mural was painted during the 2016 Cities of Hope street art festival, and the geometric figures at the bottom light up the dark.

In addition to being one of the top cities for street art in the UK, Manchester has a vibrant LGBTQ+ scene. Manchester's Gay Village sits right at the city center along Canal Street. The annual Manchester Pride Parade is one of the largest in the UK, attracting hundreds of thousands of spectators. The area is even home to the British series *Queer as Folk*, on which the US version was then based.



Madrid, Spain

Madrid is home to the largest gay pride in Europe and holds the record for the 3rd largest pride ever held worldwide! In 2017 Madrid hosted WorldPride with over 3.5 million people in attendance (the population of Madrid is 6-7 million). The parade is held after 7-10 days of events and included partying, dancing, shows, competitions, and incredible parade floats! Madrid Pride is usually held in the first week of July.



The Legacy Walk - Chicago, Illinois

Stretching half a mile across the North Halsted corridor, the Legacy Walk is an outdoor history museum showcasing significant moments in LGBTQ history. Thirty-seven bronze markers recognize a different person or event, and each features a QR code that visitors can scan for a more detailed biography or video. Since the first plaque was dedicated on National Coming Out Day on October 11, 2012, additional plaques have been added annually. A new Visitors' Center is scheduled to open in 2019, which will include a gift shop and museum.



MONDAY MARCH 22

Queer Visual Art

Isaac Julian

Isaac Julian is black, gay filmmaker and installation artist and secured a reputation as one of UK's foremost filmmakers. In 1989 he made a documentary film, *Looking for Langston*, which explores gay identity through the private world of Langston Hughes and his fellow black artists from the Harlem resistance.



Zanele Muholi

Zanele Muholi is a South African social activist, photographer, and visual artist based in Johannesburg. Her artworks aim to make visible the lives of black lesbian women in South Africa which has helped build South Africa's queer community. Muholi has photographed more than 200 portraits of South Africa's lesbian community. They challenge stigmas, debunk the rhetoric that homosexuality is un-African, and address hate crimes against LGBTQ+ people in their native country.



Mickalene Thomas

Mickalene Thomas is an African-American artist with paintings, collages, photographs, films, and more.

She has made many complex paintings that examine ideas of femininity, beauty, race, sexuality and gender. She focuses on issues around African-American gay and lesbian identities.



More of Mickalene Thomas



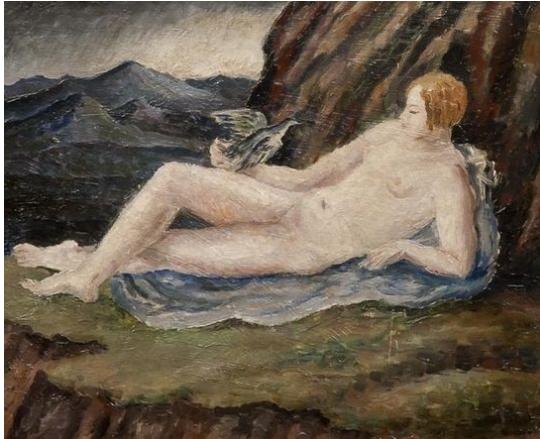
Beauford Delaney

Delaney moved to New York in 1929 to experience the Harlem Renaissance and began his career by painting portraits of “New York socialites, black leaders, jazz musicians and the people of Harlem.” He also did several portraits of gay black author James Baldwin. Over time, he developed a modernist sensibility using representational figures in his streetscapes. The Smithsonian American Art Museum praised Delaney’s “lyrically expressive style that drew upon his love of musical rhythms and his improvisational use of color.”



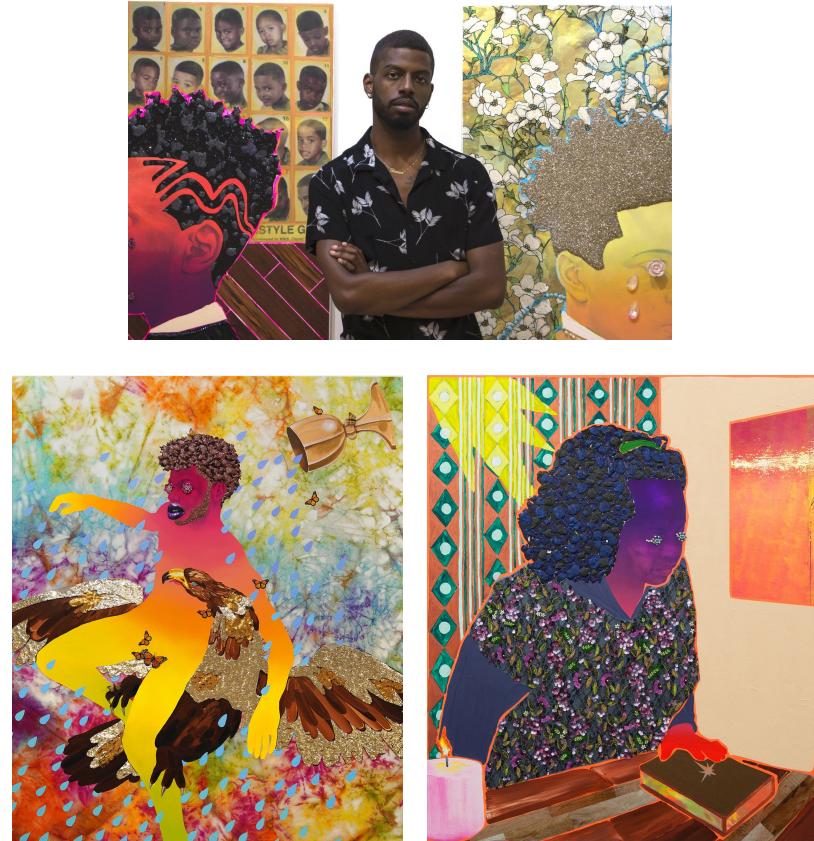
Dora Carrington

- ❖ Dora Carrington was an artist in the 1910's-1920's who went through many different mediums of art
- ❖ She described her sexuality as fluid and drew women in the nude, which was a huge scandal for women to do back then
- ❖ Carrington is like some strange wild beast – greedy of life and of tasting all the different 'worms'



Devan “Shim” Oyama

- ❖ Devan Shimoyama is an artist based in Philadelphia trying to redefine what “masculinity” is
- ❖ “I tend to use unconventional materials, specifically in my paintings, and often borrow from drag culture and the glamorous black women I’ve known. I’m thinking about the spaces where we celebrate identity and construct different fantasies on top of our bodies” (New York Times)



Andy Warhol



MONDAY APRIL 26

Queer in STEM

First Hand Experiences

"In addition to the challenges of fieldwork, lab experiments, and grant applications, many queer scientists face barriers due to our sexual orientation and gender identity. As a bisexual woman, I love being out and proud within my friend group, but I hesitate to come out in my lab or workplace. I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen my sexuality represented in my field.

Homophobia from coworkers, however subtle, can make you feel isolated in your own workplace. The effects of homophobia need not be drastic—they can be as subtle as feeling uncomfortable mentioning your partner, or seeking to prove yourself in your field. Queer folks are often expected to represent the entire community. We may dodge out-of-the-blue and invasive questions about our sexuality or gender identity. Working in close quarters with our colleagues, we may “tone down” our gender expression to avoid ruffling any feathers in the lab. Trans scientists who chose to change their name may have a back record of academic papers, forcing them to out themselves at academic conferences. Many of these experiences are unique to queer scientists, and deserve to be heard and addressed to make STEM more inclusive to all."

- Ivel Velikova, a science communicator and YouTuber, who adores exploring the mysteries of the human brain.

First Hand Experiences

From people I've Velikova talked to:

Biogeochemist Rob Ulrich said, "It is hard to make friends with people in my department and classes because 90% of straight guys do not want to associate with gay guys. Because of that, I had to go out of my way to find friends in other places that aren't school, which I did. However, this is extremely isolating. Being in school, you're super busy... so having friends that aren't in school also can be pretty distracting. Ideally, you'd have friends in your classes that you can do your homework and projects with as you're hanging out, but in this case, you have to do your homework alone and hope that you have time leftover to go hang out with your friends."

Chemical engineer Lindsey Jarema recalls reading a media piece that asked, "Do you remember what it felt like the first time that you saw a queer person really owning it and it gave you the confidence to be yourself? You're that person to someone." That phrase empowered her to be her true self on a daily basis. She shared, "I rock an aggressive haircut, and I am out to everyone I meet, and I often don't have to come out because it's a known part of who I am. I will bring girlfriends to events for research, work, and with my straight friends, and it's a fundamental part of who I am." She believes it's all the more important that she is visible in her community because she can do so safely.

First Hand Experiences

I didn't choose to come out until I went to university. In my mind, the environment was somewhere that I could freely express myself. This, unfortunately, wasn't the case as I discovered that a lot of LGBTQ+ spaces were very... white. Initially, I thought that this confirmed all the thoughts I had growing up. As time went on and I began exploring these spaces more, the racism I faced growing up was just as strong, if not stronger, from those who considered themselves both white and a minority.

Comments I've personally received range from someone telling me that them not dating black people is just a preference, to others claiming black people's homophobia stems from their lack of technology in certain parts of the world. After speaking to my friends who are queer people of colour (POC), these comments are not uncommon. It showed me that for some people in the LGBTQ+ community, they felt they could get away with saying ignorant comments just because they were gay.



First Hand Experiences

Opinions in academia are dominated by the white middle-class male. Some of these opinions will come from those who identify as LGBTQ+. Sadly, these people don't necessarily listen to the experiences of POC, queer or not. There will be little to no progress to encourage better POC representation in STEM subjects, due to internalised biases and in some cases, the racism they may not personally address. More than ever we require a more representative voice in STEM. Subject areas such as climate change have been shown that more personalised communication is required for localised action. This can only be tackled effectively when the first step of active listening is taken.

There should also be more support for queer scientists who want to work in research areas that may involve travelling to countries that could risk their safety. I have been hesitant in saying yes to travel opportunities where for a given country it's illegal to be gay. However, the worry stems from how most departments may handle the safety of LGBTQ+ staff members, rather than persecutions in these countries that I cannot personally challenge.

- *Atmospheric Physicist David (Dr.) Craig Poku*

Sally Ride



Ride was the first American woman to travel to space and remains the youngest US citizen to claim that achievement. An engineer and a physicist as well as an astronaut, she married fellow NASA space traveller Steve Hawley in 1982, but the two divorced five years later. After her death in 2012, it was revealed she had spent the previous 27 years of her life in a relationship with her childhood friend Tam O'Shaughnessy, a professor emerita of school psychology at San Diego State University and a science writer.

Angela Clayton

Clayton was a physicist by profession and a long-time trans rights advocate with the organisation Press for Change. She was known internationally for her work in the fields of Nuclear Criticality Safety and Health Physics, and held several leadership roles in organisations focusing on atomic weapons. According to the LGBT History Month's website, Clayton transitioned without medical support after suffering traumatic experiences from physicians. She promoted trans rights in the workplace through her work with the UK Trades Union Congress (TUC) and was involved in the development of the 2004 Gender Recognition Act. She was awarded the title of Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2006 for her services to gender issues.



Ben Barres



A neurobiologist at Stanford University, Barres' pioneering work helped uncover how the human brain functions. An advocate for marginalised minorities in academia, Barres transitioned in his late 40s and, in 2013, became the first openly trans man to be offered membership of the prestigious National Academy of Science. Describing the sexist and transphobic attitudes he faced in the scientific community in an interview to the New Republic in 2014, Barres said: "People who don't know I am transgender treat me with much more respect," he says. "I have had the thought a million times: I am *taken more seriously*."

Lauren Esposito



Esposito is an arachnologist (a scientist who studies spiders and related animals such as scorpions) and the only woman expert on scorpions in the world. She is the co-founder of 500 Queer Scientists, a visibility movement and professional network that boosts the recognition and awareness of LGBTQ+ people working in STEM fields. She is also the Assistant Curator and Schlinger Chair of Arachnology at the California Academy of Sciences.

Leonardo Da Vinci

- Leonardo Da Vinci was an openly gay man!
- His most notable paintings were “The Mona Lisa” and “The Last Supper”
- He was also a contributor to the understanding of architecture and technology during the Renaissance
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLaanhBuIVU>
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Alan Turing

- Created an important decoding technology that decoded Nazi messages in WW2 (It was called the Turing machine.)
- He was praised for it and it is similar to computers today
- Sadly he admitted he was in a homosexual relationship and after pressure from the British government he committed suicide

