

Pride Month 2020:

LGBTQ History

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What is Pride Month

- Pride Month happens in June because that is when the Stonewall riots happened
- Christopher Street Liberation Day Parades would happen every year to commemorate Stonewall
- In 1971 and 1972 more and more cities had pride marches, including Atlanta
- Many early marches and commemorations of the Stonewall Riots had "Liberation" or "Freedom" in their names. These began to be dropped in the 1980s



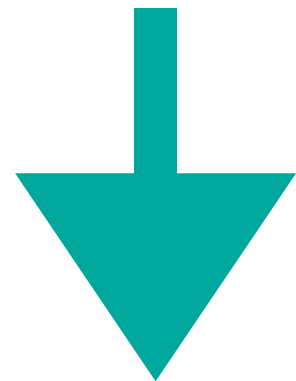
Compton's Cafeteria Riot 1966

- Police harassment of the patrons of the cafeteria led to the riots
 - Cross-dressing was illegal and police would use that as a reason to raid the bar
- Many participants in the 1966 riot were members of Vanguard
- Historian Susan Stryker later made a documentary about the riot: "Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria"

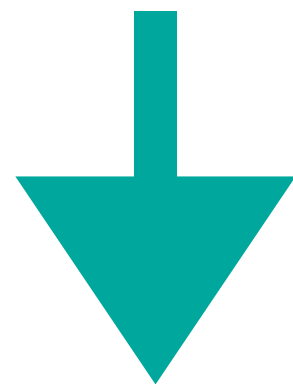


History of language: Trans

Transvestite (1911)



Transsexual (1957)



Transgender (1974)



Flag by Monica Helms

History of language: LGB

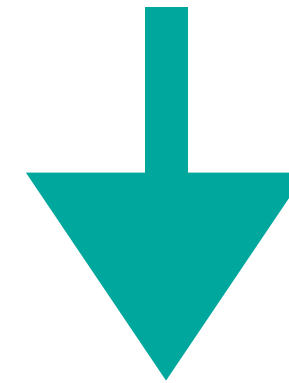
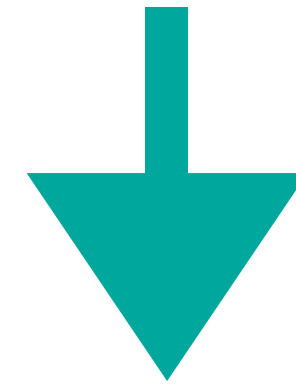
Homosexual (1892)

Lesbian (1925)

Gay (1950s)

Homophile (1955)

Bisexual (1950s)



Sylvia Rivera

CO-FOUNDER OF STREET TRANSVESTITE ACTION
REVOLUTIONARIES

- Latina American transgender rights activist
- Member of the Gay Liberation Front
- Advocate for poor and homeless queer folks



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Marsha P. Johnson

CO-FOUNDER OF STREET TRANSVESTITE ACTION REVOLUTIONARIES

- Founding member of the Gay Liberation Front
- Modeled for Andy Warhol and performed with the Hot Peaches troupe
- Activist with ACT UP from 1987-1992

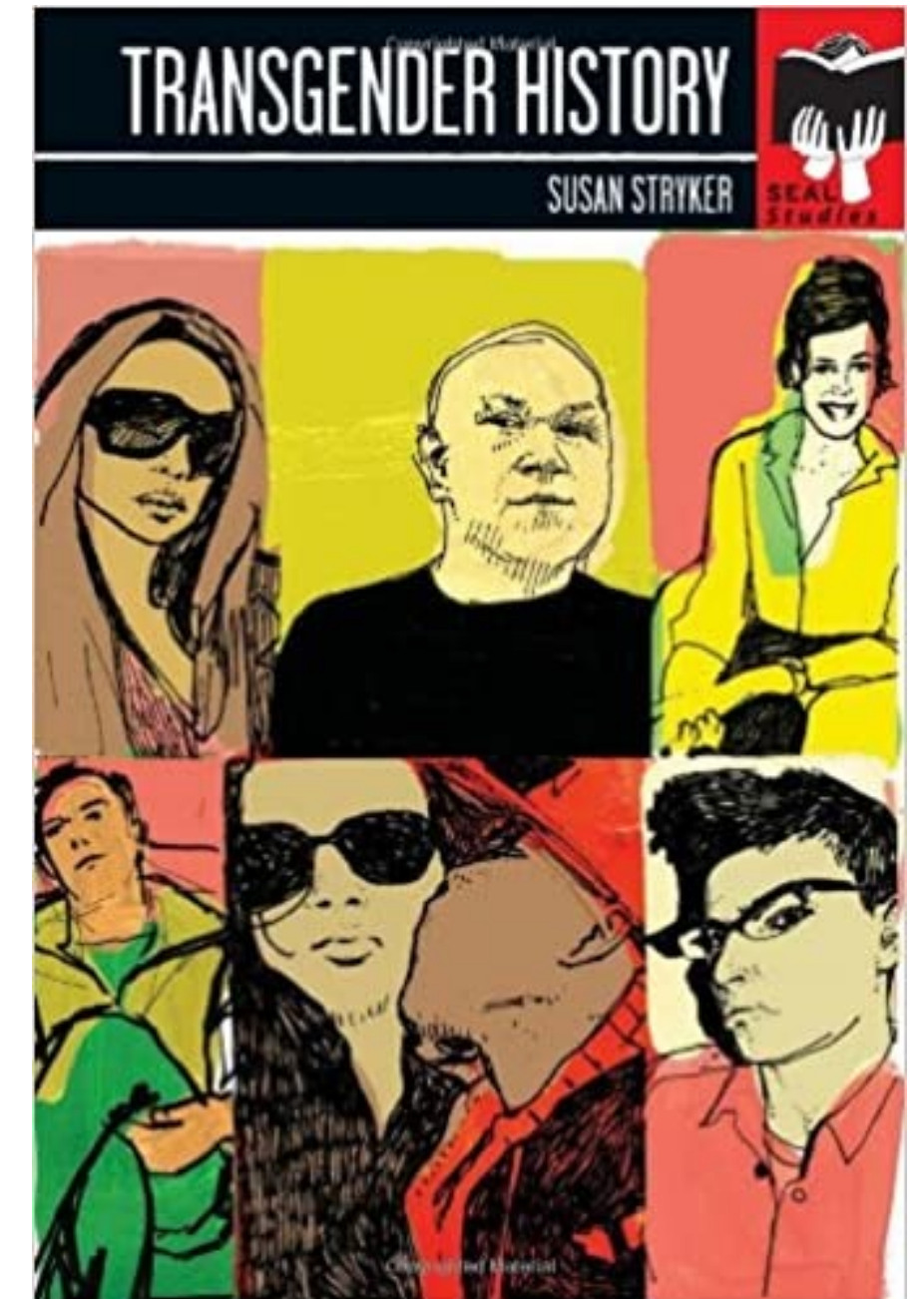


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After Stonewall

- Transgender historian Susan Stryker dubbed the 1970s and 1980s the "Difficult Decades" for transgender people
- During this time there was a rise in scientific and medical interest in transgender people
 - Stryker refers to it as the "Big Science" era of transgender history



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Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries 1970-1973

- Worked to provide housing for queer youth and sex workers
- STAR House
- Rivera and Johnson would sneak people into hotel rooms. Rivera famously said that up to 50 people could be snuck into two hotel rooms
- Rivera marked the 1973 Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade as the death of STAR after transgender individuals were asked to stay at the back of the march as well as off of the stage



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And now?

- According to Gallup, 4.5% of the U.S. population is LGBT.
- LGBT people still struggle with homelessness and other economic hardships.
- LGBT people still advocate for one another and help one another with needed resources. There is a whole new era of this with apps like Venmo and PayPal.
- Understanding the realities of LGBT people includes considering the ways race, class, religion, etc. affect their experiences. For example, transgender people experience their gender differently due to race and class



What's the takeaway?

As many pride parades are being postponed or canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as anti-racist movements surge, it is important to learn, understand, and keep in mind the gendered, raced, and classed aspects of LGBT history.



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