

Honoring LGBT History Month

Historic LGBT Figures

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Katherine “Kate” Brown, J.D.

(1960 -)



- Second female governor of Oregon
- First openly bisexual state governor in U.S. history
– “America’s only LGBT governor”
- Prioritizes Civil Rights in her political platform
- Has advocated for LGBT rights and equality throughout her public career



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Edith Perez, M.D.

(1956 -)



- Oncologist and Professor of Medicine at Mayo Medical School
- Director of Mayo Clinic Breast Cancer Translational Genomics Program
 - Researches the role of genetic markers in the development and aggressiveness of breast cancer
- Head of BioOncology Medical Unit at Genentech - U.S. Medical Affairs



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Sylvia Rae Rivera

(1951 - 2002)



- Born in NYC, of Venezuelan and Puerto Rican descent
- Co-founder of STAR (Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries) which was dedicated to serving homeless young drag queens and transwomen of color
- Civil Rights Activist, Anti- Vietnam War Activist; Second-wave Feminist; affiliated with the Black Panthers
- Considered an “initiator” of Stonewall Riots



Honoring LGBT History Month (Laurence) Michael Dillon (1915 - 1962)



- British Physician in Ireland and Merchant Naval Physician
- First transman to undergo phalloplasty
- Officially diagnosed with severe hypospadias to avoid legal interference with surgeries
- Next in line of familial nobility, but had to flee Britain once others discovered he had transitioned
- First white European man ordained into Tibetan Buddhist tradition



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Deborah Sampson

(1760 - 1827)



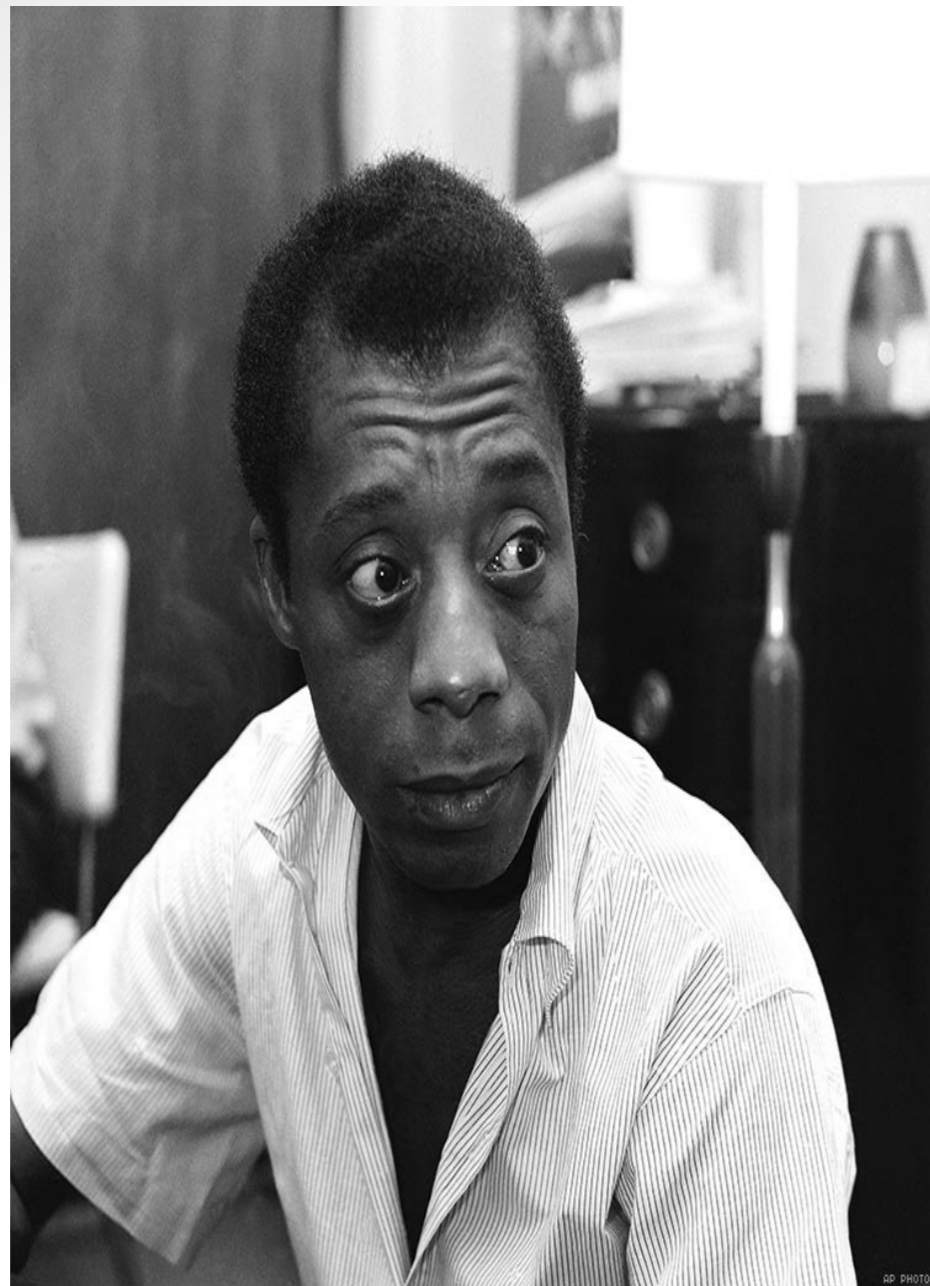
- Posed as a man to fight in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War
- She was honorably discharged from the army in 1783
- She had to fight for her pension after leaving the army and was eventually granted some in 1805



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James “Jimmy” Baldwin

(1924 –1987)



- American writer and social critic
- Essays on racial, sexual, and class distinctions in Western societies in mid-20th century America
- Influenced Todd Clayton’s essay entitled “Gay Will Never Be the New Black: What James Baldwin Taught Me About My White Privilege”
- At the age of 24, he left the United States to settle in Paris, France to distance himself from the prejudice of America as an African American gay man

