

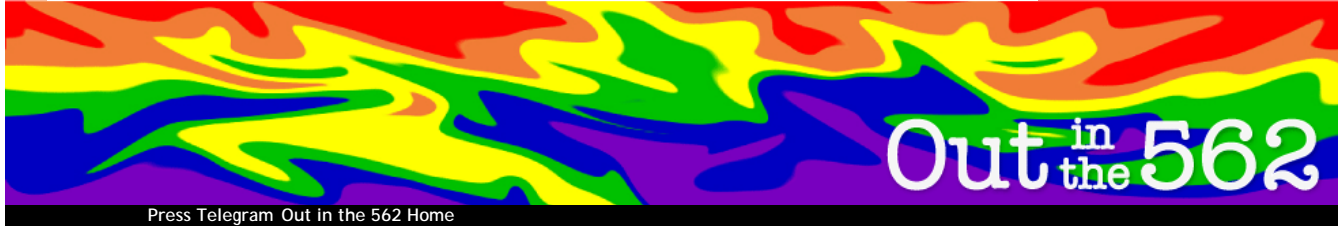


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The Center Long Beach launches its monthly "QSpeak" lecture series featuring university scholars, activists, artists and public figures in the LGBT community later this month

"QSpeak" will host academic talks, interviews and ethnographies on queer studies, art, culture, social justice, and history, according to a press release from the Center.

The series begins June 25 with Marie Cartier, who will present "Baby You are My Religion: Butch Femme/Gay Women's Bar Culture 1940s to 1980s." The discussion will include stories, testimonies and photos of gay women and men from the early years of the of the gay rights movement who considered the bar an alternative church.

For the presentation, Cartier conducted over 100 interviews, many with local women from the Long Beach community, according to the release.

The second discussion is scheduled for July 30 with Judith Halberstam, English and gender studies professor at USC, according to the release.

In her lecture, "Pregnant Men, Pregnant Men, Heteroflexible Women, and the End of Gender as We Know It," Halberstam will discuss how, in the early years of the 21st Century, the press thrilled to the images and testimony of the world's "first pregnant man." At the same time, the data in the United States acknowledged a huge decrease in marriages and a rise in divorces.

Halberstam will map the terrain of gender, sexuality and pleasure.

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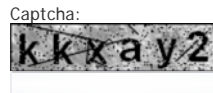
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