



# Smithsonian *National Postal Museum*

Chief Curator of Philately

## **LGBTQ Philately Study Day**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time**

Westpex Stamp Show  
San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel  
1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA  
Room 6096

This invitational gathering of curators, philatelists, historians, and other practitioners will delve into the following areas in the field of LGBTQ philately and postal history:

1. Philately: worldwide stamps, cancellations, and art stamps on the themes of "out" LGBTQ individuals; pride, legislative milestones, and civil rights; or commemorations and events. [45 minutes]
2. Postal history: physique and beefcake magazines; early gay pen pal club; mail order physique photographs and art; early public health mailings from government and private organizations; obscene mail slogans, posters, and other examples of postal service censorship from the late '50s to early '70s. [45 minutes]
3. Documenting recognition of the field within organized philately: early newsletters and publications; oral histories; archives. [20 minutes]
4. Other areas: what haven't we discussed that we should? [20 minutes]
5. Show and tell: participants may feel free to bring a few items or exhibit pages to talk about and show. [20 minutes]

Through group discussions and viewing of material, participants will deepen their appreciation of this field and help the National Postal Museum's curators to understand better what material is available to be acquired for the national collection; issues around cataloguing, interpretation, and exhibition of this material; and the varying needs of researchers, investigators, and museum professionals. Plan for an interactive and enjoyable time of focused study, scholarly discourse, and exploration.

**This is an invitational gathering. To participate, please send an E-mail to the National Postal Museum's Chief Curator of Philately, Dan Piazza, at [piazzad@si.edu](mailto:piazzad@si.edu).**

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