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Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Equity



Curricular Integration Committee

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Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart/The Destiny of Me* (2000)

The Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Equity (CLGBTQE) announces the inauguration of its Commission Reads, an initiative that provides an opportunity to engage with queer historical, intellectual, academic, and literary narratives with commission members and the larger LGBTQ community at Penn State.

The Normal Heart is a semi-autobiographical story of a writer who cares for his partner as he dies of an unnamed and misunderstood disease in the early 1980s. Themes of injustice, civil rights, love, family, homophobia, resistance, and resiliency permeate the play and resound with current-day audiences, who must still reckon with the ethical, political, and social implications of the virus.

University Libraries Exhibit

From *GRID (Gay-Related Immune Deficiency)* to *AIDS: The Emergence of HIV in the 1980s*
October 3 – December 16, 2016
Space outside of the Paterno Reading Room

University Libraries presents a display in conjunction with CLGBTQE's 2016 Commission Reads *The Normal Heart/The Destiny of Me*. The exhibit displays books and other objects related to the emergence of HIV and AIDS in the United States in the early 1980s.



Day With(out) Art/ World AIDS Day December 1, 2016

Since 2010, Visual AIDS has worked with artists and filmmakers to internationally distribute videos to museums, art institutions, schools,

and AIDS organizations. This year, the **Palmer Museum of Art** shrouds the iconic *Paws at the Palmer* on December 1 to remember those who died of AIDS and recognize the profound impact of their loss.

Film Screening: *The Normal Heart* (2014)

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Palmer-Lipcon Auditorium, Palmer Museum of Art
Introduction by **Dara Purvis**, assistant professor of law, with Shushan Sadjadi and Brett Atanasio, members of **OutLaw**, at 6:30 p.m.

A film adaptation of Larry Kramer's groundbreaking play of the same name, *The Normal Heart* tells the story of the onset of the HIV/AIDS crisis in New York City in the early 1980s, taking an unflinching look at the nation's sexual politics as gay activists and their allies in the medical community fought to expose the truth about the burgeoning epidemic to a city and nation in denial. 2 hours, 12 minutes. Rated TV: MA.

Paper Views Gallery Talk: "From Realism to Magic: Looking Queerly"

Friday, April 28, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Drs. Albert and Lorraine Kligman, Print and Drawing Study Room, Palmer Museum of Art.

Curated by **Anthony D'Augelli**, professor of Human Development and Family Studies.

Conversation with Anthony D'Augelli, 1:00 p.m.



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