

LGBTQ+ Rights

Empowerment Through Information



Overview

HeinOnline's newest database focuses on the gay rights movement in America from the 1950s up through the present day, showing the civil rights codified into law in the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as the inequalities that still exist today.

Titles are organized into seven areas of focus:

Main Subcollections

- Marriage and Family
- Employment Discrimination
- AIDS and Health Care
- Military Service
- Public Spaces and Society
- Historical Attitudes and Analysis
- Supreme Court Briefs

Supplemental Research

- Introductory Timeline
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Social Justice Suite

Included in all HeinOnline Core subscriptions and free of charge to any interested organizations

Five perpetually free databases, automatically included in all HeinOnline Core subscriptions.

- Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture & Law (*Released: 2016*)
- Gun Regulation and Legislation in America (*Released: 2018*)
- Civil Rights and Social Justice (*Released: 2020*)
- Open Society Justice Initiative (*Released: 2021*)
- LGBTQ+ Rights – **NEW** (*Released: 2022*)

The Social Justice Suite contains more than 2.5 million pages and 18,000 volumes!

Registering for access to one database provides access to the entire suite.

Free MARC Records via Cassidy Cataloguing.

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Content and Organization

Helping You Find the Right Title

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[Subjects Example](#)

Subjects

HeinOnline Editors have assigned one or more **unique** title-level subjects to **every** title in the database.

Use these subjects to casually browse or discover titles.

Or use the Subject facet on the search results page to drill down results by a given Subject.

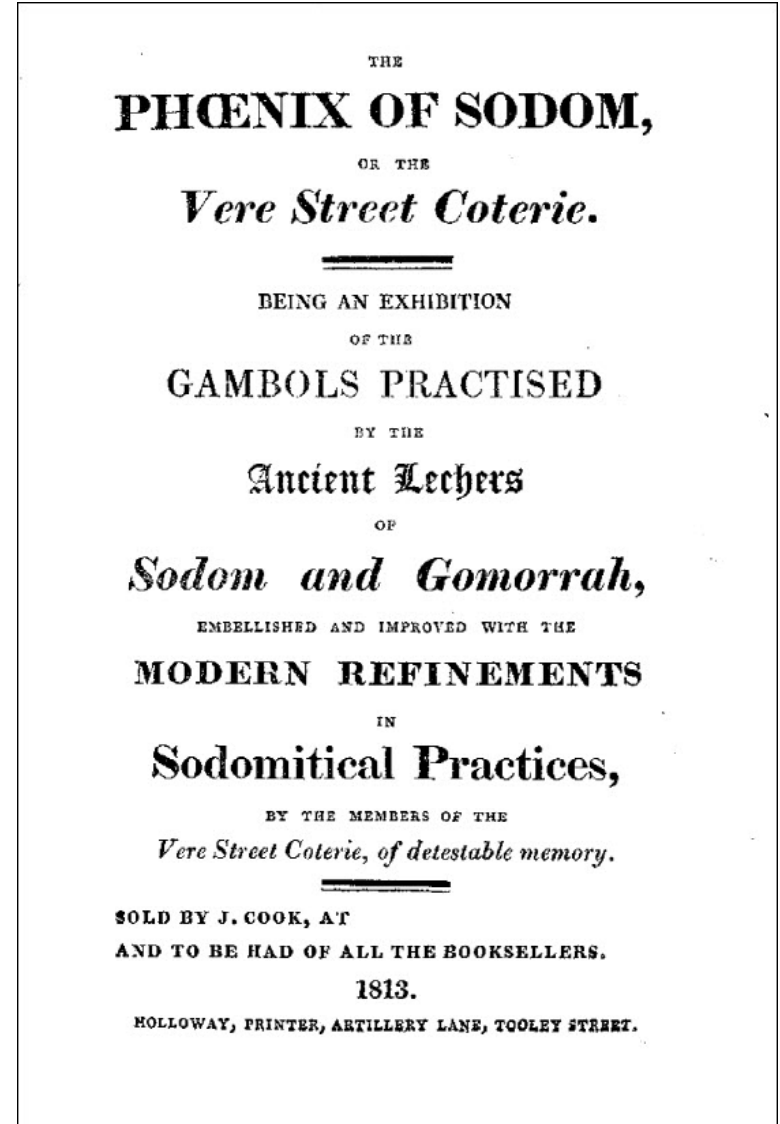
The screenshot displays the HeinOnline search interface. On the left, the 'Refine Your Search' sidebar includes filters for Date, Document Type, Section Type, Location, Title, Organization, Person, and Subjects. The Subjects filter is expanded, showing a list of 16 subjects with their respective counts, such as 'Same-Sex Marriage (326)' and 'HIV/AIDS (116)'. The main search results area shows 1,652 results for the search term '(the)' in the 'LGBTQ+ Rights' collection. The results are sorted by Relevance. The first result is '1 Perversions: Psychodynamics and Therapy (Sandor Lorand & Michael Balint, eds.) 265 (1956)', which includes a 'Turn to page' link and a snippet of text. The second result is '1 William Stekel, The Homosexual Neurosis (James S. Van Teslaar, trans.) 9 (1922)', also with a 'Turn to page' link and a snippet.

Subjects appear as a Browse By Option within the All Titles tab and also as a facet on the search results page within the collection.

Browsing Subcollections

Publications are grouped by specific areas of focus, from **Marriage and Family** to **Military Service**.

The oldest title in the collection is the 1813 publication [The Phoenix of Sodom, or the Vere Street Coterie](#), about a group of men arrested at a molly house in Vere Street, London for sodomy; two were hanged and six were pilloried.



Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities, and the Law: A Research Bibliography, 2006-2016



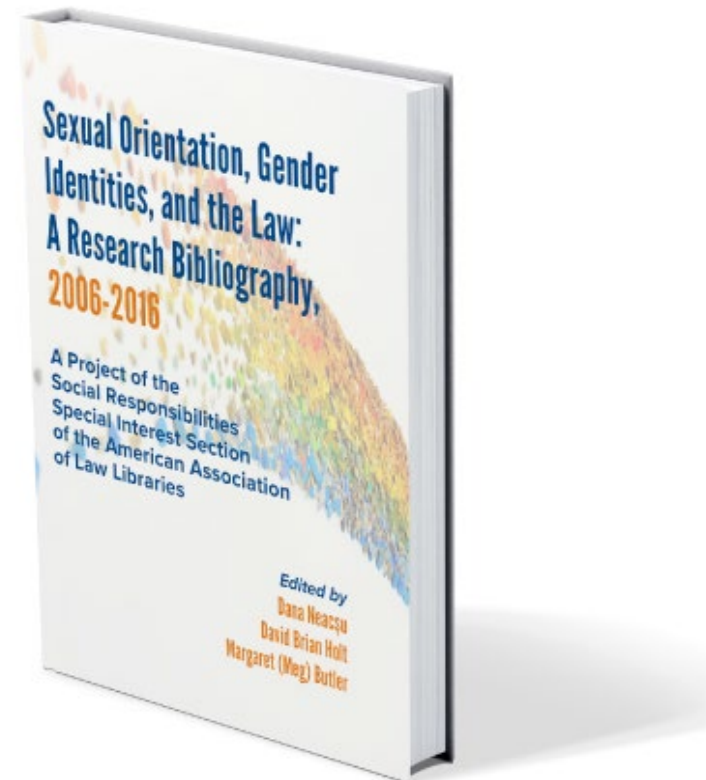
Published in 2018 by William S. Hein & Co., Inc. and part of the AALL Publication Series.



Articles extracted and included in our [Scholarly Articles](#) section.



Full text of bibliography included in LGBTQ+ Rights database.





Special Tools

Customize your research to how you learn

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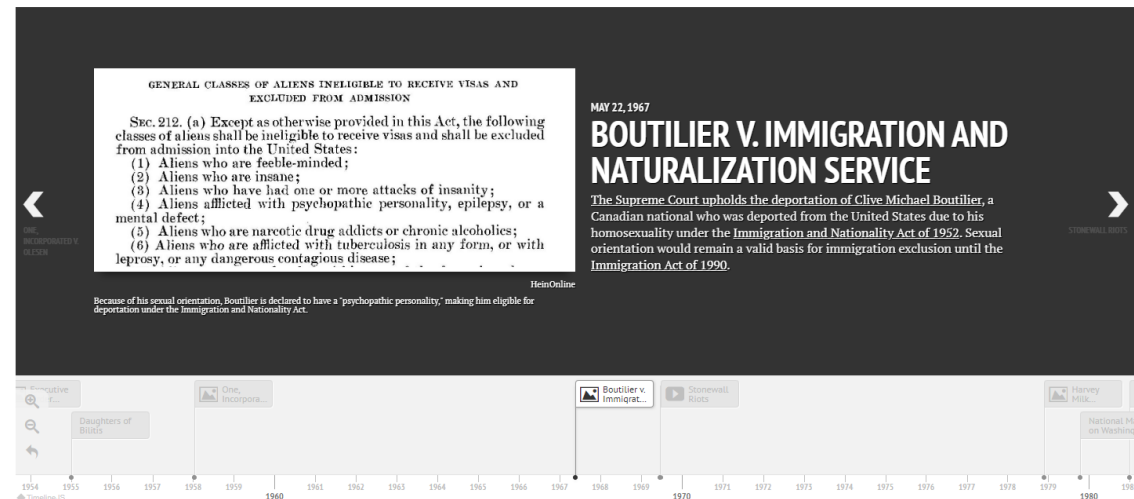
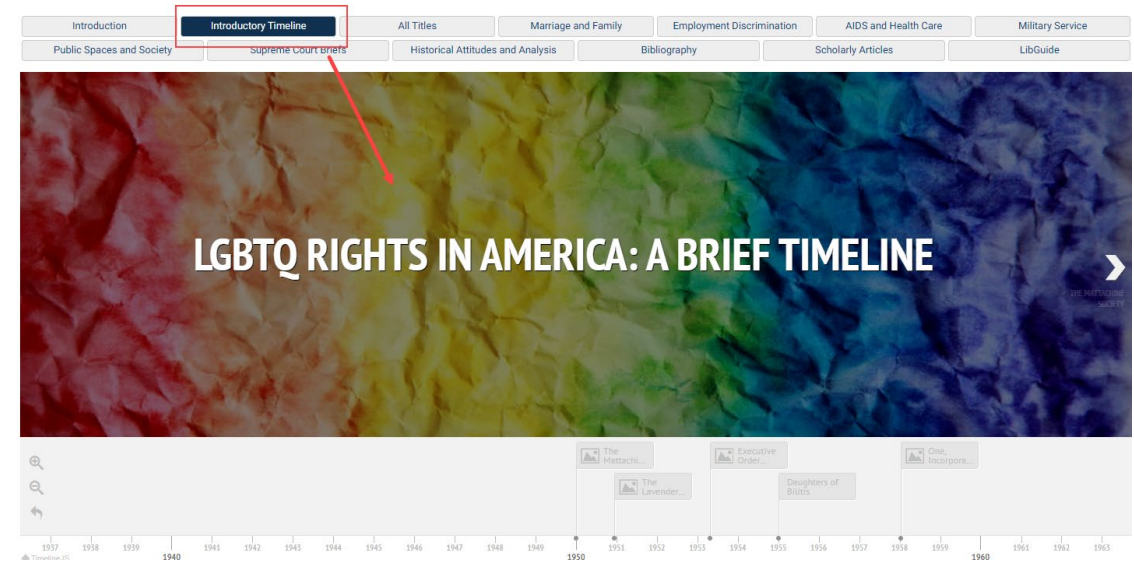
[Timeline link](#)

Timeline

The Timeline is an interactive piece that visually illustrates the gay rights movement in America from 1950 to the present day.

Photographs and YouTube videos help learners visualize people and places described on a given timeline point.

Also contains links to full text documents within HeinOnline and to relevant HeinOnline Blog posts.



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Venn Diagram Search



Visualize the results of various keywords to better refine a search.



Use the Venn Diagram within one database or across all subscribed databases.



Help students learn how to best structure a search by visualizing the power of keyword combinations.

Select **Clear** for the ability to hover over various pieces of the diagram to see all of the possible search term combinations highlighted accordingly. [\[Clear\]](#)

1. **Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage: Implications for Religious Objections**
Brown, Cynthia, et al. (Cited 989 times)
October 23, 2015

[Turn to page](#)

If Congress adopted statutory nondiscrimination requirements for **adoption** services funding, the balance of the rights of participating religious providers and potential **same-sex** parents as program beneficiaries likely would be a matter of congressional discretion. ...In other contexts, for example, under employment nondiscrimination statutes, courts have indicated that discrimination based on **religion** may include other forms of discrimination as long as the action relates to a religious tenet.¹⁷⁷ Under this theory of interpretation, a religious organization that receives public funds may argue that extending its services to **same-sex** beneficiaries would infringe on its religious identity in violation of statutory religious freedom protections. ...Conscience Clause Protections Related to **Adoption** and Foster Care Congress may choose to consider a federal conscience clause (similar to that discussed in the context of civil officials earlier in this report) to protect religiously affiliated agencies' objections to placing children with **same-sex** couples. Federal conscience clauses arguably could protect the right of religious objectors by conditioning federal funding (e.g., **adoption** services grants to state agencies) on nondiscrimination based on **religion**. ...In other words, a state that forced a religious **adoption** agency to place children in homes with **same-sex** couples would consequently lose federal funds under the program. ...Congress may seek to balance the interest of such agencies with the interests of **same-sex** adoptive parents by including a requirement that agencies with objections provide alternative options for couples whom the agency cannot serve.¹⁷⁸ It is important to remember that existing models of federal 177 For instance, religious employers are permitted to discriminate in employment decisions based on **religion**, but not on race, color, sex, or national origin.

[+ All Matching Text Pages \(33\)](#)

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LibGuide

Personalized to this database

A tailored guide to help users maximize their research.

Provides an introduction to the database, an overview of content, search tips and more.

Screenshots and links to real-world examples allow users to follow along.

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LGBTQ+ Rights

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About the Database

About HeinOnline's Social Justice Suite

Included in HeinOnline's Social Justice Suite, free to HeinOnline Core subscribers and any interested organizations.*

About the Database

In 1625, in the Colony of Virginia, Richard Cornish, master of the merchant ship *Ambrose*, was executed for allegedly raping William Couse, an indentured servant aboard his vessel. While the exact date of Cornish's execution has been lost to history, he was likely convicted by the Virginia governor's Council and executed on the same day. A year after Cornish was put to death, the maritime community began to assert that Cornish had been wrongly executed, with Richard's brother, Jeffrey, championing his innocence. The response of Virginia's Council of State was brutal; for daring to criticize the governor, Edward Nevell and Thomas Hatch, who had spoken out on Cornish's behalf, were whipped, had their ears cut off, and were pressed into servitude.

Historians today debate Richard Cornish's guilt and the specifics of any crimes he may have committed; whether he was a rapist or had been persecuted for a consensual relationship, or if rumors had conspired to kill an innocent man. Moral judgments aside, Cornish was potentially the first person executed in North America for sodomy.

The definition of sodomy has undergone numerous changes throughout the centuries. In a legal sense, it has also encompassed bestiality, oral sex, and any other non-procreative sexual activity, whether between same-sex or opposite-sex partners, consensual or not. It has long been taboo and criminalized in the Western world. Sodomy between consenting adults remained illegal in the United States until 2003, when the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated all remaining sodomy laws with its decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*, 378 years after Richard Cornish's execution.

LGBTQ people have lived, loved, and thrived since humans first evolved. They have also been harassed, persecuted, and ostracized for living their lives on their own terms and for expressing themselves authentically. As the newest addition to HeinOnline's Social Justice Suite, **LGBTQ+ Rights** is dedicated to charting the gay rights movement in America, showing the civil rights codified into law in the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as the inequalities that still exist today. Titles in this collection are grouped into subcollections focused on specific areas of society, examining issues from same-sex marriage to employment discrimination, military service, and more.

A unique interactive piece within this collection is the [Timeline](#) charting the American gay rights movement from 1950 up to present day. Pulling in documents from HeinOnline, photographs from the Library of Congress, and YouTube videos, this timeline allows users to both visualize the progression of the gay rights movement as well as how HeinOnline documents connect to this overall historical narrative.

In 1993, the Richard Cornish Endowment Fund was established as a source of funding to acquire gay and lesbian resources for the Earl Gregg Swan Library at the College of William & Mary. Commonly known as the Cornish Fund, it is one of the largest gay and lesbian-centered endowment funds for any academic institution in the United States.

Special Tools

[LibGuide link](#)

LibGuide

View descriptions of each subcollection for an **explanation** of content included.

Scope notes for each Subject with links to **examples**.

Learn how to use the Timeline with numbered explanations.


Step through **sample searches** of various complexities.

Additional Resources link to organizations and research guides to expand learning beyond HeinOnline.

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Subjects

HeinOnline editors have created **15 new subjects** to help users discover the content most relevant to their research. **Every** title in this collection has been **analyzed** by HeinOnline editors and **assigned** one or more subjects based on its subject matter. Explore these new subjects and their scope below:

Conversion Therapy and Pseudoscience

Covers explanations for homosexuality, conversion therapy, and other "cures" for homosexuality. Titles include:

- Edith Fairman Cooper. *Homosexuality: Selected Studies and Review of Possible Origins* (1993).
- Implications of Restricting the Use of Conversion Therapy for Religious Providers* (2015).

Criminalization of Sex

Homosexuality has long been legally punishable. Learn more about its criminalization with:

- Jody Feder. *Homosexuality and the Constitution: A Legal Analysis of the Supreme Court Ruling in Lawrence v. Texas* (2005).
- H. Montgomery Hyde. *Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* (1956).

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Don't Ask, Don't Tell was the official policy of the U.S. military on LGBTQ servicemembers from 1994–2011. Learn about this controversial policy with:

- Testimony relating to the "don't ask, don't tell" policy : hearing before the Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, second session, March 18, 2010.* (2010).
- David F. Burrell. *"Don't Ask, Don't Tell": The Law and Military Policy on Same-Sex Behavior* (2009).

Gender Roles and Identities

This subject focuses on how preconceived gender roles, gender identities, and attitudes about sexuality shape our culture. Titles include:

- Bonnie Scott Jones and Michelle Movahed. *Lesson One: Your Gender Is Your Destiny—The Constitutionality of Teaching Sex Stereotypes in Abstinence-Only Programs* (2009).
- Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Justice: A Comparative Law Casebook* (2011).

HIV/AIDS

The AIDS epidemic disproportionately affected gay men in the 1980s and 1990s. Fears over HIV contamination still prevent gay men from donating blood today in the United States. Learn more about how HIV/AIDS continues to impact the LGBTQ community with:

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HeinOnline Blog

Research in Action

See how HeinOnline Bloggers have used this content to research and write blog posts.

Links, images, and footnotes allow readers to follow along as HeinOnline Bloggers bring history alive.

Use our posts for inspiration for your next research project or for additional sources to supplement your own on the same topic.

[HeinOnline Blog](#)



LGBTQ+ Rights: New Database Added to the Social Justice Suite

HeinOnline has added the LGBTQ+ Rights database to the Social Justice Suite, a collection of materials relating to the gay rights movement in America, including an interactive timeline, subject-coded court cases, scholarly articles, books, and more.

Lauren Mattiuzzo | June 28, 2022



Proud to Be Born This Way: A Look Back at the Road to Pride and LGBTQ Rights

June 2020 marked a special month for the LGBTQ community. Not only was it Pride month, but it's was also the 50th anniversary of annual LGBTQ and Pride traditions. Let's take a closer look at this movement, what rights they have, and what they're still fighting for.

Lauren Mattiuzzo | June 23, 2020



What's New in HeinOnline: June 2022 Content Release

Summer has officially begun, and we hope that you are reading this while catching up on some vitamin sea by the beach. Here at HeinOnline, we are shell-abrating the release of a ton of content this month, as well as a brand-new database!

Lauren Zazzara | July 1, 2022



Secrets of the Serial Set: The Lavender Scare

In honor of Pride Month, as well as the release of



7 Milestone Moments in the Fight for Women's Rights



Secrets of the Serial Set: Lyndon B. Johnson Signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964

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