

## LGBTQ-Inclusive Lesson Planning Guide - January 2009

Teachers who are planning your lessons for **January** may find it helpful to integrate some of the following, to infuse LGBTQ/2-spirit\* cultural awareness into the every day life of your classroom. Especially those teaching **history, civics, social studies, family and consumer sciences, or language arts**. Items #1 and 2 will be useful in teaching **writing skills**.

Below ...

- (1) Selected quotations by LGBTQ individuals to inspire students' journaling
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- (3) Important dates to recognize, including many in the movement for LGBTQ equality (and **No Name-calling Week**, which addresses bias-based bullying in general)
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**NOTE:** You will find recent past email messages **archived** at <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/listserve/index.html> and all of these monthly lesson planning guides are **archived** at <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/blackboard-history.html>

\* **LGBTQ** = Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Queer.

\*\* **Two-spirit** = a term of honor to describe a Native American or other Indigenous LGBTIQ person, implying their special role as a spiritual bridge among genders. Usually the term is not chosen by an individual to describe him or herself (which would seem self-aggrandizing to many in Indian Country). More often it is a designation of respect conferred *upon* an individual by an elder.

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### (1) Selected quotations by LGBTQ individuals to inspire students' journaling

*"Battling racism and battling heterosexism and battling apartheid share the same urgency inside me as battling cancer."*

-- poet Audre **Lorde**

*"I've been out most of my life. I don't feel like I have a choice about it. I look Gay."*

-- MSNBC talk show host Rachel **Maddow**

*"I think it's pretty obvious who I'm seeing [Samantha Ronson]. I think it's no shock to anyone that it's been going on for quite some time. ... She's a wonderful person and I love her very much. ... Maybe [I'm Bisexual]. No [I'm not a Lesbian]. I don't want to classify myself. First of all, you never know what's going to happen - tomorrow, in a month, a year from now, five years from now. I appreciate people, and it doesn't matter who they are."*

-- Actress, model and singer Lindsay **Lohan**

*"Never discourage anyone... who continually makes progress, no matter how slow."*

-- Greek philosopher **Plato**

*"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."*

-- novelist and poet, Alice **Walker**

*"...[W]e have been socialized to respect fear more than our own needs for language and definition, and while we wait in silence for that final luxury of fearlessness, the weight of that silence will choke us."*

- author Audre **Lorde**



*"[Her] genius resided in her insistence on bringing her whole self to whatever she was doing."*  
-- novelist Jewell **Gomez**, describing poet Audre **Lorde**

*"It's our hearts and brains that we should exercise more often... You can put on all the makeup you want but it won't make your soul pretty."*  
-- make-up artist to the stars, Kevyn **Aucoin**

*"If you wanna change the world  
Then you gotta change yourself  
If you want  
To open up your mind and let it in  
Then free your heart  
And let the light shine in  
There's no one else  
Has all the magic that you have inside  
Or knows the way  
To share the gift that only you provide"*  
-- poet, singer, songwriter Magdalen **Hsu-Li**

*"I think anytime you face some type of fear, you're going to grow in some way. You're going to learn more about who you are in a tough spot."*  
-- comedian, actor, talk-show host Ellen **DeGeneres**

*"I hate the idea that people think being gay is a choice... I was born this way and I've grown to love this part of me."*  
-- Olympic gold-medalist Greg **Louganis**

*"Love is the big booming beat which covers up the noise of hate."*  
-- comedian, social activist Margaret **Cho**

*"Sexuality and gender don't change anyone's performance on the [basketball] court."*  
-- WNBA star, Sheryl **Swoopes**

*"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever."*  
-- comedian, social activist Margaret **Cho**

*"Three events propelled my vision into reality: grief at losing my best friend, Marvin; fear at finding out that I, too, was positive; and rage at the heterosexual world because two boys, skinheads, had stabbed me and run away laughing as I lay bleeding in the gutter. These three moments together changed my life."*  
-- human rights activist, Cleve **Jones**, on what led him to found the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

*"It has been 25 years since the [AIDS epidemic] began, and 25 million people have perished. Last year, more than 3 million people died of AIDS. That's three million coffins, three million eulogies, three million families. But the war is far from over. Every 10 seconds, someone on the planet dies of AIDS. More than 8,000 people will die today from this disease... As long as there is one person living with this virus, we cannot give up. Until there is a cure, there must be a fight... You see, we are the cavalry. We are the ones we have been waiting for."*  
-- author and activist, Keith **Boykin**

*"When California passed Prop 8 ... I felt like I was being attacked, personally attacked, our community was attacked. I got married October 25. You know, I don't really talk about my sexual orientation, I didn't feel like I had to, I was just living my life and, not necessarily in the closet, but I*

*was just living my life. Everybody that knows me personally, they know I'm Gay. And that's the way people should be able to live their lives. We shouldn't have to be standing out here demanding something that we automatically should have as citizens of this country. And I got pissed off. They pissed me off. I said, You know what, now I gotta get in your face. And that's what we all have to do now. They pissed off the wrong group of people. They have galvanized a community. We are so together now and we all want the same thing and we are not going to settle for less. Instead of having Gay marriage in California, no, we're gonna get it across the country. When my wife and I leave California, I want to have my marriage also recognized in Nevada, in Arizona, all the way to New York. ... I'm proud to be a woman, I'm proud to be a black woman and I'm proud to be Gay."*

-- Comedian **Wanda Sykes**

Do you have a quotation to suggest that we add in 2009? Let us know!!

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## (2) Quotations from allies & from folks who oppose LGBTQ equality

*"It's not a sickness, it's just the way people are—gay women, gay men. It's just the way they are ... We are who we are."*

-- Peter **Fonda**, actor

*"We do not allow teachers to teach that 2+2=3 and we should not tolerate teaching sexually inaccurate information."*

-- Washington State Rep. Shay **Schual-Berke**, M.D.

*"You can stand tall without standing on someone. You can be a victor without having victims."*

-- Harriett **Woods**, politician, professor and women's rights activist

*[Gays] should never give up. They should be on it and on it until they get it done."*

-- California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, speaking after the passage of California's Prop 8 which rescinded the right of gay and lesbian couples to marry, enshrining their 2nd class citizenship in the state constitution

*"We don't believe they have the right to marry. In fact, we don't think they have the right to exist."*

-- Douglas Sadler, member of the Ku Klux Klan, in protesting attempts to legalize same-sex marriage in Iowa

*"Homosexuals must be encouraged to separate their lifestyles from the community at large. Homosexuality must not be taught as a positive lifestyle."*

-- white supremacist Tom Metzger

*"[H]omosexuals already have the right to marry. They can marry someone of the opposite sex, because that's what marriage is."*

-- Linda Harvey of Mission America

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## (3) Important dates to recognize, including many in the movement for LGBTQ equality (and **No Name-calling Week**, which addresses bias-based bullying in general)



**January, 2009 – Cervical Health Awareness Month.** More info about the month: <http://www.nccc-online.org/awareness.html> MySistahs.org said last year, *“In the United States, about 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and about 3,700 women die in the USA each year from this disease. Most cervical cancer is caused by the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), which is transmitted through sexual intercourse. Using condoms during heterosexual intercourse [or any sex involving a penis and a vagina] has been associated with a lower risk of cervical cancer [and not just straight youth, but also plenty of LGBTQ youth do have this kind of sex]. There is a vaccine, called Gardasil, which can help protect against diseases caused by HPV Types 16 and 18, which cause 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, and HPV Types 6 and 11, which cause 90 percent of genital warts cases. The best way to screen for HPV is a Pap test, given by a gynecologist - early detection is the key to successful treatment! Cervical health is an issue that affects YOU! Young women ages 20-24 have the highest rate of HPV infection of any age group, while young women ages 14-19 have the second highest rate. And cervical cancer rates are disproportionately high for Latina and African American/Black women because they are less likely to have health insurance and therefore less likely to get proper screening for HPV. January is a great time to read up on HPV. On the MySistahs website you can learn about HPV and other sexually transmitted infections and learn more about the HPV vaccine. At Advocates' website you can also get perspective on the HPV vaccine from Jalan Washington, an Advocates board member and former Young Women of Color Leadership Council member. And don't forget to take care of your own health by getting regular Pap tests and asking your doctor if the HPV vaccine is right for you.”*

**January 1, 1970** - Chinese-American bisexual singer, songwriter, painter, educator, inventor and poet **Magdalen Hsu-Li** is born. She would found Chickpop Records.

**January 1, 1972** - *Science* magazine first reports that perhaps male homosexuality is **determined in utero**.

**January 1, 1990** - The government of Iran **beheads** three gay men and **stones** two lesbians to death.

**January 1, 2003** - Phat Family Records, an organization of **LGBT hip-hop artists and fans**, releases the groundbreaking CD *Phat Family Volume 2: Down 4 the Swerve*, featuring 14 tracks by gay, lesbian and bisexual hip-hop artists from across the U.S. and Europe, including Rainbow Flava, Tori Fixx, Miss Money, Tim'm T. West and others.

**January 3, 1948** - **The Kinsey Report** on male sexual behavior is published amid a sea of controversy. Alfred Kinsey's research, very flawed by today's standards, was nevertheless the first ever widely published and discussed research to explore such taboos as masturbation and same-sex sexual behavior. His major contributions, still respected today, were (1) the understanding that masturbation is very common, (2) the idea that sexual orientation is not an either/or dichotomy but rather a continuum, from exclusively homosexual to exclusively heterosexual with lots of people somewhere in between, and (3) the perspective that a person's sexual orientation is reflected by their fantasies and attractions, not just their behavior. Kinsey's report was the source of the ubiquitous, and much contested, statistic that gay people constitute 10% of the population. The figure comes from his finding that one in ten of the men he surveyed (who weren't a representative sample) were "predominantly homosexual" between the ages of 16 and 55. More recent studies have shown that, among high school students in Seattle, 4.5% identify as gay, lesbian or bisexual and another 4.5% aren't sure. In Massachusetts, 2% of high school students consider themselves gay, lesbian or bisexual and 4% say either that and/or that they've had same-sex sexual experiences. In Vermont, among 8-12th graders, 5.3% of boys and 3.4% of girls report same-gender "sexual activity." Ten percent is probably high even among adults, except perhaps in urban areas.



**January 5, 1931** -- Dancer, choreographer **Alvin Ailey** is born. At the age of 27, Ailey would found his own modern dance ensemble, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater ... which, according to its web site, has since performed for an estimated 21 million people in 48 states and in 71 countries on six continents. Ailey died of AIDS in 1989. Read about his life at <http://www.findarticles.com/g1epc/bio/2419200015/p1/article.jhtml> and [http://www.glbtc.com/arts/ailey\\_a.html](http://www.glbtc.com/arts/ailey_a.html)

**January 6, 1412** - **Joan of Arc** is born in Domremy, France. There's no evidence of St. Joan's sexual orientation, but she was transgender in her gender expression, living as a soldier and leader of men in a time when women didn't serve in the military no less dress in men's clothes.

**January 7, 2004** - Six former students -- Alana Flores and five others -- from Morgan Hill School district (in California) **settle a lawsuit against the district for \$1.1 million.** "[The settlement also] requires the school district ... to implement mandatory annual training regarding harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity for administrators, teachers, middle school and high school students, and staff. The settlement ends five years of wrangling during which a state law was passed — with the Morgan Hill students' input — prohibiting anti-gay harassment of students. The case also prompted a U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in April that stated **public school administrators who fail to take effective steps to counter anti-gay harassment could be violating the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection — even if they have an anti-discrimination policy in place.** That ruling covered districts in California and eight other Western states and, according to plaintiffs' attorneys, finally brought district officials to the negotiating table," according to the L.A. Times. (our emphasis)

**January 9, 1941** -- **Joan Baez** is born. Baez, who is Mexican-American and describes herself as bisexual, is one of the most famous folk singers of all time. She's also known for standing up for social justice. She sang at Martin Luther King's 1963 March on Washington and stood with Cesar Chavez in the struggle for the rights of migrant farm workers. She protested the Viet Nam war and capitol punishment and helped establish a west coast branch of Amnesty International. And she's been a vocal advocate of gay and lesbian civil rights.

**January 10, 1977** - Ellen Marie Barrett is ordained by the Episcopal Church, becoming **the first openly lesbian clergy person** in any major religious institution in the U.S.

**January 10, 2005** - U.S. Supreme Court turns down an appeal by Florida **foster dads**, Steve Lofton and Roger Croteau, denying their children the right to be adopted by the parents who love them.

**January 10, 2007** - Science loses out. The Federal Way [WA] school board decides that teachers who show the film "**An Inconvenient Truth**," Al Gore's documentary about global warming, must also get the approval of the principal and superintendent and must present an "opposing view" along with the film.

**January 16, 1901** - New York City politician Murray Hall dies of cancer. A poker-playing, whiskey-drinking man-about-town, after his death, the fact that **he was biologically female** is revealed by the coroner, astonishing and confounding his daughter and his associates.

**January 19, 2001** -- Chief Seattle **Boy Scout Council agrees to allow the Garfield High School Outdoor Program** -- one of the largest troops in Washington State -- **to change its status from "Venture Crew" to "Explorer Post."** Venture Crews are co-ed troops for high school aged people and, as part of the main body of the Boy Scouts of America, they discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and religion. Explorer Posts, in contrast, are part of the Boy Scouts' Learning for Life Program. They do *not* have a policy of shunning young people or leaders who are atheists or gay. Student activism pays off.



**January 20, 1977** -- The Washington State Supreme Court **upholds the firing of** Wilson High School [Tacoma, WA] **teacher James Gaylord for being gay** after he joined The Dorian Society. Read the majority opinion and dissents at <http://www.mrsc.org/mc/courts/supreme/088wn2d/088wn2d0286.htm>. The court agreed with a lower court that "A teacher's efficiency is determined by his relationship with students, their parents, fellow teachers and school administrators. In all of these areas the continued employment of appellant after he became known as a homosexual would result, had he not been discharged, in confusion, suspicion, fear, expressed parental concern and pressure upon the administration from students, parents and fellow teachers, all of which would impair appellant's efficiency as a teacher and injure the school." Gaylord testified, "I quite frankly find it rather galling to have sat through the school board hearing and once again through this trial and hear administrators say that I'm a good teacher, I've been a very good teacher, and yet to be without a job, particularly when I see other people who still hold their jobs who haven't read a book or turned out a new lesson plan or come up with anything creative in years." In his dissent, Judge Dolliver said, "Historically, the private lives of teachers have been controlled by the school districts in many ways. There was a time when a teacher could be fired for a marriage, a divorce, or for the use of liquor or tobacco ... Although the practice of firing teachers for these reasons has ceased, there are undoubtedly those who could speculate that any of these practices would have a detrimental effect on a teacher's classroom efficiency as well as cause adverse community reaction. I find such speculation to be an unacceptable method for justifying the dismissal of a teacher who has a flawless record of excellence in his classroom performance."

**Read about a school employee's legal rights today at:**

- *Overview of the Rights of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Teachers* by Mary L. Bonauto of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, posted to GLSEN's web site: [http://glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN\\_ATTACHMENTS/file/106-1.pdf](http://glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/106-1.pdf) and
- *GLBT Civil & Human Rights in Brief in Schools & Families* from the Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/GLBTCivilHumanRightsinSchoolsinBrief.pdf> and
- *Public School Teachers' Right to Be Open Regarding Their Sexual Orientation under Federal and California Law* from Lambda Legal: <http://www.lambdalegal.org/our-work/in-court/other/public-school-teachers-right.html>
- *A Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender Educator's Process for Coming Out* by the late Jerry Painter, then General Counsel for the Washington Education Association. Includes 'Things To Do If You Feel You Are Being Targeted Because of Your Sexual Orientation': <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/COMINGOUT-adviceforschoolstaff.pdf>

**January 21, 1989** -- Jazz artist **Billy Tipton dies** at age 74 of an ulcer. Tipton was born biologically female but lived as a man from age 19 on. He married 5 times and adopted and fathered 3 sons. Read more about his life at <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/news/stanfordtoday/ed/9705/9705fea601.shtml>

**January 26-30, 2009 -- No Name-calling Week.** Find lots of ideas for celebrations in your school here: [www.nonamecallingweek.org](http://www.nonamecallingweek.org) You'll find FREE resources and tips on the web site. This year's **Creative Expression contest** has two entry categories: *Individual Student Entry – Primary (ages 5-10)* & *Individual Student Entry – Secondary (ages 11-15)*

**January 26, 1958** -- Comedian **Ellen Degeneres** is born. Degeneres, who is European-American, would be the first star of a television sitcom ever to come out -- in 1997 -- to the public, an act many see as having dramatically improved the climate for LGBT actors. She almost instantly lost her show. Her current success in daytime talk television was unforeseeable at the time she came out. She had no reason to think she would not have to go back to stand-up comedy clubs forever at the time she risked her television career.

**January 29, 1960** -- Olympic diver **Greg Louganis** is born. Louganis' ancestry is Samoan and European-American. He overcame a stutter as a child and struggled with dyslexia, asthma and



depression. But at age 16 he won a silver medal and has since won four gold medals and come out as gay and HIV-positive.

**January 31, 2006 -- Washington State Governor Chris Gregoire signs into law a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. In a slightly convoluted way, state law defines "sexual orientation" as including "gender identity."** Thus, according to the Washington State Human Rights Commission, RCW 49.60 *"makes discrimination unlawful on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, sexual orientation, disability, familial status, marital status, and age. Discrimination based on sexual orientation, including gender identity, will be illegal in employment, housing, public accommodations [including schools], credit and lending, and insurance. All employers with eight or more employees, except tribes and religious non-profit institutions, are covered by the law."* **As of July 2008, according to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, [http://thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/issue\\_maps/non\\_discrimination\\_7\\_08.pdf](http://thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/issue_maps/non_discrimination_7_08.pdf), seven states ban discrimination based on sexual orientation:** Wisconsin (1982); Massachusetts (1989); Connecticut (1991); New Hampshire (1997); Nevada (1999); Maryland (2001); New York (2002) and **thirteen states and the District of Columbia ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression:** Minnesota (1993); Rhode Island (1995, 2001)<sup>1</sup>; New Mexico (2003); California (1992, 2003)<sup>1</sup>; District of Columbia (1997, 2005)<sup>1</sup>; Illinois (2005); Maine (2005); Hawaii (1991, 2005, 2006)<sup>2</sup>; New Jersey (1992, 2006)<sup>1</sup>; Washington (2006); Iowa (2007); Oregon (2007); Vermont (1992, 2007)<sup>1</sup>; Colorado (2007). **That means it is still perfectly legal in thirty-seven states to discriminate in employment or at school against someone you perceive to be transgender. In thirty of those states it is still legal to discriminate against someone you think is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender.**

**January, 1934 -- "A purge of suspected homosexuals, including many artists, writers, and actors, begins in major cities in the Soviet Union.** Most of those arrested are deported to prison camps despite the fact that same-sex relations have not been illegal since 1917." <http://www.aarongayinfo.com/timeline/Ftime30.html>



**(4) Teaching the truth about historical figures**

These folks, below, lived before the concepts "gay," "lesbian," "bisexual," and "transgender" were understood the way we do now. They would not have called themselves by such identities. But historical records show that their lives, were they lived today, might have led them to use terms like those.

**Susan B. Anthony --** Susan B. Anthony was an abolitionist, a teacher and education reformer, a labor activist, a temperance worker, a feminist and, of course a suffragist. She never married and she is believed by reputable historians to have had three intimate relationships with women in her life.

**Abraham Lincoln --** We will never know how he might identify his own sexual orientation if he were alive today, but the evidence is interesting. Read the book *The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln* by C.A. Tripp. It discusses his having first shared a bed with a man named Billy Greene, who said that Lincoln's *"thighs were as perfect as a human being's could be."* Then, when he was 28 to 32 years old, Lincoln shared a bed with Joshua Speed. During those years Lincoln wrote a poem joking about two men marrying. According to an article about Tripp's book in The Week magazine, "When Speed finally moved out to get married, Lincoln was heartbroken. *'I am now the most miserable man living,'* he wrote. *'Whether I shall ever be better I can not tell.'*" And there's more. Very compelling research, even though Andrew O'Hehir of Salon.com said of the book, "Using history as political propaganda generally results in bad history and bad politics." Bottom line: we'll never know Lincoln's sexual orientation and it doesn't matter in terms of his legacy. Still, it is good for young people of *all* sexual orientations and gender identities to know that some of



the legends in their history books were more complex than those books make them seem and that sexual diversity didn't just pop up as a function of modern political movements. It's as old as humankind.

**Hans Christian Anderson** – The Danish author (of, among many other fairy tales, *The Ugly Duckling*) was born in 1805 into a working class family. GLBTQ.com says of him, “He fell in love with both men and women, though he may well have remained a virgin.” For their sources, see [http://www.glbtq.com/literature/andersen\\_hc.html](http://www.glbtq.com/literature/andersen_hc.html)

**Bessie Smith** – Legendary blues singer, Bessie Smith, is believed to have single-handedly held off a Ku Klux Klan gang. Smith had relationships with both men and women. Read more here: <http://bluesnet.hub.org/readings/bessie.html>

Some of the 93 individuals profiled on the wonderful **GLBT History Month** web site (from Equality Forum) are historical figures; others are living role models: <http://www.glbthistorymonth.com/glbthistorymonth/>

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**(5) Teaching about modern day role models**

Author **Alice Walker** (*The Color Purple, We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For*) has had relationships with both men (including ex-husband Mel Leventhal) and women (including singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman). She describes herself as bisexual, but considers her relationships private. She's won countless prizes and awards, including a Pulitzer Prize.

**Jacqueline Woodson** is a prize-winning author of prize-winning children's and young adult novels, including some with LGBT characters. She is African-American and many of her characters are, too. She called herself “a writer who's queer,” “a writer who's black,” and “a writer who's a mom” in this interview: <http://lesbianlife.about.com/od/artistswriterset1/a/JWoodson.htm>.

**Zhou Dan 周丹**, born in January 1974, is a lawyer, scholar and activist in China. Zhou is a leader in gay and lesbian civil rights and HIV/AIDS activism in China. Zhou was profiled in the June 27, 2005, issue of Time Magazine. More: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhou\\_Dan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhou_Dan)

N-Sync star **Lance Bass** came out in 2006. More about him and his coming out here: <http://www.pinknews.co.uk/news/view.php?id=2274> and here: [http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/48838/former\\_nsync\\_crooner\\_lance\\_bass\\_is.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/48838/former_nsync_crooner_lance_bass_is.html)

WNBA MVP and three-time Olympian **Sheryl Swoopes** announced in an October 2005 interview that she is gay. It is still rare for a still-employed professional athlete to come out. Swoopes said at the time, “I'm just at a point in my life where I'm tired of having to pretend to be somebody I'm not. I'm tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about. About the person I love.” She went on to say, “Male athletes of my caliber probably feel like they have a lot more to lose than gain [by coming out]. I don't agree with that. To me, the most important thing is happiness.”

French activist **Louis-Georges Tin** founded International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO). He is now working for a United Nations resolution declaring that homosexuality should no longer be considered a crime anywhere in the world, as it currently is in 75 countries. For more, read **“Why should being gay be a crime?”**: [http://www.advocate.com/exclusive\\_detail\\_ektid39427.asp](http://www.advocate.com/exclusive_detail_ektid39427.asp)

**Lupe Valdez** is a committed Christian, the only female sheriff in Texas and one of a handful anywhere who are openly gay. More: <http://www.answers.com/topic/lupe-valdez>





California state senator **Sheila Kuehl**, 2003 recipient of the John F. Kennedy Profiles In Courage Award, was once banned from her sorority for being lesbian. Today she is a Harvard-educated lawyer and author of hundreds of bills that have become law, including many important pieces of LGBTQ rights legislation.

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**(6) Teaching about social justice movements**

"As inspiring as the story of the civil rights movement is, students should know that it is one piece of a continuing story, and is connected to the historical human call for justice worldwide. In the 20th century alone, civil rights activists were connected with the anti-lynching movement, the Spanish Civil War resistance, the labor movement, tenant-farmer organizing, Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, India's independence, the desegregation of U.S. military forces, African liberation, the American Indian Movement, the Chicano movement, the Asian Pacific Islander movement, the farmworkers' movement, the women's movement, the anti-war movement, the Free South Africa movement, the Solidarity movement in Poland, liberation theology, the sanctuary movement, gay liberation, the environmental-justice movement, and — some would even argue — the tactics used in the anti-abortion and religious-fundamentalist movements. Teachers need to show the ways in which many people within the various social- justice movements were directly inspired by one another and felt connections beyond their own racial identities and national borders."

-- Jenice L. View, "Teaching Civil Rights," Education Week, 5/26/04

We especially recommend:

~ this collection of primary source material: **"Speaking for Our Lives: Historic Speeches and Rhetoric for Gay and Lesbian Rights (1892-2000)"** edited by Robert B. Ridinger, MA, MLS. ISBN-10: 1560231742; ISBN-13: 978-1560231745

~ this online archive of social justice speeches: <http://www.sojust.net/speeches.html>

~ this text: **Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice: A Sourcebook**, By Maurianne Adams, Lee Anne Bell, Pat Griffin, Published by CRC Press, 2007; ISBN 041595200X, 9780415952002. For nearly a decade Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice has been the definitive sourcebook of theoretical foundations and frameworks for social justice teaching practice. This thoroughly revised second edition continues to provide a thorough, accessible introduction to both the theory and practice teachers need to introduce issues of oppression into classrooms. Building on the recent groundswell of interest in social justice education, the second edition provides coverage of current issues and controversies while remaining faithful to the original format and content of the original. In addition to a preface, new material throughout and updated references and resources, the book includes four full new chapters on additional forms of oppression--transgenderism; ethno-religious oppression; racism, immigration an, and globalism; ageism and adultism.

We also recommend this **Social Justice Movements** wiki site, updated regularly by students at Columbia University and Barnard College:

[http://socialjustice.ccnmtl.columbia.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://socialjustice.ccnmtl.columbia.edu/index.php/Main_Page)