

# LGBTQ+ MEMORY AND ARCHIVES: POWER, COMMUNITY AND INTERSECTIONALITY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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# DISSIDENCE

- Institutional archives as archives of political power (COOK)
- Invisibility of LGBTQ+ community (DUGGAN, 1986)
- Community-based archives: first initiative of preservation
- Conflict between the two archival models
- Joint research by ESAGED-UAB & SAMLM
- *Intersectionality & Archives* program at SAMLM

## 3-A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

- **M**agnus Hirschfeld's WhK (1897): the first LGBTQ+ archive
- **H**enry Gerber's SHR (1924): first lost LGBTQ+ archive
- **C**OC-IHLIA (1946): Europe first preserved LGBTQ+ archive
- **M**attachine (1950): America first preserved LGBTQ+ archive
- **L**HA (1974): first LGBTQ+ archive born as an archive *per se*

# 4-WHERE IS NOW LGBTQ+ MEMORY?

- Institutional: Municipal, National, Government, Justice, Army
- Community-based:
  - LGBTQ+ associations
  - Individuals
- Private Companies



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the National Archives website. The page is titled "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" and features a large, colorful graphic with the text "LGBTQ+ Pride". The page includes a search bar, a navigation menu, and a sidebar with links to various news categories. The main content area contains a section titled "Prologue Magazine" with the subtitle "EMPLOYMENT OF HOMOSEXUALS AND OTHER SEX PERVERTS IN GOVERNMENT". The browser's address bar shows the URL "https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month".

# 5-LGBTQ+ MEMORY & INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES

- Institutional marginalization:
    - Absence of LGBTQ+ voices
    - Stigmatization and criminalization
  - Inclusion because of Feminist & LGBTQ+ rights movements
- 1-Justice
  - 2-Police
  - 3-Army & Church
  - 4-Medical & Psychiatric

## 6-LGBTQ+ MEMORY. TAXONOMY & SOME CASES

- **N**ational Archive: *The National Archives UK*
- **M**unicipal Archive: *London Metropolitan Archives*
- **C**ommunity Physical & Digital Archive: *Lesbian Herstory Archive*
- **C**omm. Only Digital Archive (Website): *Digital Transgender Archive*
- **C**omm. Only Digital Archive (Blog): *LGBTQ Game Archive*
- **C**omm. Only Digital Archive (Social Network): *Lost Gay Melbourne*

# 7-INTERSECTIONALITY & ARCHIVES PROGRAM

- Held by SAMLM

- Four axes:

1-Women

2-Ethnic Origin & Migrations

3-Sex-Affective & Gender Diversity

4-Functional & Cognitive Diversity

- Daily archival strategies & practices for inclusion

- *An archive of feelings* (CVETKOVICH, 2003)

- *Queer of color lens* (ZEPEDA, 2018)





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