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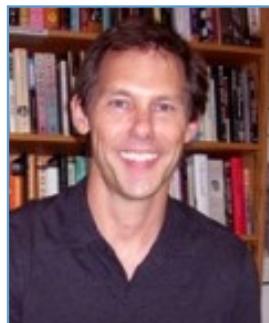
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How well do you know the history and struggle for gay rights and dignity beyond marriage debates?

Come trace developments from the 1950s backlash through unexpected stories of early Christian support for gay rights, ending with a focus on where the struggle continues today in our own communities.

Featured speaker and respondents:



DAVID JOHNSON
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

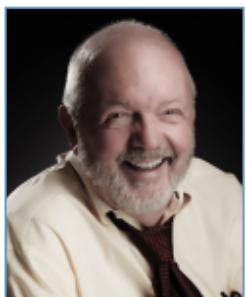
Dr. Johnson earned his Ph.D. at Northwestern University and teaches courses on post-1945 U.S. history, the history of gender and sexuality, and gay and lesbian American history. His first book, *The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Government*, (University of Chicago, 2004) won the Herbert Hoover Book Award for the best book in U.S. history of 1914-1964; the Randy Shilts Award for gay non-fiction; and an Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights. A documentary film version of *The Lavender Scare* is currently in production by Emmy-award winning director Josh Howard. Dr. Johnson serves on the USF President's Advisory Committee on Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and helped found the USF Library's LGBT and Feminist History Initiative to document and collect the history of the LGBT and women's communities in Florida. His current research project, "Buying Gay," looks at the intersections of politics, culture, and sexuality through the lens of consumer culture: paperback novels, physique magazines, greeting cards, and other consumables targeted to a gay audience and available through mail order catalogs.

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RELIGION; FORMER VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

Dr. White holds her Ph.D. from Princeton University and has taught at New College of Florida since 2010. Her current research investigates a history of Protestant church debates over homosexuality, reappraising the involvement of Christian leaders and laity in the history of gay and lesbian movement organizing. Her broader research and teaching interests include theory and method in the study of religion, histories of sexuality and secularism, and religion and social movements in the postwar United States. Dr. White was recently selected as one of two fellows for this year's cohort of Engaged Scholars Studying Congregations, funded by the Lilly Foundation and administered by Hartford Seminary. This spring she will be a scholar-in-residence at the Burke Library of Union Theological Seminary, the graduate theology program of Columbia University.



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BOARD MEMBER AT EQUALITY FLORIDA; FORMER CITY COMMISSIONER FOR SARASOTA

Mr. Shelin has lived in Sarasota with his partner of 35 years since 1996. For many years he worked in the field enforcement organization of the United States Food and Drug Administration in Philadelphia, Detroit and Baltimore, during which he managed offices in several states and wrote Federal regulations and policy documents. He received numerous awards during his Federal Service including two Reinventing Government Awards and the FDA's Award of Merit. Subsequent to his Federal career he consulted with pharmaceutical manufacturers throughout the world on drug regulatory compliance issues. More recently, Mr. Shelin has been involved in civic affairs in the City of Sarasota and served on the Boards of and as an officer of a number of resident, civic and government groups including the Sarasota Planning Board; he was also elected to and served on the Sarasota City Commission. While on the Commission, Ken was able to convince them to provide domestic partner healthcare benefits for city employees. Ken has been involved with Equality Florida as a donor and organizer of the annual Suncoast Equality Florida Gala.