



Wellesley Centers for Women series: 'Do Tell: Reclaiming LGBT History for the LGBT Movement'

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Wellesley — The Wellesley Centers for Women will continue its fall lunchtime seminar series Thursday, Oct. 11, with “Do Tell: Reclaiming LGBT History for the LGBT Movement,” presented by Amy Hoffman, MFA, editor-in-chief of Women’s Review of Books.

Reclaiming and reframing history has been even more important for the LGBT movement than it has been for other identity-based movements, because the history and culture is not passed down to LGBT individuals by their families, communities or the larger culture. In this talk, Hoffman examines the recovery, content and use of LGBT history by LGBT activists and scholars.

A writer and community activist, Hoffman has been an editor at Gay Community News, South End Press and the Unitarian Universalist World magazine. She has served on the boards of GCN, Sojourner, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, and the Boston Lesbian and Gay History Project and as a judge of the Lambda Literary Awards.

Hoffman’s memoir, “Hospital Time,” about taking care of friends with AIDS, was published by Duke University Press in 1997. It was short-listed for the American Library Association Gay Book Award and the New York Publishing Triangle Judy Grahn Award, and was a New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age selection. Her memoir “An Army of Ex-Lovers,” about Boston’s Gay Community News and the lesbian and gay movement of the late 1970s, was published by the University of Massachusetts Press in 2007. Her memoir, “Lies about My Family,” is forthcoming from the University of Massachusetts Press in spring 2013.

The Women’s Review of Books, the leading feminist literary review, is published by WCW in collaboration with Old City Publishing in Philadelphia, Penn. WRB will celebrate its 30th anniversary issue in January 2013.

Lunchtime seminars are held Thursdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the Centers’ Cheever House location, 828 Washington St., Wellesley. The programs are free and open to the public. Bring your lunch; WCW will provide tea and coffee. To confirm program lineup, call 781-283-2500 or visit www.wcwonline.org/calendar.

An encore of this presentation will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 4:30 p.m. at Collins Cinema on the Wellesley College campus. This free, public program was organized by the Wellesley Centers for Women and the Women’s Review of Books in partnership with the Wellesley College Office of Diversity & Inclusion; LGBTQ Programs and Services – Office of Intercultural Education; Wellesley Spectrum; and Women’s & Gender Studies.

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