



LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

 Greater Houston LGBT
Chamber of Commerce



20th Anniversary *Lawrence v. Texas*

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | 4 - 7 pm

Panel - 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Reception / Program - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Downtown Aquarium

Sponsorship Opportunities



Thank you to Chamber Titanium Corporate Partner, Fertitta Entertainment/Downtown Aquarium, for hosting this event. Join us at the Downtown Aquarium in the ballroom with Downtown Houston as the beautiful backdrop!



Thank you to KHOU 11 for partnering with the Chamber on this important event as our Media Partner and Panel Moderator!

**This LGBTQ+ History Month Celebration is a not-to-be missed event!
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Panel

Hear from a distinguished panel convened to commemorate the 20th anniversary of *Lawrence v. Texas*, a landmark Supreme Court case that reshaped the legal landscape regarding LGBTQ+ rights in the United States. This landmark case set the stage for other landmark cases in the fight for LGBTQ+ equality.

The panel will reflect on the path to this landmark case and how *Lawrence v. Texas* had dismantled the archaic sodomy laws that criminalized same-sex relationships, paving the way for greater equality and acceptance.

PANELISTS



Mitchell Avila Katine

Mitchell served as local counsel for John Lawrence and Tyron Garner in the landmark United States Supreme Court case of *Lawrence v. Texas*. He spent five years fighting the case all the way to the Supreme Court, and won.



Lane Lewis

During the 90's and 2000's, Lane served as an advisor to the City's Health & Human Services and to multiple HPD committees. During these years he searched for an opportunity to challenge 21.06, ultimately bringing forth the defendants for what would become the Supreme Court case *Lawrence v. Texas*.



Dr. Wesley G. Phelps

Dr. Phelps' new book, titled *Before Lawrence v. Texas: The Making of a Queer Social Movement*, was published by the University of Texas Press in February 2023. He is also the creator of "Queering the Lone Star State," a 10-episode podcast series chronicling landmark legal cases in the struggle for queer equality in Texas.

Reception & Unveiling

Join us for a reception immediately after the panel discussion to meet the panelists and other special guests as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of this landmark case. As part of the LGBTQ+ History Month, a mini exhibit of [The Banner Project](#) will be on display. There will be a short program during the reception recognizing the panelists and unveiling a new banner as part of the The Banner Project.

The Banner Honoree this year is **Emmett Schelling, Jr.** Emmett is the Executive Director of the Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT). Join us to honor Emmett with this new banner and celebrate his leadership and impact on the LGBTQ+ community.



About The Banner Project

The Banner Project was originally undertaken as a display for the Creating Change Conference held in Houston in early 2014. It featured colorful banners that celebrated 27 LGBTQ+ events and people, covering 11 decades of Houston history. Since the initial showing, the banners have been used as a pop-up exhibit at various events and new banners have been added. There are now 48 banners (covering 1930-2010), which allow viewers to quickly grasp an overview of Houston LGBTQ+ history.



Sponsor this event and support the unveiling of a new banner for The Banner Project.

Sponsor Opportunities are available for the Chamber's signature LGBTQ+ History Month event!

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Marriage Equality Day Sponsor: \$2,000

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- Recognition on social media including Facebook Event (min 4)
- Verbal recognition during program remarks and slide presentation
- Photo opportunity with LGBTQ+ History Month panel
- 12 tickets

Harvey Milk Sponsor: \$1,500

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- Recognized as 2023 LGBTQ+ History Month Harvey Milk Sponsor
- Logo recognition included in event promotions (newsletter and website)
- Recognition on social media including Facebook Event (min 3)
- Verbal recognition during program remarks and slide presentation
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- 6 tickets

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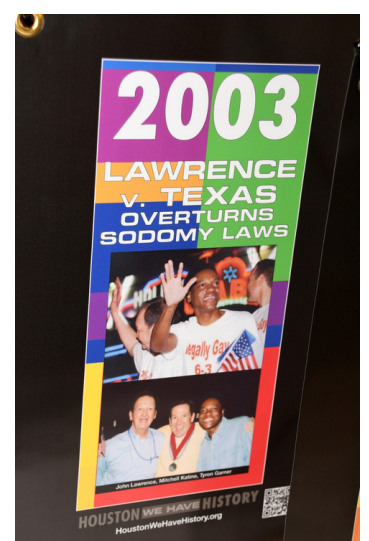
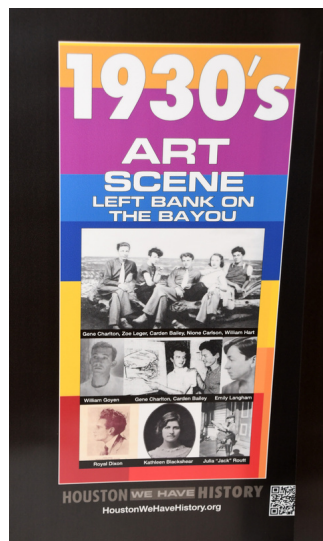


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