LGBT Studies in Video is a cinematic survey of the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as well as the cultural and political evolution of the LGBT community.

This first-of-its-kind collection features award-winning documentaries, interviews, archival footage, and select feature films exploring LGBT history, gay culture and subcultures, civil rights, marriage equality, LGBT families, AIDS, transgender issues, religious perspectives on homosexuality, global comparative experiences, and other topics.

The collection has cross-disciplinary relevance beyond LGBT courses, serving research and teaching needs in sociology, anthropology, psychology, counseling, history, political science, gender studies, cultural studies, and religious studies.

One of our primary partners for this collection is Frameline, a nonprofit media organization that produces the San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival. Highlights include:

- Abomination: Homosexuality and the Ex-Gay Movement, profiling the journeys of four gay Christians who did everything possible to become heterosexual by following the “treatment” protocols of the so-called ex-gay ministries.
- For Love and For Life: The 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian an Gay Rights, a compilation of footage documenting the Great March where 650,000 lesbians, gay men and their supporters came to Washington, DC and made history.
- Hand on the Pulse, includes interviews and rare archival footage of the life of feminist and activist Joan Nestle who became a co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archive in New York City.
- Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria, telling the little-known story of the first known act of collective, violent resistance to the social oppression of queer people in the United States—a 1966 riot in San Francisco’s impoverished Tenderloin neighborhood, three years prior to Stonewall.
- Stonewall. A Gay Liberation march in Los Angeles. Other videos in Pat Rocco collection include: Mondo Rocco, Pat Rocco Dares, and We Were There.

LGBT Studies in Video will grow to 400 hours upon completion, with more international content, works from independent filmmakers, and festival-winning films. Current content partners include A&E Television Networks, Filmmakers Library, Entertainment One, Fanlight Productions, First Run Features, Icarus Films, Kino International, Zeitgeist Films, National Film Board of Canada, Berkeley Media with many other partnerships in discussion. The films are carefully selected by our editors in consultation with subject matter experts and include titles such as:

- Paris Was a Woman, a documentary featuring the lives of lesbian ex-patriots living in France between The Great War and WWII, including Berenice Abbot, Djuna Barnes, and Gertrude Stein (with archival footage and interviews).
- Just Married: The Epic Battle Over Gay Marriage, which examines the events in Massachusetts following the state supreme court’s 4:3 ruling in favor of same-sex marriage.
- A Jihad for Love, a film that highlights gay, lesbian, and transgender Muslims across the Muslim and Western worlds.
- Metamorphosis: Man into Woman, which presents a candid, non-sensational look at the physical and emotional preparation in advance of gender reassignment surgery.
- God Loves Uganda, which explores the role of the American Evangelical movement in fueling Uganda’s terrifying turn towards biblical law and the proposed death penalty for homosexuality.

Before Stonewall and After Stonewall, two documentaries that take a decade-by-decade look at the history of homosexuality in America.

The Angelic Conversation, a lyrical celebration of gay love by Derek Jarman, set within the context of a series of Shakespeare’s sonnets.

More than 15 combinable search fields let you cross-search all video transcripts, liner notes, bibliographic data (including producer, series, title, country of origin, publication date, narrator, production staff, and more), and many other indexed fields, including person discussed, year discussed, and all of the browse options listed above.

Functionality for scholarship and classroom use

- Synchronized, searchable transcripts run alongside each video.
- Visual tables of contents let you quickly scan each video.
- Permanent URLs let users cite and share video.
- An embeddable video player lets libraries and instructors deliver video content to other users on secure Web site pages or via course management systems.
- Rich playlist functionality lets users create, annotate, and organize clips and include links to other content.
- Permissions for in-class, on-campus, and remote-access viewing are all included in the license terms.

Publication details

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Access points for research and discovery

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