

Call for Papers:

Sparking joy? Reckoning with queer, trans and gender diverse histories in Australia

Symposium

Monday, 4 December 2023

University of Melbourne

After the disruptions of COVID, and painful public discourse over the Voice to Parliament and attacks on trans and gender diverse people, we want to come together and reckon with our histories. In the present moment, how can we draw on our histories to spark joy in difficult times, to recharge and grow? What do we want to hold on to and pass on to future generations? What parts of our history do not spark joy and may need more reckoning? How can stories of queer and trans lives in the past help us envision a more just future? We are especially interested in hearing from First Nations and QTPOC folks, people with diverse sex characteristics, queer crip histories, young people, people from diverse faith and cultural backgrounds, queer family and relationships, ace, bi, trans and queer folks.

The symposium will include a plenary panel on Trans Art, Archives and Creative Practices co-sponsored by the University of Melbourne's Gender Studies Program and Faculty of Arts. Confirmed speakers include Susan Stryker, Sandy O'Sullivan and Julie Peters.

Short papers, panel discussions and posters are invited on these themes. Please send 200 word abstracts to mail@queerarchives.org.au by 4 November 2023.

This event is sponsored by the Australian Queer Archives, University of Melbourne Faculty of Arts, and La Trobe University Gender, Sexuality and Diversity Studies.