

Jonathan Ned Katz Resumé

Katz, an innovative, community-based historian and independent scholar, published four books that helped to create the field of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and sexual and gender history. His books have received the highest scholarly accolades. He has taught a sexual history class and organized a historical exhibit at Yale, headed a faculty seminar at Princeton, and presented a keynote address at Harvard. His founding of the digital public history website OutHistory.org in 2008 pioneered in bringing important, original document discoveries and historical commentary to a large audience outside of academia. His achievements have been accomplished without higher degrees.

Forthcoming: ***The Daring Life and Dangerous Times of Eve Adams*** (Chicago Review Press, June 2021). Biography of the author of *Lesbian Love* (1925), and a Holocaust victim.

Love Stories: Sex Between Men Before Homosexuality (University of Chicago Press, 2001. Co-winner of the John Boswell Prize awarded by the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History of the American Historical Association, 2003.

The Invention of Heterosexuality, foreword by Gore Vidal; afterword by Lisa Duggan (Dutton/Penguin in 1995; translated and published in Brazil, France, and Mexico; reprinted by the University of Chicago Press, 2007). Cited by U.S. Supreme Court in *Lawrence v. Texas*, June 2003, the ruling that found U.S. sodomy laws unconstitutional.

Gay/Lesbian Almanac: A New Documentary (Harper & Row, 1983, reprinted by Carroll & Graf in 1994.

Gay American History: Lesbians and Gay Men in the U.S.A. (T.Y. Crowell in 1976, reprinted Avon mass market paperback, 1977, Harper & Row, 1985, New American Library, 1992. Number 3 of 100 Best Lesbian and Gay Nonfiction Books, a project of the Publishing Triangle, the association of lesbians and gay men in publishing. Featured in the Whitney Museum's "The American Century: Art and Culture - Part 2, 1950-2000" (1999-2000), with other books constituting cultural touchstones of the last half of the twentieth century.

On African American history Katz published two books:

Resistance at Christiana: The Fugitive Slave Rebellion, Christiana, Pennsylvania, 1851 (T.Y. Crowell, 1974). Historian David Brion Davis called it "extremely informative."

Black Woman: A Fictionalized Biography of Lucy Terry Prince (a biography for young people, co-authored with Bernard Katz, Pantheon, 1973).

OutHistory.org

In 2007 Katz initiated and directed the development of OutHistory.org, the website on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual history, produced originally by the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, an institute at the City University of New York Graduate Center. OutHistory officially launched in 2008. Starting in September 2011 OutHistory was co-produced by John D'Emilio, at the University of Illinois. Starting in 2014 OutHistory was co-produced by Claire Bond Potter, at The New School Digital Humanities Program. OutHistory receives donations as a project of the Fund for the City of New York, and is now led by a team of five Codirectors.

Honors

Masha Gessen, "Coming Out and Rising Up, in the Fifty Years After Stonewall" (profile of Katz), *The New Yorker*, June 28, 2019.

Gay American History @ 40: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer History: Past, Present, Future. Conference honoring the 40th anniversary of the publication of Katz's *Gay American History*, May 5-6, 2016, The New School, NYC. Katz presented "Envisioning the World We Make Continued."

Marc Stein. "Jonathan Ned Katz Murdered Me: History and Suicide." *Process: A Blog for American History*, March 8, 2016.

Jim Downs. "The Education of Jonathan Ned Katz." *Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 21, 2016; "Gay American History" (on Katz), in Downs' *Stand By Me: The Forgotten History of Gay Liberation* (NY: Basic Books, March 1, 2016).

The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History jointly awarded OutHistory the 2010 Allan Bérubé Prize for outstanding work in public or community-based lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer history. The Prize Committee said: "OutHistory is an extraordinary website that features a wide range of LGBT historical materials and exhibits generated and produced by a diverse and ever-growing collection of students, scholars, and others interested in LGBT history. With impressive accomplishments during its short life and even greater potential for growth in the future, OutHistory is a deserving recipient of the inaugural Bérubé Prize."

"Gay American History: The Politics and Prose of Jonathan Ned Katz," panel presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 2008, chaired by John D'Emilio, University of Illinois at Chicago, with comment by Elizabeth L. Kennedy, University of Arizona, and presentations by Carolyn Dinshaw, New York University, Jim Downs, Connecticut College, Karla Jay, Pace University, and Marc Stein, York University.

"Lessons from History: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Jonathan Ned Katz' Gay American History," held at Harvard University in 2006, with Libby Bouvier (The History Project); Gary Buseck (GLAD); Luis Aponte-Pares (UMass), and Judith Smith (UMass).

Awarded Yale University's Brudner Prize, 2003, an annual honor bestowed on a leading scholar in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies.

Chosen Kessler Lecturer, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, NYC, 2002.

Honored by the Monette/Horwitz Trust, 1999, "for long term research and writing contributions to the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender communities," and for fostering others' work.

Awarded The Magnus Hirschfeld Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Sex Research, from the German Society for Social-Scientific Sexuality Research, Berlin, 1997.

Community Service Award, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, for twenty years of research on gay and lesbian history, 1996.

The Publishing Triangle Whitehead Award for "Lifetime Achievement in Lesbian and Gay Literature," 1995.