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December LGBTQ History Program Highlights Quarter-Century Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage

San Francisco — The program for December 2021 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight a new book detailing the quarter-century struggle to achieve same-sex marriage equality in the United States. All events take place online; registration is required for access to the streaming link. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org/events.

Author Talk

The Engagement: The Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage

Friday, December 10

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Online program

Admission: free, \$5 suggested donation

On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that state bans on same-sex marriage were unconstitutional, legalizing such marriages across the United States. But the road to that momentous decision was much longer than many know. Author Sasha Issenberg presents his new book *The Engagement: America's Quarter-Century Struggle Over Same-Sex Marriage* (Pantheon Books, 2021). His definitive account of this monumental civil-rights struggle vividly guides us along same-sex marriage's unexpected path from the unimaginable to the inevitable. *The Engagement's* richly detailed narrative follows the coast-to-coast conflict through courtrooms and war rooms, bedrooms and boardrooms, to shed light on every aspect of a political and legal controversy that resolutely divided Americans. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/2ZBz6HD>. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3w1lwE>.

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ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The GLBT Historical Society is a public history center and archives that collects, preserves, exhibits and makes accessible to the public materials and knowledge to support and promote understanding of LGBTQ history, culture and arts in all their diversity. Founded in 1985, the society is recognized internationally as a leader in the field of queer public history and maintains one of the world's largest archival collections of LGBTQ historical materials. Our operations are centered at two sites: the GLBT Historical Society Museum, located in the heart of San Francisco's Castro neighborhood; and the Dr. John P. De Cecco Archives and Research Center, open to researchers in the Mid-Market district. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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The graphic features a blue background with a white and orange horizontal band. On the left is a 3D rendering of the book cover for 'The Engagement' by Sasha Issenberg. The cover is black with a white title and author name, and a red and blue ribbon graphic. To the right of the book, the text 'AUTHOR TALK WITH SASHA ISSENBERG' is displayed in white. Below this, the GLBT Historical Society logo and name are shown. The book title 'The Engagement: America's Quarter-Century Struggle Over Same-Sex Marriage' is written in white on an orange background. A headshot of Sasha Issenberg is on the right. At the bottom, the date and time 'Friday, December 10 6:00 p.m. PT' are listed in white.

Headshot of Sasha Issenberg by Carlos Chavarría. Cover of *The Engagement* courtesy of Pantheon Books.

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