

Dr. Jake Newsome

Public Historian of the LGBTQ+ Past



SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

- **RESEARCH CONSULTATION**
Dr. Newsome is available to answer individual inquiries about LGBTQ Holocaust history. He also consults on research projects such as documentaries and podcasts.
- **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**
Dr. Newsome regularly speaks to audiences ranging from high school and college communities, local groups or organizations, community centers, academic conferences, as a special guest on podcasts, and at special events for venues such as the Library of Congress.

Scholar ■ Author ■ Speaker ■ Educator

Dr. Jake Newsome is an award-winning scholar of German and American LGBTQ+ history whose research and resources educate global audiences. His forthcoming book, *Pink Triangle Legacies: Coming Out in the Shadow of the Holocaust* (Cornell University Press, Sept. 2022) chronicles the ongoing struggle for the acknowledgement and memorialization of the Nazis' LGBTQ+ victims. His research also traces the transformation of the pink triangle from a concentration camp badge in Nazi Germany into a symbol of queer activism, pride, and community beginning in the 1970s. In addition to serving as a historical advisor for film projects, podcasts, novels, and plays, Dr. Newsome has been invited by the French, UK, and US governments to speak about the important lessons that LGBTQ+ history has for all of us today. He now works at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC as the Manager of Civic Learning for Campus Communities.

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LECTURE OPTIONS

Pink Triangle Legacies: Gay Rights in the Shadow of the Holocaust

LGBTQ+ communities have long been regarded as one of the “forgotten victims” of the Nazi regime. Yet, were they truly forgotten? Using on archival evidence, Dr. Jake Newsome reveals how societies purposefully silenced LGBTQ+ Holocaust victims for decades, which had devastating consequences for generations of LGBTQ+ Germans. Ignored by the historical profession and the majority of the population, LGBTQ+ communities set out to write their own history, and transformed the pink triangle - the badge once forced upon gay concentration camp prisoners - into a global symbol of social activism and positive identity. The history of the pink triangle’s transformation teaches us about the dangers of ignoring the past, as well as the power of history to heal and empower communities. *(45 minutes. Requires visual only. Presentation includes images of archival material, including government documents, newspaper articles, and gay rights fliers.)*

“They’re Enemies of the State!” The Fate of LGBTQ+ Germans during the Holocaust

Drawing on archival material, Dr. Newsome sketches the lived experiences of members of the German LGBTQ community during the Holocaust, and explores how Nazi understandings of sexuality, race, citizenship, and power were all related. In doing so, he untangles the complex motivations that convinced Nazi leaders that combating homosexuality was vital to the success of the Third Reich. The result was the destruction of the vibrant gay communities that had emerged during the Weimar years, and the targeting, torture, and murder of tens of thousands of gay Germans. And while the Holocaust ended with the defeat of Nazi Germany in May 1945, gay survivors soon learned that the era of state-sanctioned persecution was not over. *(45 minutes. Requires visual only. Presentation includes statistical graphs and archival material, including Nazi records and artifacts produced by gay victims themselves.)*

OTHER SPEAKING TOPICS

In addition to the two lectures described to the left, Dr. Newsome is also available to speak on the following topics:

- Approaching difficult histories in the classroom
- The role of historical consciousness in cultivating inclusive communities
- The challenges of researching and writing LGBTQ history
- Memory and memorialization

FEES

- **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**
Speaking fees are dependent on the details of the event. For in-person events, additional costs include: airfare or mileage, lodging, local transportation, and a Meals & Incidentals allotment.
- **CONSULTATION**
Dr. Newsome is happy to answer individual inquiries, particularly from students. For those interested in consulting for larger projects, please send a brief description of your project and the nature of your research inquiry via email to request a quote.

Please note that speaking engagements and consultations are done in Dr. Newsome's personal capacity as a scholar and not as a representative of his employer.

LEARN MORE ONLINE!

To access resources on LGBTQ Holocaust history, watch videos of past events, and read more about Dr. Newsome’s work, visit his website at wjakenewsome.com !