

PRIDE MONTH

SPOTLIGHT

"We need, in every community, a group of angelic troublemakers."

—Bayard Rustin

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GILBERT BAKER (1951-2017)

was a **political activist, designer and flag-maker** who created the Rainbow Flag in 1978. The flag was first unveiled at the San Francisco Pride Parade in 1978 and has become a universal symbol for the universal symbol of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) movement and community.

Baker experienced severe homophobia while growing up in the conservative state of Kansas, and in his military training. He found peace as a medic in San Francisco during the post-Stonewall era. Gilbert used his artistic talents in his political efforts, creating banners for anti-war and pro-gay marches and protests.

In designing the rainbow Pride flag, he replaced the previous pink triangle, a Nazi relic from World War II.

EVENTS

01 Virtual LGBTQ Pride Night

June 28, 6:00 – 7:00 ET

Library of Congress invites you to join Meg Metcalf, Women's, Gender and LGBTQIA+ Studies Librarian and Collection Specialist, as they explore the depth, breadth, and diversity of LGBTQ collections and services at the Library of Congress.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

02 Queer the Census

June 30, 2:30 ET

Meghan Maury, Senior Advisor at the US Census Bureau, will present on the importance of LGBTQ+ data. The discussion will touch on the current LGBTQ+ data landscape, how data on LGBTQ+ people has impacted the Pride movement, how it is organizing to improve data collection on LGBTQ+ people, and what lies ahead in the world of LGBTQ+ data. Register to join [here](#).