



The Gender Institute Scholar of the Month February 2024

“The Butch on the Ferry: The Affect and Effect of Butch longing”

By Dr Amy Tooth Murphy

Monday 26th February, 1pm on Microsoft Teams

Dr Tooth Murphy is a senior lecturer in Oral History in the Department of History at Royal Holloway. Amy is a trustee of the Oral History Society and a Co-Founder and Managing Director of blog “Notches: (re)marks on the history of sexuality”

Dr Tooth Murphy’s research interests include queer oral history, lesbian history (with a particular focus on post-war Britain), butch/femme culture and identity, lesbian literature, lesbian pulp fiction, queer narratives and queer heritage. Amy is passionate about the potential for research and teaching in queer history to not only facilitate a better understanding of the past but also shape the direction of our future. Amy believes that oral history is a tool that breaks down barriers and builds up communities.

This session builds upon Dr Tooth Murphy’s chapter within “Queer Desire. Lesbians, Gender and Subjectivity” published on 5th March 2024 by Routledge. Amy is a co-editor of this book together with Professor Róisín Ryan-Flood. Two other members of Royal Holloway staff have contributed chapters to this publication: Dr Prudence Bussey-Chamberlain and Dr Libro Levi Bridgeman.

This research emanates from Amy’s current monograph project, 'Historicising Butch: Butch Lesbian Identity and Lived Experience, 1950-Present', supported by BA/Leverhulme small grants scheme.

Dr Tooth Murphy’s full research record is available on Pure



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