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FALL 2025 EVENTS

USC-LACMA History of Photography Seminar



Queer Lens: A History of Photography

EXHIBITION TOUR with RYAN LINKOF

Co-curator of the exhibition and Senior Curator, Lucas Museum of Narrative Art

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:30am-12:30pm PT

Getty Center

Since the mid-19th century, photography has served as a powerful tool for examining concepts of gender, sexuality, and self-expression. The immediacy and accessibility of the medium has played a transformative role in the gradual proliferation of homosocial, homoerotic, and homosexual imagery. Despite periods of severe homophobia, when many photographs depicting queer life were suppressed or destroyed, this exhibition brings together a variety of evidence to explore the medium's profound role in shaping and affirming the vibrant tapestry of the LGBTQ+ community.

Join us for a tour of the exhibition with co-curator, Ryan Linkof. Refreshments will be served outdoors following the tour. Capacity for this event is limited - RSVP required.

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