IN GRATITUDE TO DR. PATRICIA MAIL

Thank you to Patricia Mail who has generously committed a portion of her estate to support the Institute for LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona. This bequest, to be realized upon her passing, will help fund the Arizona Queer Archives bequest, to be realized upon her passing, will help support the Institute’s annual event bringing together local and national scholars, researchers, and community members interested in LGBT-related research, community initiatives, and social issues. This year’s event will feature presentations from visiting scholars and researchers, and local LGBTQI communities.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FALL SYMPOSIUM SERIES, FSS

In 2016, the Institute for LGBT Studies began the new FSS with Professor Luz Calvo, UC Santa Cruz, to share their research and co-authored text: Decolonize Your Diet with the UK and TUC Community. The symposium, “Decolonize Your Diet with the UK and TUC Community,” included several public lectures, a student-led talking circle, and community cooking discussions with Tucson High School and the El Rio Community Health Center in each event, attended by discussion during the course of the American diet, and CHC@R heritage. Information about the 2017 FSS coming soon!

MIRANDA JOSEPH ENDOWED LECTURE, MJEL

Named in honor of founding member and leading scholar of LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona, Professor Miranda Joseph, our signature annual event brings to UA an internationally acclaimed scholar who works in the intersections of sexuality, race, and globalization. The 2016 MJEL, “A Narrative From the Middle, For The First Time: Black Nations?/Queer Nations? in the Long 1960s” was delivered by Professor Jafari S. Allen, founder of Queer Nations? in the Long 1960s. The MJEL, “The Extractive Zone: Queer Decolonial Femme Perspectives in the Americas”, will be delivered by Professor Macarena Gómez Barris, Chairperson of Social Science Studies at Pratt Institute & Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

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