

George Chauncey challenges the myth that gay people were inevitably isolated, invisible, and self-hating before the Stonewall rebellion and the emergence of the lesbian and gay liberation movement in the 1960s and 70s. In this lecture, he will detail the rich collective life developed by gay people in the early twentieth century and show how they resisted anti-gay repression on an everyday basis.

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# Lesbian and Gay Life Before Stonewall

► In addition, on October 24, George Chauncey will discuss  
"The 'Fairy' and the Prostitute: Gender, Street Culture, and  
Working Class Sexuality in the Early Twentieth Century,"  
starting at 4:00 pm in Room 223, Gregory Hall.

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