



On June 28, 1969, the NYPD conducted a routine raid of the Stonewall Inn, a mafia owned gay bar in Greenwich Village. When patrons fought back, the violent protest that ensued was quickly dubbed the Stonewall Riots, an event that is often credited for launching the modern gay rights movement. In this course, we will examine how Stonewall has been written about & remembered over the past fifty years, from the initial press coverage of the event to Stonewall 50, a celebration of the anniversary of Stonewall. Why is Stonewall so often understood as the genesis of a broader mass movement? How have some historians challenged this narrative? What historical interpretations gain traction at particular moments & what historical facts are omitted in competing accounts of Stonewall? Why, for example, are trans women of color sometimes centered in historical accounts of Stonewall, & other times left out? And how do evolving & culturally specific frameworks for understanding gender, sexuality, & LGBTQ identities reshape histories of Stonewall over time? In centering Stonewall as a contested historical event, this course more broadly considers the process through which historical meanings are produced & disseminated through the mass media as well as academic & public history.

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