QUEER HISTORIES (Queering History) of the Twin Cities

Friday, October 30, 2015
1:30 – 3 p.m.
Givens Conference Room (120 Elmer Andersen Library)
West Bank campus

Free and open to the public

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Recent census data suggests that the Twin Cities metro has one of the larger concentrations of same sex couples between the coasts, causing The Advocate, in 2013, to proclaim the Twin Cities “a Midwestern gay mecca.” But this is only one part of a much larger and deeper queer history that historians, archivists, and activists are working to preserve and bring to broader public attention. From the University of Minnesota Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies, to Stewart Van Cleve’s Land of 10,000 Loves: A Queer History of Minnesota, many are discovering queer history and queering the history we’ve already discovered. Join this discussion to hear from those who are committed to sharing this important history - and from those who have lived it.

Panelists: Karen Clark, Minnesota State Representative, District 61-A, known for GLBT activism and community-based advocacy on behalf of inner-city constituents and low-income and minority-status Minnesotans; Martha Hardy, Librarian, Assistant Professor, Metropolitan State University and Secretary, Bisexual Organizing Project; Andrea Jenkins, Oral Historian for the Tretter Collection Oral History Transgender Project at the University of Minnesota; Stewart Van Cleve, Archivist and author of Land of 10,000 Loves: A Queer History of Minnesota.

Moderator: Lisa Vecoli, Assistant Librarian and Director, University of Minnesota Tretter Collection

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