

# **Marriage Equality & Queer Sexual Cultures**

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## **CORE QUESTIONS**

- **Why do sex radicals get married and what effects does marriage have on participation in queer sexual cultures?**
- **Can queers win marriage only by taming, shaming, and chastening queer culture? Or can we take aggressive steps to fight for marriage equality, even as we work to preserve the sexual outlaw edge of our community?**
- **What do we need to anticipate and guard against in a post-marriage queer world?**

## Marriage Equality and Queer Sexual Cultures:

During the Winter/Spring of 2004, San Francisco drew international media attention when the Mayor opened the doors of City Hall to over 4,000 same-sex marriages. This same period of time saw the closing of several key gay men's sex sites, including the closure of all back rooms at bars in the South of Market area with no visible outcry from the community. Coincidence? Politically linked?

This workshop will bring together people to talk about the effects of marriage on queer sexual cultures. Why do sex radicals get married and what effects does marriage have on participation in queer sexual cultures? Can queers win marriage only by taming, shaming, and chastening queer culture? Or can we take aggressive steps to fight for marriage equality, even as we work to preserve the sexual outlaw edge of our community? What do we need to anticipate and guard against in a post-marriage queer world?