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Constitution Day conference

San Francisco State University Professor Marc Stein will hold his annual Constitution Day conference Tuesday, September 18, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at Jack Adams Hall in the Cesar Chavez Student Center on campus, 1600 Holloway Avenue.

Stein, a gay man and the Jamie and Phyllis Pasker Professor of History at the university, said that this year he will present a lecture focusing on the legal struggles to establish LGBT student groups on campuses across the U.S. in the 1970s.

The event is free and open to the public.

Legal clinic at LGBT center

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom and the LGBT community center will hold a free legal clinic Saturday,

September 22, beginning at 10 a.m. at the center, 1800 Market Street.

The clinic is intended for community members needing pro bono legal advice, options, and an understanding of laws related to the following: family law, immigration law, employment law, health care law, wills and trusts, and name and gender change documents.

Advance registration is strongly encouraged, as appointments will be filled on a first come, first served basis. To sign up, visit <https://legalclinic-sept2018.eventbrite.com>.

Openhouse, On Lok partner for LGBTQ seniors

Openhouse and On Lok, two San Francisco-based nonprofits, last week announced a strategic partnership to co-design a program for LGBTQ seniors to address access to aging services

and the fear that life in a nursing home would drive most back into the closet.

A study by the National Senior Citizens Law Center revealed that a majority of LGBTQ seniors felt it would be unsafe to be out in a care facility and that staff and other residents would discriminate against them. Forty-three percent reported personally witnessing or knowing LGBTQ individuals who experienced instances of mistreatment.

Karen Skultety, Ph.D., executive director of Openhouse, and Grace Li, CEO of On Lok, said in a news release that the risks are even higher for trans seniors. Denial of care is common, and many report thoughts of ending their lives rather than moving into long-term care.

The program is expected to begin next summer. ▼



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Legacies of the Pacific's Polynesian dancers were a crowd-pleaser at Oakland Pride.

said to Goodall.

Other speakers thanked Goodall for her years of leadership and pointed out she was instrumental in getting the Pride breakfast started six years ago.

Honorees included Alameda County Superior Court Judge Victoria Kolakowski, who served as the club president decades ago and received the Trailblazer Award. She is the first openly trans person to serve as a trial judge in the U.S., and the first out trans person to be elected to a judgeship.

"I didn't set out to be a trailblazer," she said. "When the path ran out, I was too stubborn to stop."

Ola Osaze, a trans masculine queer



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