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SEPTEMBER 18TH KNOWN AS LEATHER ARCHIVES & MUSEUM DAY IN CHICAGO

With the assistance of Chicago 44th Ward Alderman Thomas M. Tunney, the Chicago City Council recently passed a resolution to acknowledge the Leather Archives & Museum (LA&M) and to recognize September 18th as Leather Archives & Museum Day in Chicago. Although the LA&M is a national charity, support from Alderman Tunney and the Chicago City Council has been instrumental in establishing a physical headquarters.



PART OF THE PARTY: THE VISUAL STORY OF THE ONYX BROTHERHOOD AND WALTER HOUSTON III

Works from Chicago artist Erica Beatrix Brooks on display through June 2017. Erica says "My goal is to be a participant and listener. I participate by asking in-depth and thoughtful questions. Part of the Party was a new venture for me as an artist, educator and ethnographer." The show features digital photographs, digital paintings and drawings.



HAVE YOU SEEN LA&M'S NEWEST ONLINE EXHIBITS?

DOM OREJUDOS: IDENTITY. RACE. ART. LEATHER. CRITICAL EXPLORATION OF ETIENNE AS AN ARTIST OF COLOR.

<https://whoisetiienne.wordpress.com/>

The Leather Archives has exhibited the art of Etienne since its inception as a museum. This online exhibit asks questions about Etienne : How is race discussed in Leather communities in a broader sense? How do men of color in Leather Communities talk about their racial identities? Why did Etienne rarely or if ever talk about his experience as a man of color in leather?



THE SAILOR SID DILLER DIGITIZATION PROJECT

<http://www.leatherarchives.org/sailorsid/>

Thanks to generous funding from the Association of Professional Piercers crowdfunding efforts, The Sailor Sid Diller Piercing Collection is available online including 10 piercing volumes containing over 2,500 photographs and more. Included in these photographs are tattoo, body modification, and piercing innovators such as Fakir Musafar, Jim Ward, Cliff Raven, Alan Oversby (aka Mr. Sebastian), and Bud "Viking" Navarro.

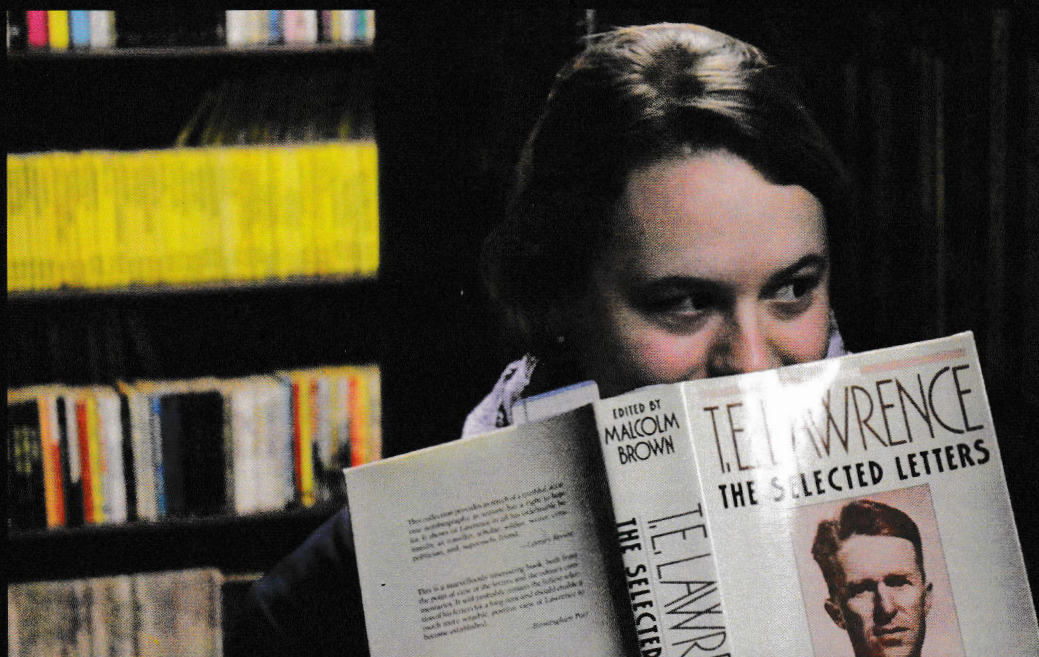


LA&M PUBLISHES ANNIVERSARY CATALOG TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF LEATHER HISTORY

A new catalog celebrates a milestone anniversary for the community institution. The publication can be obtained free in electronic format or purchased in print format from the LA&M website. Among the 130 images from the Leather Archives and its collections are essays from Dr. Gayle Rubin, Dwight Skeates, Jose Santiago Perez and Jakob VanLammeren. The catalog looks at the history of the institution, where it is today and provides insights into the future.



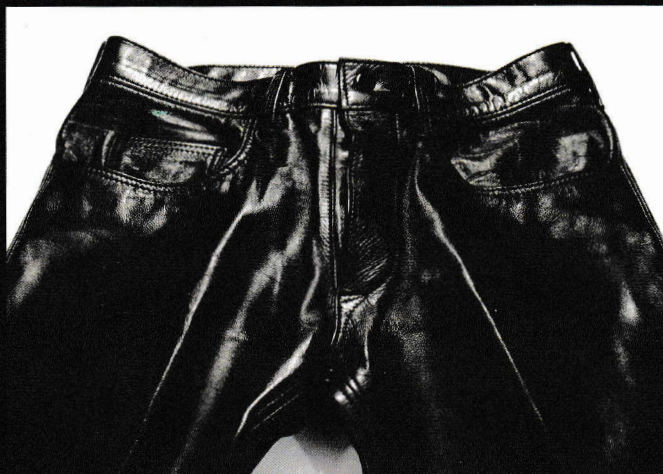
LA&M WELCOMES MEL LEVERICH AS ARCHIVIST AND COLLECTIONS LIBRARIAN



Mel's experience with analog and digital collections combined with her passion for providing access to queer and kink history through archives is greatly benefiting the collections and patrons of the LA&M. Mel comments "I feel very lucky to join the LA&M staff and to be a part of an institution with a mission that I care deeply about." Welcome Mel!

LA&M ARTIFACT LOANED TO MOMA

The Leather Archives & Museum will loan a pair of leather pants, donated by Guy Baldwin, to the Museum of Modern Art for their upcoming exhibition "Items: Is Fashion Modern". The show runs 10.1.2017 to 01.28.2018. For more information visit www.moma.org/calendar/exhibitions/1638



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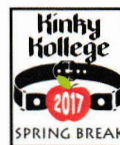
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