

# Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine EDI Brief - June 2023 A month to Celebrate Freedom LGBTQ+ Pride & Juneteenth

## LGBTQ+ Rights in the United States

A police raid at [Stonewall Inn](#) on June 28, 1969, ignited the fight for [LGBTQ+ rights](#) in the United States. Over the last 50 years, the LGBTQ+ community has fought and won marriage rights and struck down laws prohibiting homosexual activity. The researchers of the Harvard Implicit Bias Study published results showing a **33% decrease in bias based on sexual orientation between 2007-2016**.

The fight for LGBTQ+ rights continues despite massive gains. In 2023 alone, legislators have proposed [557 laws in 49 states](#) that would curtail access to gender-affirming care, ban LGBTQ+ content in schools, and criminalize drag performances. 87 have already passed. Earlier this year, Washington became a [sanctuary state](#) for transgender and abortion healthcare, furthering a commitment to bodily autonomy.

## Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as [Juneteenth or Freedom Day](#).

Juneteenth is the US's second Independence Day. Although it has long been celebrated in the African American community, this monumental event remains largely unknown to most Americans. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times.

## Diversity Council Highlights

### Upcoming Grand Rounds Presentations:

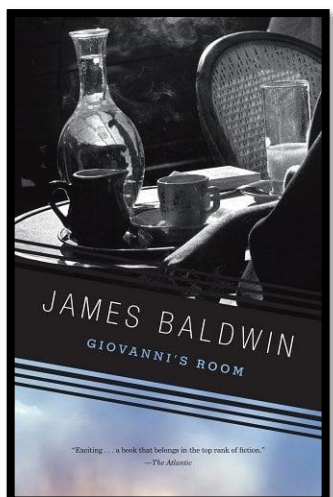
- **6/21:** Kate Gentry, MD & Vanessa Cervantes, MD – EDI Foundational Training: History of Race and Racism in American

### Watch the January 4<sup>th</sup> EDI Foundation Training Grand Rounds Presentation, “Gender and Sexual Diversity,” presented by Remigio Roque, MD and Gary Barbour-See

- [Watch the presentation](#) and complete [sign-in form](#).
  - UW NetID required for presentation.
  - Not required if you attended Grand Rounds on January 4, 2023.
- Remaining EDI Foundational Trainings will be announced as soon as possible.

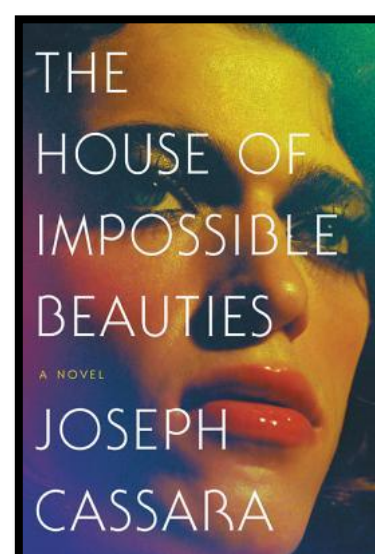
## Resources

### Recommended Reading:



### [Giovanni's Room,](#) James Baldwin

Yes, that James Baldwin. An American in Paris in a tale of desire versus the conventional morality of the 1950s.



### [The House of Impossible Beauties,](#) Joseph Cassara

Glamorous and gritty, this story of 1980's Harlem ball scene was inspired by the real [House of Xtravaganza](#).

- Celebrate Juneteenth at Atlantic Street Center's [22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration](#) on June 17.
- Visit [Centro Cultural Mexicano](#) in Downtown Redmond for [“Rainbow on the Eastside”](#) Pride Month Art Show – Monday-Friday through June 30!
- Come for the food, stay for the drag queens at [Seattle PrideFest!](#)