Sabbatical Report for Don Romesburg, Spring 2014

**Purpose of Sabbatical Leave**
While I did not achieve my stated goal for the sabbatical, completing a draft manuscript for my book, entitled *Arrested Development: Homosexuality and American Adolescence, 1890-1930*, and submitting it to presses for review, I made a great deal of headway on the manuscript, revising five chapters substantially, reviewing and incorporating relevant secondary literature from the last few years, and conducting new research at the Kinsey Archives in Bloomington, IN, for the sixth chapter that still awaits drafting. As it turned out, other scholarly and professional projects took me in exciting new directions, which I detail below.

**Publications**
During Spring 2014, I took three articles into submission, revision, and/or finalization. These extend my scholarship into two new areas of research concern, namely queer public history and interdisciplinary critical studies of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) adoption and family.


In addition, in January I signed a contract to edit a major new volume in queer U.S. history. *The Routledge History of Queer America* promises to be a grounding text for many audiences, providing approximately 30 commissioned, innovative synthetic essays on the state of the field. The volume will be arranged into three major sections: Times (chronological eras), Spaces and Places (at scales from the body to the transnational), and Themes (reflecting historiographical and interdisciplinary queer studies trends). I have already secured most of the contributors, who come principally from history departments, but also from gender studies, ethnic studies, sociology, cultural studies, law, American studies, and literature. These essays, coalescing subject matter into historiographical synthesis, are intended to be substantial and accessible. The collection will find use in classrooms, among scholars with queer historical research agendas, and those with an interest in U.S. history or the history of sexuality more broadly who wish to find connections with queer history in their research and teaching. I expect to submit the entire manuscript to Routledge by early 2016.
Professional Service
During my sabbatical, I served much of the third year of my three-year term as Co-Chair of the Committee on LGBT History (CLGBTH), an affiliated society of the American Historical Association (AHA). Being on sabbatical enabled me to coordinate the most ambitious CLGBTH program yet for the AHA’s upcoming January 2015 annual conference in New York. Entitled “Promiscuous Interdisciplinarities,” the conference-within-a-conference places a panel into every available AHA session timeslot, bringing together 13 sessions and nearly 75 scholars of the queer past (mostly historians, but also other scholars, artists, and activists).

Moreover, my sabbatical has enabled me to complete an important policy paper on behalf of the Committee on LGBT History. *Making the Framework FAIR: California History-Social Science Framework Proposed LGBT Revisions Related to the FAIR Education Act*, which will be made public in early September 2014, has input by 20 leading scholars of LGBT history with scholarship-supported justifications for all changes. If adopted by the California Department of Education, the revisions will bring its history components into alignment with the LGBT-inclusion requirements of the FAIR Education Act. Adopting the revisions will make the Framework more accurate, incorporating findings from four decades of professional gender and sexuality history. Related improvements to K-12 curriculum and textbooks will promote an active, responsible citizenry in a diverse society. This report can also serve as a best-practices template for similar efforts toward the inclusion of LGBT history in K-12 education across the country.