Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table

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(1996). <u>Civil marriage for lesbians and gay men: organizing in communities of faith</u>. New York, NY, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Positive religious opinions and sermons for same-sex marriages.

(1998). <u>Blessing ceremonies: resources for same-gender services of commitment</u>. [Holden, Mass.], United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns.

Includes sections on the ceremonies' theological background, information on liturgical resources, practicalities, personal witnesses and sample services.

(1999). Should society sanction gay and lesbian families? <u>Homosexuality: opposing viewpoints</u>. San Diego, Calif., Greenhaven Press: p. 163-202.

Part of a series of books on opposing viewpoints, this book looks at four questions relating to homosexuality, one of which is the discussion of sanctioning gay and lesbian families.

(2001). <u>Civil marriage for same-sex couples: the facts</u>. Boston, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

Covers topics relating to same-sex marriage in relation to civil rights, court cases, history and the law. Available electronically at:

http://www.pflagsanjose.org/advocacy/CivilMarriage\_TheFacts.pdf

(2003). <u>Questions and answers about marriage and same-sex unions</u>. Washington, D.C., Committee on Marriage and Family Life, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

A one page overview from the viewpoint of Catholic Bishops on using reason and faith as a starting point for denouncing same-sex unions. Available electronically at: http://www.usccbpublishing.org/client/client\_pdfs/5-626pdf.pdf

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Includes sections on the ceremonies' theological background, information on liturgical resources, practicalities, personal witnesses and sample services.

(2004). <u>Defending a higher law: why we must resist same-sex "marriage" and the homosexual movement.</u> Spring Grove, Pa., American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property.

Written from the Catholic point of view on why homosexuals should not be allowed to marry because it is in opposition to traditional Christian morality and natural law. Full text available at

http://www.tfp.org/TFPForum/online\_library/Defending\_A\_Higher\_Law.pdf

(2004). <u>Equality in the states: gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Americans and state laws and legislation: a report.</u> Washington D.C., Human Rights Campaign.

The annual state legislative report covering state constitutional amendments and bills affecting LGBT people and their families. Available electronically at: <a href="http://www.hrc.org/Template.cfm?Section=About\_HRC&CONTENTID=30364&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm">http://www.hrc.org/Template.cfm?Section=About\_HRC&CONTENTID=30364&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm</a>

(2004). <u>Same-Sex Marriage: Real Issues/Right Answers</u>. Gainesville, Fl., Bridge-Logos Publishers.

An anti-gay marriage stance, this book refers to same-sex marriage as having the potential for destroying the family. Includes a summary of the Defense of Marriage act.

(2005). Nightline. The politics of gay marriage and abortion rights. Princeton, NJ, Films for the Humanities & Sciences.

Explores the politics of gay marriage and abortion during the 2004 United States presidential campaign. Travels first to Massachusetts to consider the legal ramifications of same-sex marriage, and then to Colorado, where a Catholic bishop has declared that people who vote for a supporter of abortion rights or gay marriage should not take communion.

(2005). Sexual orientation and familial status. Indianapolis, Ind., Indiana University School of Law.

Program presented at the Indiana University School of Law--Indianapolis on March 29, 2005.

(2007). The question of same-sex marriage. <u>Homosexuality</u>. R. Winters. Detroit, Mich., Greenhaven Press.

The book focuses mainly on the topic of sodomy with a chapter devoted to the legal questions surrounding same-sex marriage.

Anderson, M. J. and R. Bernhoft (2005). Male and female he made them: questions and answers about marriage and same-sex unions. San Diego, Calif., Catholic Answers.

A discussion of many questions on the topic of same-sex marriage. The book takes the reader through the gay marriage debate by breaking the topic into six sections: same-sex unions and society, the nature of marriage, what the church teaches, what medical science says, what the Bible says, and political considerations.

Ayers, T. and P. Brown (1994). The essential guide to lesbian and gay weddings. San Francisco, HarperSanFrancisco.

The guide offers historical background and practical suggestions covering all areas of a gay wedding, from what to call it, to wording the invitations, buying rings, and booking the honeymoon suite. The book also discusses the political aspect of the act as well as personal degrees of coming out.

Ayers, T. and P. Brown (1999). The essential guide to lesbian and gay weddings. Los Angeles, Alyson Books.

[See earlier edition above]

Babst, G. A. (2002). Liberal constitutionalism, marriage, and sexual orientation: a contemporary case for dis-establishment. New York, Peter Lang.

Reviewing aspects of liberal-democratic theory, and marriage law, and analogies that deal with the right to marry, this book presents a notion of the "shadow establishment," which helps explain the constitutional bias against same-sex marriage and gay persons in the law.

Baird, R. M. and S. E. Rosenbaum, Eds. (1997). Same-sex marriage: the moral and legal debate. Amherst, N.Y., Prometheus Books.

Presents a variety of diverse and cogent arguments by academics, politicians, journalists, attorneys, judges, and activist around the moral and legal issues of same-sex marriages.

Baird, R. M. and S. E. Rosenbaum, Eds. (2004). Same-sex marriage: the moral and legal debate. Contemporary issues; Variation: Contemporary issues (Buffalo, N.Y.). Amherst, NY, Prometheus Books.

[See earlier edition above]

Bennett, L. (2002). The state of the family: laws and legislation affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families. Washington, D.C., Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

An overview of the issues and legal aspects affecting LGBT people including topics on adoption, hate crimes, sodomy laws, marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships. Available electronically at:

http://www.hrc.org/Content/ContentGroups/Publications1/SoTF.pdf

Berg, W. E. (2004). <u>Jesus -- final authority on marriage and same-sex unions.</u> Minneapolis, Minn., Lutheran Colportage Service, Inc.

Reflections on the teachings of Jesus as a way to look at controversial issue facing the Church today, including same-sex marriage.

Bird, B. (1994). Love knows no borders. New York, N.Y., Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force.

U.S. immigration law does not recognize same-sex marriages as legal for immigration purposes. Married gay and lesbian couples discuss the uncertainty and difficulty this creates in their lives.

Bourassa, K. and I. J. Varnel (2002). <u>Just married: gay marriage and the expansion of human rights</u>. Madison, Wis., University of Wisconsin Press.

A detailed account by the authors of their struggle to get Ontario to recognize their church wedding as legally valid.

Bray, R. and B. Barrett (1995). <u>To have & to hold: organizing for our right to marry</u>. Washington, D.C., National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

A guide for gay and lesbian activists seeking the right to marry. From how to fight radical right attacks and difficult legislation to press strategies, it gives all the information necessary to organize for the freedom to marry.

Burns, K., Ed. (2005). <u>Gay and lesbian families</u>. Farmington Hills, MI, Greenhaven Press.

This anthology looks at various issues related to gay and lesbian families including gay parenting, marriage laws, gay children and teens, adoption policies, and religious viewpoints in the United States and Canada.

Butler, B. (1990). <u>Ceremonies of the heart: celebrating lesbian unions</u>. Seattle, Wash., Seal Press.

Based on 27 female couples who in some way confirmed their relationship. Each couple describes their experiences leading up to the ceremony, the response from friends and family, and how the ceremony itself transformed their relationship.

Butler, B. (1997). <u>Ceremonies of the heart: celebrating lesbian unions</u>. Seattle, Wash., Seal Press.

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Cabaj, R. P. and D. W. Purcell, Eds. (1997). <u>On the road to same-sex marriage: a supportive guide to psychological, political, and legal issues</u>. San Francisco, Jossey-Bass.

The authors along with seven other leading authorities make a case in support of gay and lesbian marriages and cover a variety of psychological, historical, and cultural topics.

Cabaj, R. P. and D. W. Purcell, Eds. (1998). On the road to same-sex marriage: a supportive guide to psychological, political, and legal issues. San Francisco, Jossey-Bass.

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Cahill, S. (2004). <u>Same-sex marriage in the United States: focus on the facts</u>. Lanham, Md., Lexington Books.

The rhetoric and emotion surrounding the same-sex marriage debate tends to obscure the facts and figures. Tracing the development of same-sex marriage in the United States and its deployment as a political tool, this book lays out the current situation in plain language and explains what's at stake.

Cantor, D. J. (2006). <u>Same-sex marriage: the legal and psychological evolution in America</u>. Middletown, Conn., Wesleyan University Press.

A collection eight essays by attorneys and psychologists about same-sex marriage. The authors, all advocates of legalizing same-sex marriage, consider legal history, political arguments, studies of gay and lesbian parents (and their children), marriage law in the United States and the institution's benefits

Carpenter, D. (2006). <u>The Federal Marriage Amendment: unnecessary, anti-federalist, and anti-democratic.</u> Washington D.C., Cato Institute.

This paper offers four arguments against the proposed amendment: federal and state laws, along with constitutional doctrines, make court-ordered nationwide same-sex marriage unlikely for the foreseeable future; a constitutional amendment defining marriage would be a radical intrusion on federalism; a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage would be an unprecedented form of amendment; and the amendment as proposed reaches well beyond the stated concerns of its proponents.

Chauncey, G. (2004). Why marriage?: the history shaping today's debate over gay equality. New York, Basic Books.

The author explains why issues of same-sex marriage are not overnight phenomena but have been sources of debate for decades. Also discussed are reasons why the debate will continue in the gay and lesbian community, just as it will continue elsewhere in the US, particularly in election years.

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Clark, J. M. (1999). <u>Doing the work of love: men & commitment in same-sex couples</u>. Harriman, Tenn., Men's Studies Press.

Creates a bridge between academic work on men and sexuality and popular work on gay male relationships. Exploring intimate, coupled relationships among men, especially among gay men, the author celebrates embodied, sensual, sexual goodness of men's sexual relationships, while adamantly rejecting an "anything goes" approach to gay male sexuality or to sexuality in general.

De Sève, J. (2005). Tying the knot. New York, Docurama; Distributed by New Video Group.

Documentary on same-sex marriage which provides a historical and legal perspective. Contains archival footage, news clips, and interviews. Examines the institution of marriage today and how it has changed through history. Explores rights, privilege and love as gay activists and right-wing politicians lock horns in the fight for marriage.

Dumesnil, C. (2005). <u>Hitched!: wedding stories from San Francisco City Hall</u>. New York, Thunder's Mouth Press.

A collection of more than 30 stories from individuals who were involved in the San Francisco City Hall marriage proceedings.

Dupuis, M. (2001). <u>The politics of rights in the case for same-sex marriage</u>. New York, Peter Lang.

The different strategies for securing civil rights and the effect that culture, social views, and history have on these processes are evaluated. The treatment of gay and lesbian relationships in other countries is also explored, including the impact that international law has on the debate.

Dupuis, M. (2002). <u>Same-sex marriage, legal mobilization, & the politics of rights</u>. New York, Peter Lang.

A history of the judicial, legislative, and political responses, here and abroad, and the attempts by gay people to marry partners of the same sex or otherwise to achieve "the legal incidents" of marriage. The book chronicles ten American cases, as well as federal and state legislative action.

Dupuis, M. D. (1997). The politics of rights in the case for same-sex marriage. Los Angeles, University of Southern California: iv, 233 leaves. Dissertation: Thesis (Ph. D.)--University of Southern California, 1997.

This book looks at the legal and political aspects of same-sex marriages in the United States. In addition to this it includes a survey of the status of gay relationships in other countries.

Ellison, M. M. (2004). <u>Same-sex marriage?: a Christian ethical analysis</u>. Cleveland, Ohio, Pilgrim Press.

The book offers constructive proposals for revitalizing Christian sexual ethics and moving the debate forward, regardless of whether the right to marry is won or lost.

Eskridge, W. N. (1996). <u>The case for same-sex marriage: from sexual liberty to civilized</u> commitment. New York, Free Press.

There are a number of arguments offered for why gays shouldn't be allowed to marry: homosexuality is unnatural, marriage exists for procreation, gay marriages will undermine the institution of marriage, etc. Eskridge examines each of these arguments and demonstrates that in almost every case the real reason is simple bigotry toward gays.

Eskridge, W. N. (2002). <u>Equality practice: civil unions and the future of gay rights</u>. New York, Routledge.

When Vermont legalized civil unions for same-sex couples in April 2000 -- a landmark for gay rights--activists across the political spectrum were outraged. Critics on the right claimed the law would undermine morality. Critics on the left objected that the new category of "civil unions," distinct from marriage, would consign same-sex couples to a "separate but equal" status that would ultimately prove unequal.

Eskridge, W. N. and D. R. Spedale (2006). <u>Gay marriage: for better or for worse?: what we've learned from the evidence</u>. Oxford England: New York, Oxford University Press.

The authors present empirical evidence about same-sex marriage, when they look to Scandinavia where gay couples have enjoyed the rights and benefits of marriage since 1989. Their examination provides a unique perspective on same-sex marriage in practice, one which emphasizes evidence over rhetoric.

Fajer, M. A. (1997). "Toward respectful representation: some thoughts on selling same-sex marriage." Yale law & policy review. 15(2): p. 599-627.

The article discusses and comments on the book: The case for same-sex marriage: from sexual liberty to civilized commitment by William N. Eskridge.

Fields, J. R. B. (2004). 416, Apartment 101 Films.

Nebraska's Initiative 416, a "defense of marriage" amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, has become a model for other state constitutions. 416 is a documentary that explores the controversial issue of same-sex marriage from both the gay and conservative points of view.

Freeman, E. (2002). <u>The wedding complex: forms of belonging in modern American culture</u>. Durham, Duke University Press.

Explores the significance of the wedding ceremony by asking what the wedding becomes when you separate it from the idea of marriage.

Freshman, C. (1997). "Privatizing same-sex "marriage" through alternative dispute resolution: community-enhancing versus community-enabling mediation." <u>UCLA law</u> review. 44(6): p. 1687-1771.

Individuals sometimes face a lack of understanding or even hostility from courts, so why not turn to members of one's own community to structure agreements and resolve disputes? Such community mediation. The article takes a look at this type of mediation within the gay and lesbian community and the difficulties in general with this type of mediation.

Friedman, L. S., Ed. (2006). <u>Gay marriage</u>. Introducing issues with opposing viewpoints. Detroit, MI, Greenhaven Press/Thomson Gale.

Presents a collection of essays that debate the subject of same-sex marriage, including its legality, terminologies, and relation to adoption.

Garingan, C. and J. Rule (2006). Why thee wed?: Same-sex marriage has never been the same. Montreal, Canada, National Film Board of Canada: 51 min.

Presents interviews with same-sex married couples who share their views on marriage, religious and political opposition, child adoption, and love. Also includes interviews with their families, the lawyer who represented them, and gay rights activist Jane Rule--who takes issue with the institution of marriage.

Gaulke, C. and S. Maberry (2005). <u>Marriage matters</u>. Los Angeles, Cheri Gaulke. In a beautiful artist book 10 lesbian and gay couples to go to Sears and have their portraits taken. The portraits are accompanied by personal stories and the story of Maberry and Gaulke's own 26-year relationship. Through these stories the book raises the question "when your relationship is not legally recognized, what does marriage matter?" Ten lesbian and gay families reflect upon this question and the matter of their lives together.

Gerstmann, E. (2003). <u>Same-sex marriage and the constitution</u>. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

The author takes a look at the legal debate on whether the Constitution protects the right to same-sex marriage, and then asks whether, in a democratic society, the courts, rather than voters, should resolve the question.

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Gerstmann discusses his view that the Constitution protects the right of every person to marry a person of his or her choice, regardless of sexual orientation.

Gill, T. (2004). <u>Same-sex marriage: real issues/right answers</u>. Gainesville, FL, Bridge-Logos.

A pro-Christian, anti-gay look at same-sex marriage and the destruction of the family.

Goldberg-Hiller, J. (2002). <u>The limits to union: same-sex marriage and the politics of civil rights</u>. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press.

Explores the debate over same-sex unions and explains the political discourses and tactics that overturn decisions of state courts favorably inclined toward same-sex marriage and gay rights. The opposition of public majorities to court-mandated rights is shown to be an enduring yet postmodern manifestation of political sovereignty, one with broad implications for how we must now come to think about civil rights.

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Gozemba, P. A. and K. Karen (2007). <u>Courting equality: a documentary history of America's first legal same-sex marriages</u>. Boston, Beacon Press.

With the use of storytelling and photographs, the author takes readers through the public debate following the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision granting equal marriage benefits to same-sex couples and introduces some of the many lesbian and gay families who have taken advantage of equal marriage laws.

Graff, E. J. (1999). What is marriage for?: the strange social history of our most intimate institution. Boston, Mass., Beacon.

The author provides a tour through the history of marriage in the West, and demonstrates that it has always been a social battleground, its rules constantly shifting to fit each era and economy and how this history is shaping today's debate of same-sex marriage.

Greenwood, D. V. (2007). <u>Homo domesticus: notes from a same-sex marriage</u>. Cambridge, Mass., Da Capo Life Long.

In this charming, often hilarious account of his decade-long relationship with his boyfriend the author sets the record straight on gay marriage, playfully disarming the arguments against it.

Haider-Markel, D. P. (2001). "Policy diffusion as a geographical expansion of the scope of political conflict: same-sex marriage bans in the 1990's." <u>State politics & policy quarterly</u> 1(1): p. [5]-26.

In 1996, more than half of the states considered legislation banning same-sex marriages. This article examines these events as a geographic expansion of the scope of the conflict rather than as traditional state-centered policy innovation.

Haltzel, L. P. J. (2004). <u>The effect of state-legalized same-sex marriage on social security benefits and pensions</u>. Washington, D.C., Congressional Information Service, Library of Congress.

Discusses how state legalized same-sex marriages may impact such federal programs as social security and pension benefits.

Ham, K. and C. Wieland (2004). <u>Gay marriage: are there answers</u>. Hebron, KY, Answers in Genesis.

Taking a look back to the foundation of scripture the authors present a Christian response to gay marriage - while explaining the origin of gender, marriage and homosexuality.

- Heskins, J. (2001). <u>Unheard voices</u>. London, Darton, Longman & Todd.

  The book describes the experience at St Luke's Church in Charlton and the twenty years of providing a service of blessing for same sex couples and the theological reflection that took place within the congregation.
- Hull, K. (2006). <u>Same-sex marriage: the cultural politics of love and law</u>. Cambridge; New York, Cambridge University Press.

Questions such as what marriage signifies and who should be allowed to marry are addressed. The author interviews over seventy people in same-sex relationships and explores cultural practices surrounding this topic.

Johnson, W. S. (2006). <u>A time to embrace: same-gender relationships in religion, law,</u> and politics. Grand Rapids, Mich., William B. Eerdmans.

The author argues that same-gender unions should be consecrated within our religious communities, validated within our legal systems, and welcomed within the framework of our democratic polity.

Jordan, M. D. (2005). <u>Blessing same-sex unions: the perils of queer romance and the confusions of Christian marriage</u>. Chicago, University of Chicago Press.

Jordan shows how carefully selected ideals of Christian marriage have come to dominate recent debates over same-sex unions. Opponents of gay marriage as explained too often confuse simplified ideals of matrimony with historical facts. Jordan also argues that no matter what the courts do, Christian churches will have to decide for themselves whether to bless same-sex unions. No civil compromise can settle the religious questions surrounding gay marriage. And queer Christians, he contends, will have to discover for themselves what they really want out of marriage.

Jordan, M. D., M. T. Sweeney, et al., Eds. (2006). <u>Authorizing marriage?: canon, tradition, and critique in the blessing of same-sex unions</u>. Princeton, N.J., Princeton University Press.

Various scholars of Judaism and Christianity are represented in this collection of essays that discuss the issues of same-sex marriage through a wide range of biblical, historical, liturgical, and theological evidence.

Kaldera, R. and T. Schwartzstein (2003). <u>Handfasting and wedding rituals: welcoming Hera's blessing</u>. St. Paul, Minn., Llewellyn Publications.

A thorough look at planning the perfect Pagan wedding including advice and examples to help you with basic wedding planning, writing vows, and ritual construction, along with practical tips and great ideas about everything from low-cost wedding favors to candle and bonfire safety.

Katz, P. S. (1999). The case for legal recognition of same-sex marriage. <u>Journal of law</u> and policy, v. 8, no. 1. Brooklyn, N.Y., Brooklyn Law School: p. 61-106.

Argues for the legalization of same-sex marriage under an analysis of substantive due process and equal protection jurisprudence.

Kennedy, D. J. and J. Newcombe (2004). What's wrong with same-sex marriage? Wheaton, III., Crossway Books.

The authors use the Scriptures to show what God says about homosexuality and marriage, including that homosexuality is a sin, and marriage is for a man and a women. They also examine statistics and case studies that dispel many of the myths about homosexuality.

Knight, R. H. (1994). <u>How domestic partnerships and "gay marriage" threaten the family.</u> Washington, DC, Family Research Council.

An essay that discusses the feminist dilemma of whether to support gay marriage to promote these individual civil rights or whether to critique marriage as a part of the patriarchal system that oppresses women.

Koppel, T. (2005). ABC News Nightline. Gay rights, marriage, and the Supreme Court. Princeton, NJ, Films for the Humanities & Sciences.

This ABC News program uses the landmark Lawrence v. Texas case and the legalization of gay marriage in Canada to shed light on the future of gay marriage in the U.S. Changing attitudes toward homosexuality in general are addressed as well.

Koppelman, A. (2007). <u>Same sex, different states: when same-sex marriages cross state lines</u>. New Haven, Conn., Yale University Press.

Must a state in which gay marriage is not legal recognize such a marriage performed in another state? Since the Constitution does not require recognition in all cases, the author suggests legal solutions to the problems that arise when gay couples cross state borders.

Kotulski, D. (2004). Why you should give a damn about gay marriage. Los Angeles, Advocate Books.

Outlines the rights, benefits and protections afforded through marriage, exploring the negative effects of not having these rights through case examples of real couples who have experienced hardships and composite vignettes illustrating how couples can be hurt by lacking access to these protections

Kuykendall, M. (2004). "The president, gay marriage, and the constitution: a tangled web." Widener law journal 13(3): p. 799-824.

The articles focuses on the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment that is supported by President George W. Bush.

Lahey, K. A. and K. Alderson (2004). <u>Same-Sex Marriage: The Personal and the Political</u>. Toronto, Canada, Insomniac Press.

Using legal history and interviews, the authors discuss and explore both the personal and legal sides of the issues surrounding same-sex marriages.

Lehmann, J. M., Ed. (2001). <u>The gay & lesbian marriage & family reader: analyses of problems and prospects for the 21st century</u>. New York: Lincoln, Neb., Gordian Knot Books; distributed by University of Nebraska Press.

a collection of articles by social scientists, psychologists, social workers, and attorneys on gay and lesbian marriage and family issues in twenty-first-century America. This volume is essential reading for anyone who wishes to understand the issues and trends involving gays and lesbians in their roles as parents, spouses, cohabiting partners, and members of extended families.

Levi, J. L. (2004). "Toward a more perfect union: the road to marriage equality for same-sex couples." Widener Law Journal 13(3): p. 831-858.

Focuses on civil unions of same-sex couples in the U.S. Aim of the Vermont legislature for adopting the Civil Unions Law; Implications of civil unions; Examples of legal problems experienced by gay and lesbian families as a result of exclusion from marriage; Importance of marriage; Failure of existing legal alternatives in the U.S. to provide protections for same-sex couples that cannot marry.

Lewin, E. (1998). <u>Recognizing ourselves: ceremonies of lesbian and gay commitment</u>. New York, Columbia University Press.

Explores the various ways in which lesbians and gay men create meaningful ceremonies for themselves.

Lutzer, E. W. (2004). <u>The truth about same-sex marriage: 6 things you need to know about what's really at stake</u>. Chicago, Moody Publishers.

The author discusses the impact same-sex marriage will have on families, children and the church.

Lutzer, E. W. (2005). <u>La verdad acerca del matrimonio homosexual: seis cosas que necesita saber acerca de este tema actual = The truth about same-sex marriage.</u>
[Spanish Translation]. Gran Rapids, Mich., Editorial Portavoz.

[See earlier edition above]

- Lutzer, E. W. and L. James (2005). The truth about same-sex marriage: 6 things you need to know about what's really at stake [Sound recording]. California, Hovel Audio. [See earlier edition above]
- Lynch, P., Ed. (1997). The lesbian and gay wedding album: an all-in-one photo documentary planner. San Jose, Calif., Woman in the Moon Publications.

  This book profiles gay couples who have had a commitment ceremony. Written by the couples themselves, the profiles feature the same format: a brief biographical sketch, comments on how the couple met, their courtship, and their ceremony.
- Malone, J. W. (2000). Gay marriage. <u>21st century gay</u>. New York, M. Evans: p. 71-94. Discusses the issues in gay civil rights over the years and tries to determine which issues will become more acceptable over time.
- Marcus, E. (1998). <u>Together forever: gay and lesbian marriage</u>. New York, Doubleday Interviews with 40 gay and lesbian couples who have maintained decades-long relationships

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Martinac, P. (1998). <u>The lesbian and gay book of love and marriage: creating the stories of our lives</u>. New York, Broadway Books.

The author considers various aspects of gay and lesbian relationships, focusing on couples. Topics discussed include courting, commitment ceremonies, and divorce and includes reflections on how to deal with finances, in-laws, and how to adopt.

Masci, D. (2004). "Future of marriage: is traditional matrimony going out of style?" <u>CQ</u> researcher 14(17): p. 398-419.

Discusses the current trends of marriage and looks towards what the future holds for both straight and gay marriages.

- Mbugguss, M. (2004). <u>Same gender unions: a critical analysis</u>. Nairobi, Kenya, Uzima. The book takes a look into the concerns of sexuality and same sex marriages within Kenyan (African) society.
- Mello, M. (2004). <u>Legalizing gay marriage</u>. Philadelphia, Temple University Press. Examines recent decisions in state and federal high courts granting civil rights protections to gay and lesbian couples.
- Merin, Y. (2002). <u>Equality for same-sex couples: the legal recognition of gay partnerships in Europe and the United States</u>, University of Chicago Press.

  Presents a comparative study of the legal regulation of same-sex partnerships worldwide, as well as a survey of the status of same-sex couples in Europe.
- Moats, D. (2004). Civil wars: a battle for gay marriage. Orlando, Fl., Harcourt. In 2000 Vermont became the first state to grant gay and lesbian couples the right to join in civil unions-a groundbreaking decision that has inspired similar legislation in six states thus far. But it was not an easy victory the ruling sparked the fiercest political conflict in the state's memory. David Moats was in the thick of it, writing a series of balanced, humane editorials that earned a Pulitzer Prize. Now he tells the intimate stories behind the battle and introduces us to all the key actors in the struggle, including the couples who first filed suit the lawyers who spent years championing the case and the only openly gay legislator in Vermont, who ensured victory with an impassioned, deeply personal speech on the House floor at a crucial moment. Civil Wars is a remarkable drama of democracy at work on a human scale.
- Moats, D. (2005). <u>Civil wars: a battle for gay marriage</u>. Orlando, FL, Harcourt. [See earlier edition above]

Moskowitz, R., Z. E. Levin-Epstein, et al. (2004). Constitutional and legal perspectives on gay marriage. Grinnell, IA, Grinnell College Student Campaign for Increased Political Engagement.

The author discuss the possibility of a constitutional amendment to define marriage and potentially ban gay marriage. Strauber discusses the history of constitutional amendments in general and this amendment in particular. Labowitz discusses the legal issues surrounding the proposed amendment. Also includes a question and answer session with the audience.

Myers, D. G. and L. Scanzoni (2005). What God has joined together?: a Christian case for gay marriage. San Francisco, Harper.

Discusses the divide between marriage supporting and gay supporting people of faith by showing why both sides have important things to say and showing how both sides can coexist.

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Chronicles the development of the social movement for same-sex marriage in the United States focusing on events in Massachusetts, California, Oregon and New York.

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This book focuses on the larger social and political issues of same-sex marriage and the law by arguing that marriage should not grant special legal privileges upon couples because people, both heterosexual and LGBT, live in a variety of relationships.

Pories, K. and D. Leavitt, Eds. (2004). <u>The M word: writers on same-sex marriage</u>. Chapel Hill, N.C., Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

A collection of essays written by both gay and straight people focusing on the politics of the gay marriage debate.

Rauch, J. (2005). <u>Gay marriage: why it is good for gays, good for straights, and good for America</u>. New York, Henry Holt and Co.

The author argues that gay marriage is the best way to preserve and protect society's most essential institution. Marriage is more than a bond between individuals; it also links them to the community at large. Excluding some people from the prospect of marriage not only is harmful to them, but is also harmful to the institution of marriage itself.

Rennert, A. (2004). We do: a celebration of gay and lesbian marriage. San Francisco, Chronicle Books.

Drawing on same-sex wedding ceremonies around the country, this book explores both the traditional and unconventional ways in which gays and lesbians have celebrated their weddings.

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This book brings together an esteemed list of scholars to explore a wide variety of issues surrounding the topic of same-sex marriages, including the ideologies and strategies on both sides of the argument.

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A panel discussion on the issues involving same-sex marriage in the United States.

Roleff, T. L. and M. E. Williams, Eds. (1997). <u>Marriage and divorce</u>. Current controversies. San Diego, Calif., Greenhaven Press.

An anthology of 32 articles presenting diverse viewpoints on premarital cohabitation, the effect of divorce on children, child custody, & same-sex marriage.

Rosenfeld, M. J. (2007). <u>The age of independence: interracial unions, same-sex unions, and the changing American family</u>. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press.

The book takes a look at the social independence of individuals that came into existence during the 1960 and how this independence has changed the view of same-sex and interracial dating and families.

Ross-Macdonald, J. (1997). <u>Alternative weddings: an essential guide for creating your own ceremonies</u>. Dallas, Tex., Taylor Publishing.

Explores not only the religious and spiritual aspects but also the non religious alternatives to marriage.

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This essay examines the legal and constitutional role of local governments in the debate of same-sex marriages.

Sherman, S., Ed. (1992). <u>Lesbian and gay marriage: private commitments, public</u> ceremonies. Philadelphia, Pa., Temple University Press.

A collection of personal narratives that explore the issue of same-sex marriages. There are twenty-four interviews with lesbians and gays who have celebrated wedding ceremonies as well as couples who remain unmarried or choose not to marry.

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This report discusses the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages and allows individual states to refuse to recognize gay marriages performed in other states.

Smith, B. (2004). Gay weddings. [United States], Bravo :; [Distribution by] Ventura: 480 min.

Bravo's original reality series follows the lives of two gay and two lesbian couples over six months as they plan a formal celebration of their love and commitment.

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The book argues that the fundamental principles of American democracy not only allow but require the legalization of same-sex marriage. In addition to explaining the theoretical issues at stake, the book provides a short history of marriage, disentangling its interpersonal, communal, religious and civil components.

Sprigg, P. (2004). <u>Outrage: how gay activists and liberal judges are trashing democracy to redefine marriage</u>. Lanham, MD., Regnery.

In this book the author argues that the U.S. Constitution will be amended-either by the U.S. Supreme Court to require homosexual marriage or by the people to forbid it. Only the passage of a Federal Marriage Amendment can preserve and protect our most basic social institution-the marriage of a man and a woman.

Stanton, G. T. and B. Maier (2004). <u>Marriage on trial: the case against same-sex</u> marriage and parenting. Downers Grove, Ill., InterVarsity Press.

The authors discuss why they feel same-sex marriages will deconstruct humanity and present reasons why legalizing these arrangements would be harmful to communities.

Staver, M. D. (2004). <u>Same-sex marriage: putting every household at risk</u>. Nashville, Tenn., Broadman & Holman.

Discusses the impact that same-sex marriage will or might have on the culture and answers questions that concern most people about allowing same-sex couples to legal marry.

Stiers, G. A. (1998). <u>From this day forward: commitment, marriage, and family in lesbian and gay relationships</u>. Basingstoke, Hampshire, England, Macmillan.

Based on firsthand interviews conducted in 1993 and 1994 lesbians and gay men discuss their personal feelings and beliefs about the question of same-sex marriage and whether or not they would do it themselves if given the chance.

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Strasser, M. P. (1997). <u>Legally wed: same-sex marriage and the Constitution</u>. Ithaca, N.Y., Cornell University Press.

The book looks at the arguments against same-sex marriage one by one and concludes that none achieves legal credibility. The author reviews marriage based on definition, procreation, custody, and protection of children and the debates centered on equal protection.

Strasser, M. P. (1999). <u>The challenge of same-sex marriage: federalist principles and constitutional protections</u>. Westport, Conn., Praeger.

Discussion of Hawaii and Alaska's decision to change their constitution so that same-sex marriage would not have to be recognized.

Strasser, M. P. (2002). On same-sex marriage, civil unions, and the rule of law: constitutional interpretation at the crossroads. Westport, Conn., Praeger.

Discusses the constitutional implications of civil unions with a special focus on how they might be treated in the interstate context.

Strasser, M. P., T. C. West, et al. (2007). <u>Defending same-sex marriage</u>. Westport, Conn., Praeger Publishers.

This three volume set tries to clarify the legal, political, religious, cultural, and social effects of same-sex marriage for gay and lesbian couples and their families and friends.

Sullivan, A., Ed. (1997). <u>Same-sex marriage</u>, <u>pro and con: a reader</u>. New York, Vintage Books.

Questions around the topic of same-sex marriage are explored by a variety of individuals including: clergy and jurists, historians and anthropologists, poets, conservative politicians, queer theorists, and many others.

Sullivan, A. (1997). Same-sex marriage: pro and con. West Lafayette, Ind., Purdue University Public Affairs Video Archives: 57 min.

Sullivan talks about the book he edited with Joseph Landau, Same-sex marriage, which is a collection of essays on the issues, from such disparate people as John Paul II, Plato, Melissa Etheridge, and William Bennett. He talks about the so-called Defense of Marriage Act and its debate in Congress. Followed by audience questions.

Sullivan, A., Ed. (2004). <u>Same-sex marriage: pro and con: a reader</u>. New York, Vintage Books.

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Toussaint, D. and H. Leo (2004). <u>Gay and lesbian weddings: planning the perfect same-sex ceremony</u>. New York, Ballantine Books.

Unlike other wedding planners, this one addresses issues that are specific to same-sex marriages including coming out to everyone prior to the wedding, who pays for the wedding, and who walks down the aisle.

Vanita, R. (2005). <u>Love's rites: same sex marriage and its antecedents in India and the US.</u> Basingstoke, England, Palgrave Macmillan.

Examines same-sex weddings and same-sex couples suicides reported in India over the last two decades in the context of a wide variety of same-sex unions, from Fourteenth-century narratives, to Nineteenth-century depictions of ritualized unions between women, to marriages between gay men and lesbians arranged over the internet.

Ventrella, J. J. M. S. (2004). Same sex Marriage debate 2004. San Francisco, Calif, Golden Gate University, Law School.

Jeffery J. Ventrella and Shannon Minter debate the pros and cons of same sex marriage.

Wardle, L. D., M. Strasser, et al., Eds. (2003). <u>Marriage and same-sex unions: a debate</u>. Westport, Conn., Praeger.

The book opens a dialogue, regarding the debate over legalizing same-sex unions. Authors are paired to address and respond to a particular topic, one in favor of state recognition of same-sex relationships and one in favor of limiting state recognition.

Wharton, G. and I. Philips, Eds. (2004). <u>I do/I don't: queers on marriage</u>. San Francisco, Suspect Thoughts Press.

A collection of short essays by over 130 authors all with a diverse perspectives on the topic of queer marriage.

Wilson, B. (2005). <u>Disarming the culture war: how the silent majority can break the</u> stalemate. New York, iUniverse.

The author discusses four main issues in the American culture war: abortion, gun control, separation of church and state, and same-sex marriage

Wisneski, B., C. Angelo, et al. (2004). Gay marriage. San Marcos, CA, Education Television, Palomar College; New York, N.Y.:; Distributed by Insight Media.

Presenting the legal and religious definitions of marriage, this program features a panel discussion on the legality of same-sex marriage in the U.S. It differentiates between marriage, union, and partnerships and offers opinions on whether the benefits of civil union laws are sufficient for addressing the needs of the gay community. It also considers equal protection rights and the potential impact of same-sex marriage on organized religion.

Wolfson, E. (1997). PFLAG talks Evan Wolfson. San Francisco, CA, Media Production, San Francisco Public Library.

Second in a series of lectures sponsored by the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center of the Library, featuring Evan Wolfson presenting the topic on gay marriage. As director of Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Wolfson discusses present pending legislation dealing with gay marriages and the need for equal marriage rights for gay men and lesbians.

Wolfson, E. (2004). Why marriage matters: America, equality, and gay people's right to marry, Simon & Schuster.

A discussion on the right to marry without the issue of morality coming into play but instead the right to marry as part of each citizen's civil rights.

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Wolfson, E., J. Gibson, et al. (1997). <u>Checklist for state-by-state legal research on the nationwide recognition of same-sex couples' validly contracted marriages</u>. New York, N.Y., Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

State-by-state legal research on the nationwide recognition of same-sex couples' validly contracted marriages.

Wolfson, E. and G. T. Stanton (2004). Same-sex marriage a civil debate. Denver, Gill Foundation.

A debate between Evan Wolfson of the Gill Foundation and Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family presenting arguments both for and against same-sex marriage.

Wolfson, E. S., S. Graham, et al. (2002). A debate same sex marriage. Ames, Iowa, Iowa State University.

Videocassette recording of a debate held at Iowa State University, April 1, 2002. Evan Wolfson and Steve King debate the pros and cons of same sex marriage.

- Wynn, P. (2006). <u>Blown away</u>. New York, Alice Street Editions.

  A mystery novel of political intrigue and corruption centered around the murder of a lesbian civil rights attorney.
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- Yost, M. J. (1999). When love lasts forever: male couples celebrate commitment. Cleveland, OH, Pilgrim Press.

Personal stories of long term relationships between gay men. How they met, and the ups and downs of being in a long term relationship.

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