

HISTORY WORKSHOP

The Department of History

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Locating Heterosexuality in the History of Sexuality

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Heterosexuality is usually regarded as something inherently “natural”—but what *is* heterosexuality, and how has it taken shape across the centuries? Dr. Rebecca L. Davis and Dr. Michele Mitchell collaborated on an edited volume, *Heterosexual Histories*, with contributions from leading scholars of the history of sexuality who attempt to answer these questions in essays that span four hundred years of North American history. By challenging ahistorical approaches to the heterosexual subject, *Heterosexual Histories* constructs a new framework for the history of heterosexuality, examining unexplored assumptions and insisting that not only sex but race, class, gender, age, and geography matter to its past. Each of the fourteen essays in this volume examines the history of heterosexuality from a different angle, seeking to study this topic in a way that recognizes plurality, divergence, and inequity.