

Celebrate PRIDE MONTH 2020

IPO's ***Pride and Allies Resource Group***
presents influential pioneers who
are open members or allies of
the LGBTQ+ community with ties to
intellectual property



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Lynn Conway

- Transwoman computer scientist.
- Inventor on numerous patents for system architecture and user interfaces for interactive visual communications and control.
- Fired in 1968 when she transitioned.
- Wrote the textbook “Introduction to VLSI Systems”.
- Retired as a professor from University of Michigan.



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Margaret Cho

- One of the first successful Asian-American women comedians.
- Has copyrights and trademarks protecting her work.
- Has appeared in dozens of movies and television programs, released albums, and toured nationally as a comedian.
- Activist and has won awards for her political work from the ACLU and other groups.



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Adolfo Sardina

- Designer who moved to New York and embarked on a career in fashion after serving in the Cuban Army .
- His brand “Adolfo” is an iconic, holding some of the most valuable trademarks in the fashion industry.
- For decades, he lived with his partner Edward Perry, who passed away in 1993



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Bruce Lehman

- First openly gay person to be confirmed by the Senate for a federal post when he became Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- Now focuses much of his effort on copyright protection as an advisor to visual artists organizations and participant in amicus briefs on copyright law.



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Marc Jacobs

- Fashion designer and brand builder.
- Led Louis Vuitton from 1997-2014, when he started his own brand.
- Holds numerous trademarks in fashion and perfume.
- Awarded the MTV VMA Fashion Trailblazer Award in 2019



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Lily and Lana Wachowski

- Transwomen sisters.
- Copyright holding film and television directors, writers and producers.
- The Wachowskis directed 1999's "The Matrix", followed by its sequels, and other movies and TV including "Cloud Atlas" and the Netflix series "Sense8".



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Alice Walker

- Owns the 1982 copyright on *The Color Purple* and other works.
- Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award for her novel *The Color Purple*.
- Often accredited as first using the term “womanist” to mean a feminist of color.



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Lena Waithe

- Actor, writer.
- In 2017, became first black woman to receive a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series for co-writing the episode “Thanksgiving” for *Master of None*
- Gave voice to the first openly gay character in an animated Pixar film, 2020’s “Onward”.



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Janet Mock

- Activist, journalist, writer, producer, director.
- First transwoman of color to write or direct a TV Series (*Pose*).
- Work is protected by copyrights.



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Roxane Gay

- Journalist and author.
- Owns copyright on her book of essays, *The Bad Feminist* and other works.
- In 2018, won the Lambda Literary Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Literature and the Lambda award for Bisexual Nonfiction for her memoir *Hunger*.



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Rep. Danica Roem

- Journalist
- Seven-time winner of the Virginia Press Association Award.
- First openly trans candidate to win a seat in the state legislature when she won her race in Virginia in November 2019.



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Alan Turing

- Inventor of the Automated Computing Engine, which resulted in numerous patents.
- Made several cryptanalytical advances during World War II.
- Was convicted for gross indecency and barred from his work with the British government. In 2013 the British government granted a posthumous pardon to Turing and in 2017 passed “The Alan Turing Law” that retroactive pardoned men convicted for historical outlawed homosexual acts.



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Judge Todd M. Hughes

- First openly gay judge to serve on the Federal Circuit.
- As a Federal Circuit judge, is a leader in shaping U.S. Patent Law.
- Was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in 2013



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Sir Elton John

- Singer, songwriter, pianist and composer
- Has been active in efforts by artists to reform Digital Millennium Copyright Act to better protect rights of artists.
- Knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998.
- His album “Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy” was the first album to ever debut as No. 1 in the US.
- He and David Furnish were one of the first couples to form a civil partnership in the UK.



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Michael Kors

- American fashion designer
- Built a fashion house around his clothes and accessories and has scores of celebrities who proudly dress in his designs.
- Owns trademarks for fashion and perfumes.
- Besides many fashion awards, has also been recognized for his involvement with HIV/AIDS and cancer programs
- Married Lance Le Pere in 2011 in New York.



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James Baldwin

- American novelist, playwright, and activist.
- His collection of essays, *Notes of a Native Son*, explored racial, sexual, and class distinctions. His second novel, *Giovanni's Room*, explored homosexual relationships
- Very active in the Civil Rights Movement and the Gay Liberation Movement.
- Because he died in 1925, his original works are no longer protected by copyright.

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Gertrude Stein & Alice Toklas

- An American novelist and playwright at the turn of the 20th century
- Stein's copyrights have only expired in the past three years.
- One of Stein's most famous works, *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*, was written from the point of view of her life partner, Alice Toklas, a member of the Parisian avant garde in the early 20th century
- Stein hosted Parisian salons with notable artists of the day, including Picasso, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and many others



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Leonard Bernstein

- 20th century American conductor, composer, and pianist, widely considered one of the most talented and successful musicians in American history
- Died in 1990, leaving behind dozens of works, including ballets, operas, musicals, and orchestral pieces
- Bernstein's work is still protected by copyright



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Jim Fitterling

- A leader of IP driven company as CEO for Dow, a member company of the Intellectual Property Owners Association.
- Named *#1 LGBT+ Executive on the "OUTstanding in Business"* list in 2018.
- Often credited as being the first openly gay CEO of a Fortune 100 company.



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Abby Stein

- Transwoman and outspoken advocate for being true to yourself.
- Thought to be the first openly transgender woman raised in a Hasidic community, an experience she chronicles in her memoir, “Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman”, for which she holds the 2019 copyright.
- Regular speaker to the Jewish community with her initial goal to notify the Hasidic community to “become transphobic- because that would mean they recognize we exist.”



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David Geffen

- Leader of IP driven businesses and an IP owner himself of trademarks and copyrights.
- Billionaire and co-founder of Asylum Records (1971) and DreamWorks SKG.
- Donated millions towards UCLA's Westwood Playhouse (now Geffen Playhouse), School of Medicine at UCLA (now David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA) and David Geffen Hall in New York.
- *Out* magazine listed Geffen first on a list of "Most Powerful Gay Men and Women in America."



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Lord John Browne of Madingley

- Was the Chief Executive of an IP and brand driven company, British Petroleum, where he was critical of building its brand.
- Stated that he was a gay man in big oil for 40 or more years.



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Tim Cook

- CEO of Apple Inc., a company that thrives on invention and creativity.
- Credited with being the first chief executive of a Fortune 500 company to publicly come out as gay and has credited those who fought for LGBTQ rights for his success.
- Apple is a member of IPO and has been at the forefront of the development of patent and copyright jurisprudence.



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Dr. Martine Rothblatt

- Lawyer and pioneer in satellite industry
- Founder of Sirius XM Radio and founder and CEO of United Therapeutics.
- Holds patents from her work in satellites and in medicine.
- After her daughter became ill with an “orphan” lung disease, she organized and pursued research to find a cure.
- Transgender woman who is married to her wife of 32 years.



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Dr. Carolyn Bertozzi

- Professor at Stanford, winner of a MacArthur “Genius” fellowship, and a long list of awards and honors.
- Has started biotech companies and also worked with major pharmaceutical companies. She is the inventor on U.S. patents in this important area.
- Has been called a “glycoscience evangelist” for illuminating the importance of the sugar structures coating our cells.
- Lives with her wife and three children.



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Vaughan Walker, U.S.D.J. ret.

- First known gay person to serve as a federal district judge.
- Was on the bench for the Northern District of California in San Francisco from 1989 to 2011, and presided over many IP cases, including the *Apple v. Microsoft* copyright case.



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Dr. Sally K. Ride Ph.D

- Was an American astronaut and physicist.
- Joined NASA in 1978 was the first American woman in space in 1983.
- Together with her partner, Tam O'Shaughnessy, wrote and copyrighted several books on space travel and advocated STEM education for girls.
- Was a professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego.



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Senator Tammy Baldwin

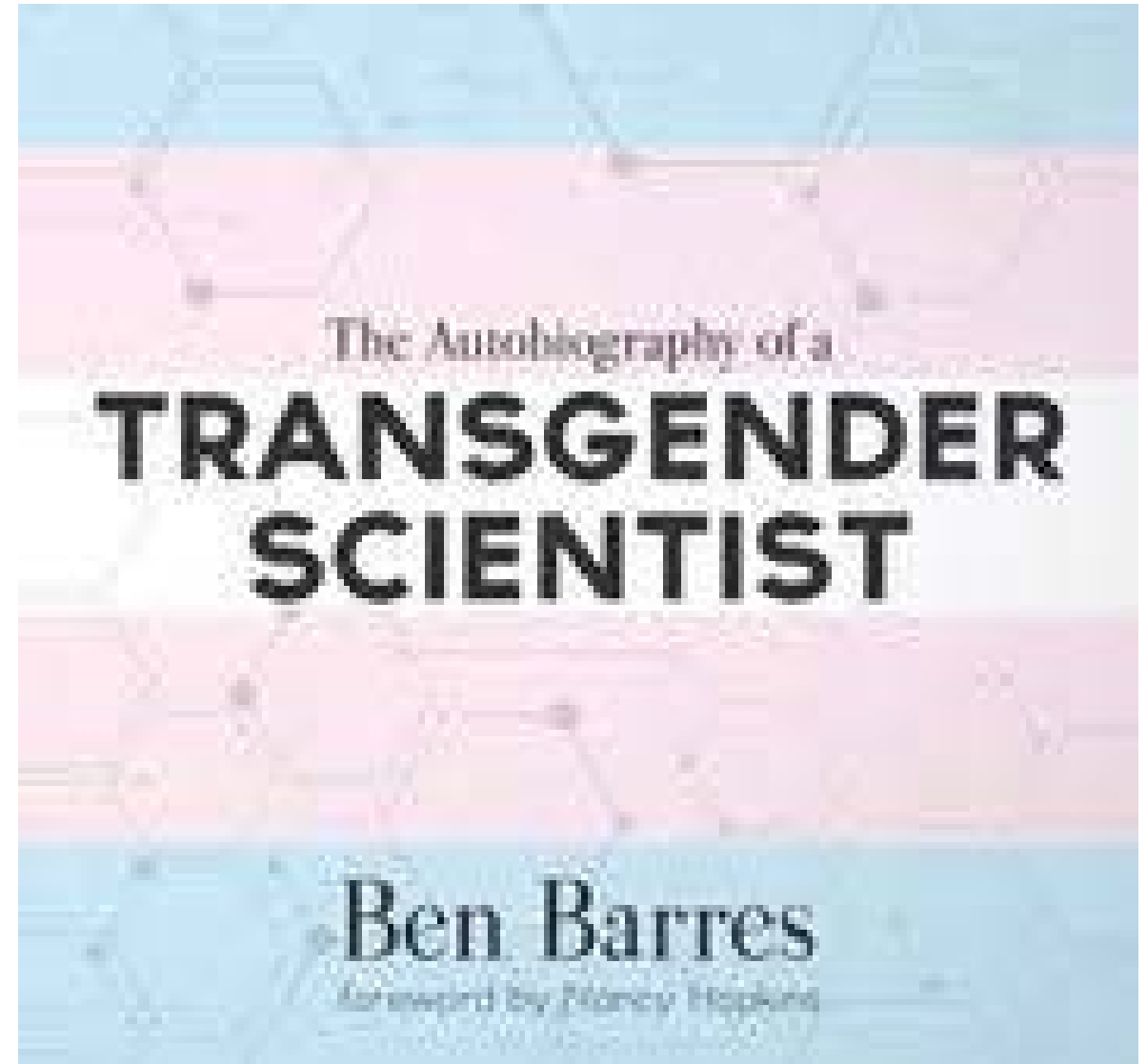
- First openly lesbian person elected to US Senate (Wisconsin)
- Advocate for inventors and authors, having introduced S.977 - American Royalties Too Act of 2015, to help authors collect royalties; S.23 - Copyright and Marriage Equality Act, which protected rights of spouses so long as legally married under prevailing state law; S.926 - Grace Period Restoration Act of 2015, to amend the America Invents Act to improve inventors' rights in applying for patents;



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Dr. Ben A. Barres

- Prominent transman scientist who became the Chairman of Stanford Medical School's Neurobiology Department in 2008.
- Was the inventor of fundamental patents in modulation of brain synapses.
- Advocate for gender equality in science.



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RuPaul Charles

- RuPaul is both the stage name and registered trademark owned by RuPaul Charles: A performer, producer, writer, and actor.
- RuPaul is indifferent to gender pronouns, saying, “You can call me he. You can call me she. You can call me Regis and Kathie Lee; I don't care! Just as long as you call me.”

