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**ALLEN GINSBERG and GLORIA STEINEM host a benefit for
THE COMMITTEE FOR LESBIAN AND GAY STUDIES**

The Committee for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS) will have its first fund raising event on Friday, November 17 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at The Reception Hall, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 33 West 42nd Street. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door.

The Hon. Bella Abzug, Judy Collins and Jules Feiffer are committee members for the evening. Also serving are Pulitzer Prize winners Richard Howard and David J. Garrow; authors Edmund White, Susan Brownmiller, Ned Rorem, Larry Kramer, and Vivian Gornick; gay community leaders Virginia Apuzzo of the governor's office, Lee Hudson of the mayor's office and Nan Hunter of the ACLU; and Harold Proshansky, president of the CUNY Graduate Center.

The benefit will be celebrating the publication of **HIDDEN FROM HISTORY: RECLAIMING THE GAY AND LESBIAN PAST**, edited by **MARTIN BAUML DUBERMAN, MARTHA VICINUS, and GEORGE CHAUNCEY JR.** (New American Library). This path breaking anthology is a milestone in gay and lesbian studies. It moves in time from the ancient world to the present day, drawing from various national

histories to reveal a complex, diverse and rich historic record, one previously unavailable.

CLAGS was formed three years ago to establish the first university-affiliated research center in this country for scholarship relating to lesbians and gays. CLAGS has sponsored public forums and colloquia on such topics as the new research on lesbian and gay history, issues of ethics and evidence in gay scholarship, and studies on the portrayal of lesbians and gay men in the fine arts. CLAGS is in the process of becoming formally incorporated at The Graduate Center of The City University of New York.

The evening is being underwritten by Christopher Street Financial Inc., New American Library, and Absolut Citron Vodka and Bombay Sapphire Gin.

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