

About Equality Forum

Equality Forum is a nonprofit 501(c)3 national and international Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization with an educational focus. The organization coordinates LGBT History Month, produces documentary films, undertakes high-impact initiatives and presents an annual international LGBT civil rights summit, which will be held during the Democratic National Convention in 2016.

Equality Forum's events are produced in collaboration with learning institutions, professional associations, research centers, for profit companies and nonprofit organizations.



Malcolm Lazin

Executive Director, Equality Forum

Malcolm Lazin is the founder and executive director of Equality Forum and LGBT History Month. As an LGBT civil rights activist, he is also an educator and the executive producer of three award-winning documentary films: "JIM IN BOLD," "Gay Pioneers," and "Saint of 9/11."

Lazin is a former federal prosecutor who served as a commissioner and subsequently the chair of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, the principal state agency investigating organized crime. He led an extensive corruption probe into the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA's) low-income mortgage insurance programs, which resulted in more than 20 convictions, including the largest FHA mortgage company in Pennsylvania

and top officials of the Management Section of the Philadelphia FHA Insuring Office.

Lazin's accomplishments as a city developer and entrepreneur include developing the Philadelphia waterfront; conceiving the idea and seeing to completion the lighting of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge; and chairing the Washington Square Committee, through which he led a 13-year effort culminating in the inclusion of Washington Square—the largest revolutionary war burial site—into Independence National Historical Park.

Lazin has received numerous awards, including the U.S. Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, the Department of Justice's highest honor; the Creative Leadership in Human Rights Award from the National Education Association; and the Lifetime Hero Award of the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund. He was also named a Prime Mover of the Hunt Alternatives Fund.

Lazin serves as an adjunct professor at the New College of Florida and an Emeritus Trustee of Lebanon Valley College. He has presented lectures on LGBT civil rights at high schools, colleges and national meetings in the United States and Canada.

He resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Sarasota, Florida; and Santa Fe, New Mexico.



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