



## **'Documenting Life at the Belmont Rocks' lecture, April 19**

CHICAGO, IL -- LGBTQ author and historian Owen Keehnen and Carmelo Esterrich, an associate professor at Columbia College, will discuss Keehnen's efforts to preserve and disseminate the legacy of the Belmont Rocks, a renowned site of Chicago LGBTQ history for decades.

The Rocks is the famed stretch of land along Chicago's lakefront that was once the only safe place for LGBTQ people to gather in the daylight.

"Preserving Us: Documenting Life at the Belmont Rocks" will probe the history of this now-erased feature of Chicago's queer life, followed by a Q&A with the audience.

The lecture will take place at Columbia College, 624 S. Michigan Ave., room 301, on Thursday, April 19, 5:30-7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Visit the [event website](#) for more information.