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The ACLU of Utah, chartered in 1958, operates through public education, legal advocacy, litigation, and lobbying at both the state and local levels to ensure the constitutional rights and freedoms of everyone living in or visiting Utah. Our Mission is to defend and promote the fundamental principles and values embodied in the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution, including the freedom of speech and religion, and the right to privacy, equality, and due process for all Utahns.

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On the Cover: Enjoying the winter sun on the front steps of the Utah Capitol are (L-R) Marina Lowe, Brittney Nystrom, Nikila Venugopal, and Jason Groth, after meeting with Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson in January 2022.

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After every session of the Utah Legislature, we publish a report about our lobbying work—both wins and losses—at the Utah Capitol. Check out the complete **2022 Legislative Report** at our website (www.acluutah.org) and enjoy this summary of several high-profile bills and issues our team of attorneys, organizers, lobbyists, and issue experts worked on. You can also click or scan the QR codes below to access audio, video, or media clips showcasing the ACLU of Utah's work.

H.B. 147 Death Penalty Modifications

Rep. Lowry Snow (R-Santa Clara)

After a pause in 2021, the effort to repeal Utah's death penalty resumed this year with Rep. Snow's bill to replace the death penalty with two options: 1) life without parole, 2) or a new 45 year-to-life sentence. Backed by the chief prosecutors from Utah, Summit, Grand and Salt Lake counties, and boosted by a visit from Bryan Stevenson, the well-known death penalty opponent, lawyer, and author of *Just Mercy*, the repeal effort received significant publicity early in the session. Repeal proponents argued in op-eds and media appearances that Utah's death penalty system was both broken and caused harm to victim's family members through prolonged appeals, all while costing the state tens of millions of dollars. Also joining the repeal effort was Sharon Wright Weeks, whose sister and niece were murdered in the 1984 American Fork killings profiled in the best-selling book, *Under the Banner of Heaven*. Unfortunately, the bill never received support from legislative leadership or the Utah Attorney General's office. During its first and only committee hearing, opponents of repeal used emotional testimony from victim's family members and raised concerns about continued litigation for current death row inmates to defeat the bill in a 6-5 vote.

H.B. 371 Voting Revisions

Rep. Phil Lyman (R-Blanding)

Claiming title as the worst bill of the session is a competitive sport in Utah, but H.B. 371 won it handily in 2022. Not only did this bill completely remove mail-in voting as Utah's main election method, but also scrapped ballot drop boxes and limited absentee ballots to voters who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day. But wait, there's more. The bill also severely limited voter registration efforts and required the state to conduct a sham ballot review. Plus, the fiscal cost of the bill totaled millions of dollars for the state and counties to retool the way Utahns vote. Because H.B. 371 failed in its first and only committee hearing in a 3-7 vote, Utah can remain a national model for safe, secure, and accessible elections.

But we are still concerned that the persistent supporters of this bill will continue to attack Utah's vote-by-mail system and other key reforms like Election Day registration in 2022 and beyond.



H.B. 11 Student Eligibility in Interscholastic Activities

Rep. Kera Birkeland (R-Morgan)

Just hours before the end of the 2022 session, Republican lawmakers re-wrote this bill to make it an outright ban on transgender youth playing sports in Utah. This surprise move supplanted a compromise that required transgender athletes to seek approval from a state-appointed commission before playing sports that matched their gender identifies. The language switch also happened after months of seemingly good-faith negotiations between lawmakers and transgender advocates in which almost no one involved indicated a desire to enact a discriminatory ban. Although blindsided by this last-minute change, advocates and their supporters in the Utah Senate mounted a strong attack against the bill before the chamber passed it in a 16-13 vote. But between the Senate vote, and the required House vote to confirm the changes, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox held a late-night news conference to announce he would veto the new bill, saying he was “very disappointed in the process” that led to the transgender sports ban.

After Gov. Cox vetoed H.B. 11 on March 24, the Utah Legislature held a special session to override the veto on March 25. H.B. 11’s ban on transgender youth will become law on July 1, 2022, unless courts overturn it. In a statement released to the press, the ACLU of Utah publicly announced that litigation to stop H.B.11 from taking effect is “both necessary and inevitable.” We believe that discriminating against transgender athletes not only prevents them from experiencing the sense of confidence and inclusion associated with team sport, but it also compounds the exclusion and trauma far too many transgender Utahns already experience



H.B. 257 Public Prosecutor Modifications

Rep. Kay Christofferson (R-Lehi)

In recent years, reforming the criminal legal system enjoyed support from many stakeholders based on strong evidence that more arrests, tougher sentences, and larger jails was discriminatory, expensive, and ineffective at reducing recidivism. But now we are seeing a backlash to reform by tough-on-crime proponents, especially against prosecutors who want to reduce mass incarceration, focus on rehabilitation, and prioritize community healing rather than costly retribution. This movement inspired H.B. 257, a bill that in its first draft eliminated much of the flexibility of prosecutors to make case-by-case decisions about how they file charges. Prosecutors use their professional latitude to consider special circumstances related to a case and make charging determinations based on their judgement and experience. The final draft of H.B. 257 is less problematic than the original, but it still chips away at this discretion by limiting when a prosecutor may file a misdemeanor rather than a felony charge. It pushes a prosecutor’s hand to make decisions weighted to seek maximum charges and penalties regardless of public safety concerns, input from victims and other mitigating factors. We believe the prosecutorial discretion is crucial to making actual justice more achievable, and that H.B. 257 is a step backward in making our criminal legal system work better and more efficiently.

You can read ACLU of Utah Deputy Legal Director Jason Groth’s op-ed in the *Salt Lake Tribune* opposing H.B. 257



2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Replace the Death Penalty

Protect Transgender Youth

Improve Cell Phone Data Privacy

Defend Indigenous Rights in Utah Schools

Make it Easier to Expunge Juvenile Records

Defend Reproductive Freedom

Support Rights of Unsheltered People

Protect the Freedom to Vote in Utah

Preserve First Amendment Rights in Utah’s Schools

Pursue Justice Reform to Reduce Mass Incarceration

H.B. 374 Sensitive Materials in Schools

Rep. Ken Ivory (R-West Jordan)

Although lawmakers introduced four bills to scrutinize or censor books and teaching materials in Utah’s K-12 schools, only H.B. 374 advanced through both chambers to become law—and only after its language was amended to align with current First Amendment protections. The bill’s initial text defined “sensitive materials” as any image or description of actual or simulated sexual conduct, a dangerously broad scope that could ban everything from Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* to the young adult novel, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. It also threatened local school boards with civil judgements up to \$10,000 per incident unless they removed the challenged content from schools. During testimony in front of a House committee, the ACLU of Utah’s Lyla Mahmoud raised concerns that any increased censorship would target certain viewpoints and identifies, especially materials created by Black, brown, and LGBTQ authors, and not the actual language of their books. After recommendations by the ACLU and

legislators, Rep. Ivory altered his definition of sensitive materials to “pornographic or indecent material,” a category that is already prohibited in educational settings and is not protected by the First Amendment. With this change, the bill no longer violates the

First Amendment protections for books and curriculum in public schools, although we will remain vigilant in how it is enforced.



The “ACLU on the Hill” series produced six videos with interviews with staff members about the ACLU’s priority bills. Click on our channel: www.youtube.com/user/ACLUofUtah to watch these episodes.

S.B. 126 Officer Intervention And Reporting Amendments

Sen. Jani Iwamoto (D-Holladay)

Building on police reform legislation she sponsored in prior sessions, Sen. Iwamoto successfully passed this bill to require law enforcement officers to intervene and report any incident when another officer engages in misconduct, including using excessive force, conducting an unlawful search, or engaging in discrimination. The legislation also protects officers who speak up against threats or actions of retaliation for reporting misconduct by their colleagues. Created with input from groups ranging from the Salt Lake County District Attorney, the

Utah Chiefs of Police Assoc., and county sheriffs, plus key advocates like the Utah chapters of the NAACP and Black Lives Matter, as well as the ACLU of Utah, this bill received strong bipartisan support and passed the legislature without a single vote in opposition.



S.B. 216 Modifications to Driver License Examination

Sen. Luz Escamilla (D-Salt Lake City)

As the diversity of Utah’s population continues to grow, it is important that our laws reflect these changes to ensure that government serves all the people in our state. Presently, only approved asylees and refugees are allowed to take the written exam in another language when they first apply for or renew a limited-term driver’s license. S.B. 216 addresses these trends by requiring the state’s Driver License Division to provide the Class D driver’s license exam in five commonly spoken languages in the state other than English. To determine those languages, the bill requests the division to consult with the Division of Multicultural Affairs. We supported this bill because expanding the ability of the driver’s license division to provide the exam in other languages to more categories of individuals makes driving more accessible to more Utahns.



Lauren Beheshti, Immigrants’ Rights Policy Fellow

2021 Annual Report

BY THE NUMBERS

11 Public Speaking Engagements

697 New Donors

5,242 Total Members

150 Bills tracked and reviewed

767 Requests for assistance received and processed

8 Lawsuits in active litigation or recently resolved

67 Bills testified or amended

11,735 Facebook Followers

164 Media Hits

5,951 Twitter Followers

3,995 Instagram Followers

6 Op-eds

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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During 2021, our legal team fought hard, and won big, in more than one case where Utahns experienced serious violations of their civil rights. These victories impact all of us as they will change the way Utahns are policed, while also providing some justice for our clients. We also created a Campaigns Department that has already mobilized Utahns to rally for abortion access, speak out against gerrymandering, and learn more about utilizing their legal rights.



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Timeline of H.B. 11 at the Utah Legislature

On March 25, three weeks after the end of the 2022 Legislative Session, Utah lawmakers voted to override Gov. Spencer Cox's veto of the transgender sports ban (H.B. 11). This bill discriminates against transgender youth by blocking their full participation on sports teams. The legislative pathway followed by H.B. 11 stretches over many months and included plenty of twists and surprises. Let's review the timeline of how H.B. 11 survived a re-write and a veto to become law.

2021-22: Following the 2021 legislative session when this bill first emerged, the ACLU of Utah staff met many times with legislators, members of the Governor's staff, and allies like Equality Utah to advocate for a workable agreement that allowed transgender youth to participate in high school sports.



January 12, 2022: Rep. Kera Birkeland (R-Morgan) introduces H.B. 11 (Student Eligibility in Interscholastic Activities), which was quickly amended to include a compromise approach that required transgender students to receive clearance from a legislative-appointed commission to play sports.

BILL UPDATE

This bill will be heard in the Senate Business and Labor Committee on Wednesday, February 23 at 4pm.

H.B. 11 STUDENT ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION

A new version of this bill requires transgender students seeking to play on team sports to receive clearance from a legislative-appointed commission comprised of a physician, sports physiologist, therapist, coaches and other members.

The ACLU of Utah opposes this bill in its current format.

Rep. Kera Birkeland (R-Morgan)

March 4: On the last night of the session, Sen. Dan McCay re-wrote H.B. 11 on the Senate floor to create a total ban on transgender girls competing in middle school and high school sports. His new bill retained the commission system as a back-up option in case the ban is overturned by the courts. After a brief but intense debate, the revised H.B. 11 passes the Senate and House just hours before the end of the session

Tonight, we are disappointed in the Utah Senate passage of HB11's outright ban on transgender youth playing sports. We are also disappointed in the flawed process that re-wrote this bill just hours before the end of the legislative session—and after months of what we considered genuine negotiations. But what we are most concerned about is how transgender youth in Utah will wake up tomorrow to realize, once again, that a majority of their state legislature considers them threats instead of valued members of their communities.

This is not true.

At the ACLU of Utah, we will do everything in our power to defend their right to play sports while being who they are. And we are encouraged by Gov. Spencer Cox's immediate statement that he will veto HB11.

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ACLU of Utah Statement on the passage of H.B. 11 (March 4, 2022)



Timeline of H.B. 11 at the Utah Legislature (continued)

March 22: Utah Gov. Spencer Cox vetoes H.B. 11 as he pledged to do the last night of the session. Unusually, Cox published a 5-page letter explaining his veto decision.

March 24: Hundreds of people rallied at the Utah Capitol to encourage lawmakers to uphold Gov. Cox's veto of H.B. 11.



March 25: The ACLU of Utah publicly announces that litigation to stop H.B. 11 from taking effect is "both necessary and inevitable."

Cox vows to veto last-minute bill banning transgender girls in female school sports

The proposal offered up by Sen. Dan McCay dramatically altered a bill that had been under consideration for weeks.



Salt Lake Tribune, March 4, 2022

March 25: The Utah Legislature overrides Gov. Cox's veto of H.B. 11 after dozens of lawmakers switched their votes to support a total ban.

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Litigation to stop H.B. 11 from taking effect is now both **necessary and inevitable** to ensure Constitutional promises of equal protection for all Utahns."

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ACLU of Utah Statement after legislative override of H.B. 11 veto (March 25, 2022)

July 1 2022 : H.B. 11 will go into effect if it is not blocked by the courts first.

Deseret News **Opinion: Book banning is alive and well in Utah**

Adults' discomfort with or dislike of honest and accurate discussions of racism, anti-Blackness, sexism and other issues is not a valid justification to remove or limit access to a book



By Jason Groth

April 2, 2022

While banning books from school libraries may seem like something people did in the past, it is happening today in Utah.

Earlier this year, the ACLU of Utah intervened to stop the removal of two award-winning books from libraries in the Washington County School District. Last year, we investigated similar removals in Canyons School District. These examples of book censorship are not limited to Utah but join a larger coordinated attack across the nation on students' First Amendment right to access content free from viewpoint discrimination.

People who seek to ban books use the excuse that the material they target is "inappropriate" due to violent or sexual content. But the real reasons these books are being targeted is obvious to anyone who scans their titles and covers: The common denominator of banned books is their focus on race and LGBTQ+ issues.

Although students' rights under the First Amendment are subject to some restrictions at school, prohibiting or limiting students' access to library books because some parents or administrators disagree with their viewpoints is never allowed. Accordingly, adults' discomfort with or dislike of honest and accurate discussions of racism, anti-Blackness, sexism and other issues is not a valid justification to remove or limit access to a book.

This rule is especially important because public school libraries are places where diverse perspectives foster a resilient and educated democracy that can better navigate the realities of a pluralistic society.

In January, the ACLU of Utah received complaints from parents and community members from Washington County about the removal of two books from school libraries, "The Hate U Give" and "Out of Darkness." Like other recent attempts to ban books, the subject matter of these texts focused on racial justice issues.

We investigated the incidents and determined the books were withdrawn in violation of the First Amendment. Their removal was guided by biased, arbitrary procedures and because individuals and groups disagreed with ideas in the books. Such actions by school districts can violate the Constitution.

As a result, we sent the school district a letter demanding their reinstatement, and the school district complied and returned the books to library shelves.

This episode was not the first time we've taken on a book ban and won. In 2012, we sued Davis County School District when it required written parental permission for children to read "In Our Mothers' House," a book about a family with two mothers. Restricting access to certain books sends a problematic message to children, suggesting that something is wrong with the viewpoints expressed in these books, and in this case, a family with two parents of the same gender.

To settle the case, the district allowed the book to be available to all students without restrictions.

While the successful return of banned books to library shelves in Washington and Davis counties represent civil liberties victories, we remain vigilant to ensure the constitutional rights of all students in all Utah schools are protected. We are currently investigating another attempt to ban books in Canyons School District where nine books were initially removed before six were reportedly returned to the shelves. We also testified on these issues during the 2022 legislative session, underscoring the reality that removing books from schools because they contain "sensitive materials" may be used a pretext to silence Black, brown and LGBTQ+ authors and their communities.

We anticipate that attempts to stifle diverse viewpoints will continue in school districts across Utah. We will not relent in protecting the First Amendment and student rights, especially where Black, Indigenous, people of color and LGBTQ+ communities are continuously targeted and harmed by these efforts.

Their perspectives and lived experiences cannot and should not be erased from our libraries.

If you are concerned about book banning in your community, you may contact your local elected officials, your local school board and the Utah State Board of Education. It is important that elected officials and school administrators hear your opinion about why unconstitutional book bans are bad for your community. You may also submit a complaint with the ACLU of Utah so we can review and address these issues. Together, we can protect the First Amendment for Utah students and future generations.

Staff Updates

The ACLU of Utah has welcomed nine new staff over the last year. Let's meet them.

Billy Palmer, Community Organizer



Billy Palmer joined the ACLU of Utah as a Community Organizer in January of 2022 after spending five years as a host and associate producer of the public affairs show RadioACTIVE on KRCL 90.9 FM. While at KRCL, he also served as the Director of Civic Engagement. Billy also has a background in filmmaking, music promotion, as well as swing dance performance and choreography. Billy comes to the ACLU with 20 years of activism and grassroots movement building on a local and national level. Among many focuses he has worked around issues of economic equality, human rights, gender equity, anti-black and indigenous policy, youth empowerment, and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse. A resident of Salt Lake City's Westside, and father of three adult children, Billy enjoys spending time with family, live performances of many sorts, film festivals and traveling as often as possible.

Cassidy Blue Intake Coordinator



Cassidy Blue joined the ACLU of Utah as the Intake Coordinator in December 2021 after working for three years as the Victim Advocate Coordinator for the Washington City Police Department. As a victim advocate, Cassidy helped people who had experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other crimes find justice, safety, healing, and peace. She is especially proud of the bilingual assistance she provided to the Hispanic community in Washington County, as Spanish-speaking resources are limited in this area of the state. Cassidy is a 2018 graduate of Dixie State University with a B.S degree in Criminal Justice and an emphasis in Criminology and a minor in Spanish. As a passionate advocate for women's, immigrants', and LGBTQ+ rights, Cassidy is thrilled to be at the ACLU of Utah. During her free time, Cassidy enjoys traveling, reading, volunteering, going for walks, crowd surfing at heavy metal concerts, playing the accordion, and watching British dramas on Netflix.

Eric Carlson Development & Finance Coordinator



Eric Carlson joined the ACLU of Utah in December of 2021 after several years field organizing for both local and federal political campaigns, as well as gathering signatures for a recent ballot initiative. Prior to his campaign work, Eric did video and multimedia production in the fields of entertainment, news, and education. Always interested in supporting people to live their own best lives, however 'best' is defined for them, he also certified and practiced as a personal life coach. Eric studied at the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College, where he was a founding member of SLCC's Lesbian & Gay Student Union, before earning a BFA from the San Francisco Art Institute at a time when politicians were debating the very existence of public funding for the arts and whether to increase limits on individuals' freedom of expression. As someone who has always been passionate about social justice, civil liberties and personal action, Eric is excited to begin a new chapter supporting an organization that reflects those values.

Staff Updates (continued)

Megan Peterson, Paralegal



Megan Peterson joined the ACLU of Utah as a Paralegal in November of 2021. Previously, she worked as a paralegal at a private law firm that specializes in criminal defense and family law. Before entering the legal industry, she earned a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah in Strategic Communication. As a student, Megan served as the Lead Coordinator and Student Board Representative for the Scholars program at the Bennion Community Service Center and worked as an intern at the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism and at the Office of the Utah Governor. Megan enjoys volunteering in her spare time and is currently serving as a Court Appointed Support Advocate at the Office of Guardian ad Litem, a division of the Utah Courts which provides attorneys to represent the best interests of children and teens in cases of alleged abuse, neglect, and dependency. Megan is thrilled to be working at the ACLU of Utah, an organization dedicated to making our Utah community a more just place for all.

Tyrell Aagard Development Director



Tyrell Aagard joined the ACLU of Utah as the Development Director in March 2022. Previously, he worked in development positions at Utah Food Bank and Volunteers of America, Utah, focused on grant acquisition, relationship management, and event planning. Alongside those roles, he served in a variety of volunteer leadership positions in Utah politics, including as the President of the Young Democrats of Utah and the First Vice Chair of the Salt Lake County Democratic Party. A lifelong Utahn, Tyrell grew up in rural Juab County and moved to Salt Lake City to attend the University of Utah where he earned a B.S. in Political Science. He is currently enrolled as a Master of Business Administration student at Western Governors University. Tyrell is excited to bring his skills and experience in relationship building to the ACLU of Utah to boost its mission of protecting the rights for all people in Utah. He lives in Salt Lake City with his partner.

Ulekeya Trawally Digital Communications Strategist



Ulekeya Trawally joined the ACLU of Utah in February 2022 as the affiliate’s first Digital Communication Strategist. Previously, she worked as a Social Media and Marketing intern for One Refugee, a non-profit organization that assists individuals from a refugee background who are attending college. She is a recent graduate and earned a bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies with a minor in Sociology and Marketing, from Utah State University. She studied communications because it offers a wide variety of career options, and she has as a passion for creating and mapping out social media strategies and initiatives to digital platforms. When Ulekeya is not working you can find her chasing her toddler daughter or watching Korean dramas on Netflix. She is excited to be working for the ACLU of Utah and hopes to create meaningful connection and difference within the organization.

Staff Updates (continued)

Cam Welburn, Human Resources Manager



Cam Welburn joined the ACLU of Utah as the Human Resource Manager in June 2021. Cam earned a Bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science with a minor in Sociology from the University of Utah. Previously, he worked in the mental health field, first with clients and later in administration where he innovated company policy and patient practices regarding race, gender, and sexuality. Building human resources infrastructure from the ground up in several workplaces, Cam has created and implemented new evaluation systems, compensation practices, and training procedures during his professional career. Cam also volunteers with local organizations and charities to help minority populations, including serving as the chair of community outreach for the unofficial LGBTQ student organization at Brigham Young University called Understanding Sexuality, Gender, and Allyship (USGA). During his spare time, Cam enjoys outdoor sports like skiing, boating, and hiking.

Lyla Mahmoud joined the ACLU of Utah as Legislative & Policy Counsel in January 2022 just a week before the start of the Utah Legislative Session. Earlier in her career, Lyla served as a public defender at the Marion County Public Defender Agency in Indianapolis, Indiana, and at the Legal Defenders Association in Salt Lake City. She received a bachelor's degree with honors from Indiana University, where she began her social justice work as a Masarachia Scholar. Through this scholarship, she was introduced to grassroots organizing, where she worked on campaigns for unions, women's rights and racial equity. These experiences inspired her to pursue a career in public interest law, leading her to receive a law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law with recognition for her many hours of pro bono work while in law school. She is admitted to practice law in both Indiana and Utah.

She enjoys skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, and any activity that gets her outside.

Lyla Mahmoud, Legislative & Policy Counsel



Lauren Beheshti Immigrants' Rights Policy Fellow



Lauren Beheshti joined the ACLU of Utah in June 2021 as the Immigrants' Rights Policy Fellow to support the ACLU of Utah's legislative and policy efforts to maintain and advance the rights of immigrants and refugees in the state of Utah. Lauren brings several years of direct work experience serving immigrants and refugees as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher and nonprofit program manager. Prior to joining the ACLU, she directed a program that provided financial and basic needs support to undocumented individuals facing financial adversity brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Originally from Park City, Utah, Lauren completed a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Spanish at Seattle University. She holds a master's degree in International Migration and Public Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Lauren loves speaking Spanish, exploring Utah's outdoor landscapes, traveling, and advocating for fair and just treatment of immigrants and refugees who she knows are essential contributors to and members of our society.

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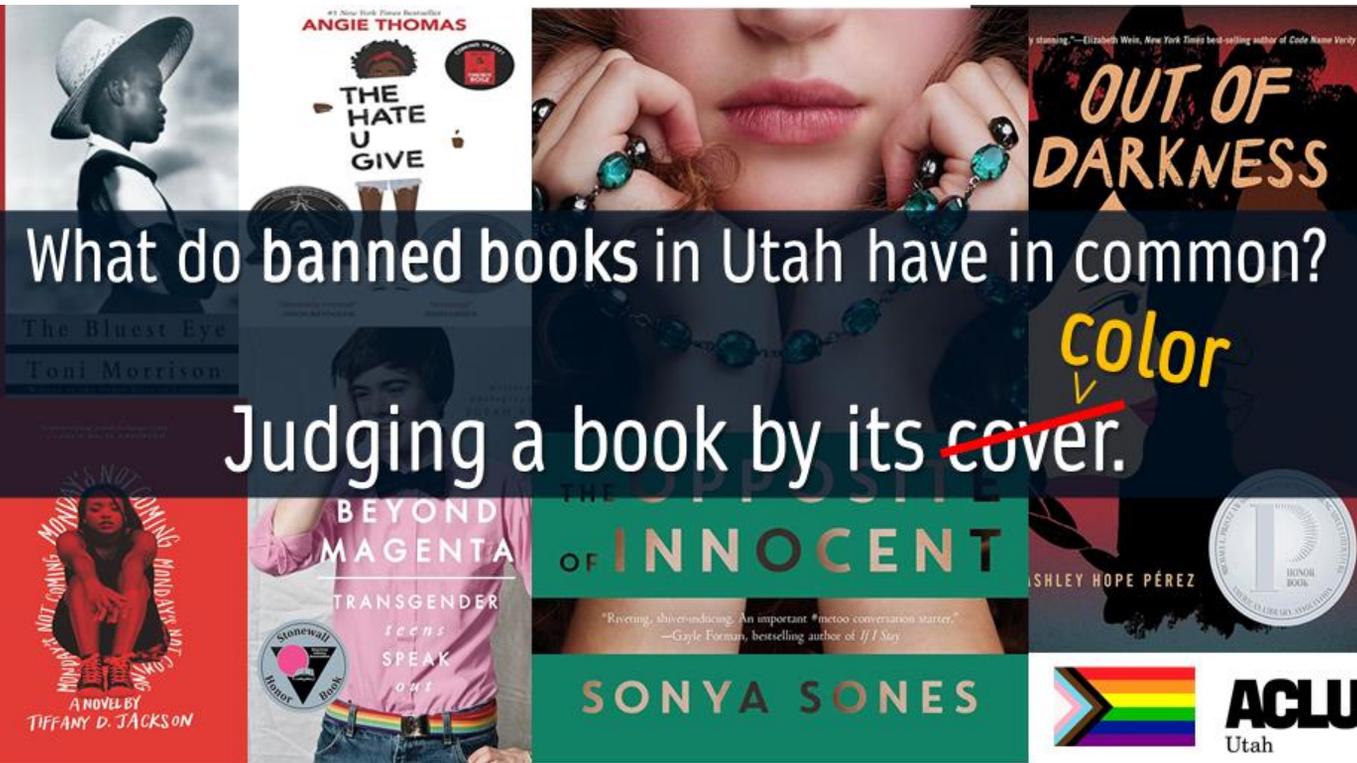
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT

Margarita Satini never stopped... As founder and chair of the Utah Pacific Islander Civic Engagement Coalition, she brought new groups into the political process. For the 2020 Census, she organized and spoke up to ensure all communities were counted.

When the pandemic arrived, Satini joined the COVID Community Partnership to promote education, prevention, and testing in underserved areas. Words like "powerhouse," "dynamo," and "passionate" followed in her wake.

Far too soon, she died at age 50 of complications from Covid-19 in October 2020.



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- Protect Transgender Health
- Sign up for Text Alerts
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- Legislative Homepage
- Make it Easier to Evacuate
- Repeal the Freedom of Information Act
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