



A SAMPLING OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA® IN THE NEWS FROM 2013

[NUMBER OF STATES ALLOWING GAY MARRIAGE EXPECTED TO GROW](#) - National Public Radio panel interview, includes MEUSA's Ned Flaherty, reviews marriage equality in 2013 and previews 2014, 25 December 2013.

"What happened in '13 was really the culmination of about 20 years' worth of work nationwide, not only in the states that achieved equality, but in a lot of other states as well that are now poised to reap that benefit in the near future."

[MEUSA launches National Equality Action Team](#) - San Diego Gay & Lesbian News (SDGLN), 3 October 2013

"Marriage Equality USA (MEUSA) is launching the National Equality Action Team (NEAT), a coalition of almost 50 local, state and national organizations and individual organizers mobilizing volunteers to win the freedom to marry in states with active marriage equality campaigns."

[INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN SILVA OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA](#) - 429 Magazine on dot429.com, 6 August 2013

"The ruling last month was a tremendous boost to the movement, bringing full marriage equality to 12 states and DC... But we also know there are 37 states where, when you visit there or if you live there, you're treated as a second class citizen. So there's still a lot of work to do. It's not inevitable. It will only happen by getting involved, volunteering, and continuing to support the entire community."

[No Honey, No Money: States That Hate Will Ultimately Lose Out](#) - HUFFPOST GAY VOICES blog post by Udi Behr featuring MEUSA Board Members Cathy Marino-Thomas and Robert Voorheis, 15 July 2013

"Two weeks ago I was walking down Fifth Avenue with Cathy, Sheila, Michael and Robert, four great people who make two great couples." "...I felt privileged to walk with these warriors who have fought for marriage equality from the start to the now-nearing end!"

[Taking Pride in Marriage Equality: San Francisco, June 2013](#) - Bay Times Guest Column by MEUSA Social Media Director Thom Watson, 11 July 2013.

"... Pride week saw one more brick pried loose from the wall of inequality and indignity, and brought us one week closer to that wall tumbling completely into dust. It offered a ray of hope that all state marriage bans might soon be a thing of the past, albeit tempered with disappointment that the Court's procedural punt in the Prop 8 case forestalled a sweeping decision that could have brought marriage equality to all Americans now rather than later. It demonstrated real progress for LGBT equality; however unevenly distributed it might be for now. And, to many LGBT Americans and their most intimate relationships and their families, though regrettably not all, it accorded greater "dignity," to use a word frequently repeated by Justice Kennedy in his majority opinion overturning DOMA Section 3."

[WHAT'S NEXT FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY, INCLUDING MEUSA E.D. BRIAN SILVA](#) - HUFFPOST LIVE, 11 July 2013

Now that the Supreme Court struck down DOMA and allowed same-sex marriage to resume in California, marriage equality advocates hope to continue their gains through elections and lawsuits at the state and federal levels. How realistic are their goals?

Brian Silva: 5:55-7:48, 15:12-16:02, 20:54-22:46, 23:25-24:3

[LGBT MOVEMENT WINS DEFEAT OF DOMA & PROP 8, FUELING MOMENTUM FOR NEXT STEPS IN FIGHT FOR EQUALITY](#) - Democracy NOW! interview with MEUSA Media director Stuart Gaffney and

Director of Legal and Policy John Lewis, 27 June 2013

"...what I thought was bone-striking about both DOMA decisions was how much the court talked about the dignity and respect that should be due loving, committed same-sex couples. And in that case, they were talking about couples who are legally married already. They said that this so-called Defense of Marriage Act, which injures loving, committed same-sex couples, demeans their dignity and that it is a humiliation for their children. So, in these terms that the court talked about, about how important laws that hurt lesbian and gay people are to our basic humanity, I think this case is going to serve as a very important precedent as the movement continues, with of course the eventual goal of having a ruling from the United States Supreme Court that says every American, regardless of who you are, who you love, that you have a fundamental right to marry in whatever state you live in this nation."

[FORMER SF MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM RECOGNIZED AS HERO OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY FIGHT](#) - KRON TV Newscast, 29 May 2013

0:00-1:40

"It's a night of celebration. The organization Marriage Equality USA is honoring who they are calling heroes of the movement for same-sex marriage." "...Marriage Equality USA says the fight for same-sex marriage has been a long one, but says that, ultimately, the hard work will pay off."

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY SPECIAL FOR KOFY TV GUIDE TO PRIDE](#) - Interviews with California Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom, MEUSA Media Director Stuart Gaffney and his husband MEUSA Legal Director John Lewis, MEUSA's Social Media Director Thom Watson and his fiancée Jeff Tabaco, 29 May 2013.

5:20-12:49

"Marriage Equality USA really believes in couples telling their own stories, and their families and their loved ones and supporters, in their own words, saying what marriage equality means to them. And, that's really what's changing the hearts and minds of America today."

['WAR BABY' IS SOMETHING TO SEE, IF YOU CAN LET GO](#) - MEUSA Media Director Stuart Gaffney is featured in museum exhibition of Mixed Race Asian American Art. Chicago Tribune article written by Lori Waxman, 8 May 2013.

Page 2, third paragraph: "Surprisingly, the most moving work in "War Baby/Love Child" may be one that deals with mixed-race wedlock as historical parallel rather than main focus. Stuart Gaffney's *Muni to the Marriage* recounts the day in 2004 when he and his partner of 17 years were wed, after San Francisco became the first city in the country to recognize same-sex unions. Flashback some 50 years to the day when Gaffney's Chinese-American mother and white father were themselves finally married, after the overturning of California's anti-miscegenation laws. Today laws against interracial coupling would be unthinkable. Gaffney's strategy, as logical as it is emotionally affecting, is to suggest that one day it will be just as unthinkable to outlaw marriage based on sexual orientation."

[OUTTAKE VOICES: CATHY MARINO-THOMAS AND MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA](#) - Audio interview, Charlotte Robinson host of OUTTAKE VOICES™ talks with Cathy Marino-Thomas, 6 May 2013

RE: Jason Collins - "I feel that any step forward and any coming out experience is a good one. So for the most part it's a fabulous thing; I just feel a little slighted on behalf of all the female athletes that have been in fact living out lives for a long time..."

[WINNING RHODE ISLAND AND BEYOND, BY MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR THOM WATSON](#) - Editorial SF Bay Times, 2 May 2013

"It turns out that being open, honest and out of the closet – telling our stories, in our own words, to the people already in our lives – is among the very best tools we have to ensure our equality. That is a 'lifestyle' worth promoting."

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRIAN SILVA ON GOOGLE PRIDEPLUS HANGOUT](#) - If we win? If we lose? - *PridePlus Hangout Series*, 28 March 2013

"We continue to organize, we continue to educate, we continue to take action." "...we know that history is

on our side, we know that the numbers are on our side, and we know that polling is on our side."

NOTE: "Don't sit and wait. What can you do right now..." provided by Brian beginning at 25:12.

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRIAN SILVA ON HUFFPOST LIVE](#) - DOMA at SCOTUS Predictions, 28 March 2013

"... this is about real people... when it comes down to it this is about families across America that just want to have the same protections as everybody else."

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA LEADERS STUART GAFFNEY AND JOHN LEWIS ON DEMOCRACY NOW!](#) - 27, March 2013

"The historic moment hanging over these cases is incredible—the atmosphere is electric."

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRIAN SILVA ON HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS](#) - 1:36-4:32, The Politics of Gay Marriage, 26 March 2013

"The folks in favor of marriage equality are sticking around!"

[LIGHT THE WAY TO JUSTICE RALLY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT](#) Speech by MEUSA's Cathy Marino-Thomas begins at 01:15:19; speech by MEUSA's Stuart Gaffney and John Lewis begins at 2:29:32 (pauses at 2:30:35 while folks start coming out of the court) and resumes at 2:32:30; *Gay Marriage Supporters Host Rally Outside Supreme Court*, CSPAN, 26 March 2013

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRIAN SILVA WITH THOMAS ROBERTS ON MSNBC LIVE](#) - 2:16-6:24, during the Prop 8 hearing, in front of the United States Supreme Court, 26 March 2013

"America is ready for marriage equality!" "...it's very hard to deny rights to people who you work with and live with and are family with every single day."

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA'S BOARD CO-PRESIDENT IS PROFILED IN CURVE MAGAZINE](#) - 20 March 2013, April 2013 issue of [Curve](#).

"There is simply no other way to grant these rights to another individual in exactly the same way with the same level of protection as a marriage license."

[MARRIAGE EQUALITY USA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRIAN SILVA DISCUSSES MARRIAGE EQUALITY SUPPORT ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM WITH THOMAS ROBERTS ON MSNBC LIVE](#) - 19 March 2013

"There's a reason I'm standing here with a big smile on my face - you know, it's been a great time for marriage equality. We have folks across the political spectrum, across the age spectrum, across the faith spectrum..."

[STATE OF OUR UNIONS 2013](#) - Article Written by MEUSA Social Media Director Thom Watson and MEUSA Legal Director John Lewis for *GO Magazine* 6 February 2013

"This year, advocates will work to secure full marriage equality in Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Rhode Island and perhaps Minnesota; to pass civil union legislation in Colorado; to repeal existing bans in Minnesota and Ohio; and to hold back potential bans in Indiana and Iowa. Very recently, marriage equality and domestic partnership bills also have been introduced in Wyoming, along with a marriage equality bill in New Mexico. Although we can't yet predict their likelihood of passage, one very positive note is that the Wyoming bills have bipartisan sponsorship."

NOTE: Indiana did not pursue the ban this year and Wyoming defeated its marriage and domestic partnership bills. However, everything was accurate as of the time the article went to press.