# Michel Foucault

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*born: October 15, 1926*
*died: June 25, 1984*

**“It’s not enough to affirm that we are gay, but we must also create a gay life.”**
**-Michel Foucault**

Michel Foucault is an official honoree today for GLBT History Month 2009.

He was a French philosopher, sociologist and educator. He is best known for his studies of psychiatry, the prison system and human sexuality.

His major books include: *Madness and Civilization* (1961); *The Order of Things* (1966); and *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison* (1975).

He planned a six-volume project titled *The History of Sexuality*. The first three volumes were published just before his death. The first volume seriously influenced LGBT thinking.

Foucault died of AIDS-related complications at age 58.

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