

# *Such a Bittersweet Day*

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## **SUCH A BITTERSWEET DAY: MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN THE WAKE OF PROP 8 TO BE RELEASE DECEMBER 10, 2009**

San Francisco (November 27, 2009) *Such a Bittersweet Day: Marriage Equality in the Wake of Prop 8* is the forthcoming book about the post-Prop 8 marriage equality movement by photographer Geoffrey King and historian Sunny Angulo. The book also features an introduction by San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera, one of the principle architects of the legal fight for marriage equality in California. The book uses black and white photography and oral histories to document civil disobedience, rallies, a civil rights march from Berkeley to Sacramento, and protests at the California Supreme Court and elsewhere between the dates of November 5, 2008 and November 25, 2009.

*Such a Bittersweet Day* will be released on December 10, 2009 and will be available in a main edition and a deluxe limited edition. Additionally, the limited edition will be housed in an archival box with tipped-in print and will also include a loose, signed, museum-quality print suitable for framing.

\* One hundred percent of the net proceeds from sales of the main edition of *Such a Bittersweet Day* will be donated to groups fighting for civil rights and healthy communities, starting with the Transgender Law Center and AIDS Legal Services.

\* Finally, please join us at *Such a Bittersweet Day Book Launch Party* at Trigger Lounge (2338 Market Street in San Francisco) from 6:00pm onward on December 10, 2009.

For more information, please visit <http://www.suchabittersweetday.com>.

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## **ABOUT THE AUTHORS**



**GEOFFREY KING** has photographed political protests across the United States and in Britain since the first day of the Iraq War, and in 2005 he traveled to Bosnia to document the ongoing search for missing persons in the context of the tenth anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre.

Geoff is a graduate of Vallejo public schools, Diablo Valley Community College, UC Berkeley and Stanford Law School. Geoff is working as a staff attorney at a civil liberties nonprofit in the Bay Area, where he will represent a core constituency of journalists, activists and artists in furtherance of their First Amendment rights. Geoff is self-taught in photography. His most recent work can be found at

<http://www.geoffreykingphotography.com>.



**SUNNY ANGULO** is a filmmaker, political organizer, designer and journalist. A native San Franciscan, she has worked on a range of progressive issues, including labor rights and youth advocacy. In recent years, her work has ranged from covering the drug war throughout Latin America and designing children's furniture in Russian Hill to documenting the post-Communist fallout in Serbia and running community-based political campaigns in San Francisco. In 2003, she received the Society of Professional Journalists' James Madison Freedom of Information Award on behalf of her fellow programmers at SFLR 93.7FM for their

landmark United States Supreme Court case and constitutional challenge against the FCC. Her television work producing and hosting StreetLevel TV and The Newsroom on AccessSF have received numerous awards and an Emmy nomination.

Sunny has a dual degree from the University of San Francisco and the California College of Arts and Crafts. She is the editor-in-chief of San Francisco-based art magazine Moholy Ground, a non-profit venture committed to providing low-cost production and promotion for local talent. She currently volunteers at the THRIVE House for Youth in the Western Addition and the vintage Roxie Film Centre in the Mission. Sunny loves the San Francisco Giants, bicycles and equal rights for every member of society.



**DENNIS HERRERA** is the first Latino ever to hold the office of City Attorney, a position to which he was elected in 2001. In 2004, Dennis filed the first government litigation in American history to challenge the constitutionality of marriage laws that discriminate against gay and lesbian couples. This case was one of several that led the California Supreme Court to hold in 2008 that same-sex couples are owed substantive relational rights under the California Constitution, including the right to marry. After Proposition 8 removed this latter right, Dennis has sought the proposition's invalidation in the state and federal courts.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera was born in New York and educated at Villanova University and the George Washington University School of Law.

Dennis and his wife, Anne, live in the Potrero Hill neighborhood of Dogpatch, with their seven-year-old son, Declan.