Global 19th Century: **Brian Lewis**  
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**The Making of the Modern Homosexual:**  
The Queer Life of George Ives

George Ives (1867-1950) was a writer and campaigner who is credited with founding the first "gay rights" organization in Britain in the 1890s. This paper places him in international context, examining above all the range of historical and foreign influences that allowed him to make sense of himself as an "invert" at a time when understandings of human sexuality were being revolutionized.

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