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Welcome Letter from the Director – New Website, New Listserv!

Thank you for checking out the first issue of the 2009-2010 Emory LGBT News. If you are a new student, faculty, or staff on campus, welcome to Emory!

This newsletter is one way of staying connected with news and events on and off campus. It will be sent to the "OUTATEMORY" listserv and be posted to the Emory Pride Learn Link conference every Monday. In addition, we will begin posting the newsletters to our webpage, so you look for past programming and events. Visit our webpage at www.lgbt.emory.edu to learn more about the Office of LGBT Life.

To stay connected, you can also join one of the Office of LGBT Life's two listservs. Last year we had a renaming contest for them and the new names are: OUTATEMORY@listserv.emory.edu and SPEAKOUT@listserv.emory.edu.

What is the difference in the listservs?

OutatEmory

Out at Emory is an e-mail list devoted to announcements of events of interest to the LGBTQ and ally communities. All Emory LGBTQ events will be posted to this listserv. The Office of LGBT Life's weekly e-newsletter is posted to this listserv. To post, e-mail outatemory@listserv.emory.edu.

SpeakOut

SpeakOut is an e-mail listserv designed for the discussion of issues of interest to LGBTQ people and their allies. To post, e-mail speakout@listserv.emory.edu.

To sign up or change your mailing address, mail lgbt@emory.edu.

The Office of LGBT Life is also on Facebook. Join the Emory LGBT Life group and fan page today!

Office of LGBT Life Open House August 26

Join the Office of LGBT Life staff as we welcome new students to campus in an open house Wednesday August 26 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in DUC Room 246E. Refreshments will be served.

Trans-Forming Emory Group meetings

Trans-Forming Emory


Building Community for Transgender, Gender Variant, Transsexual, Gender Queer, Gender Questioning People and Their Allies, Friends & Partners.

246E DOBBS UNIVERSITY CENTER · TUESDAYS · 5:00 p.m.

FALL 2009 MEETINGS

<u>September 8</u>	Film: Transgeneration	<u>November 3</u>	Film: TransParent
<u>September 22</u>	Open Discussion: Trans Life on Campus	<u>November 17</u>	Open Group Discussion
<u>October 6</u>	Film: Screaming Queens	<u>December 1</u>	TRANSitioning Home for the Holidays
<u>October 20</u>	Open Group Discussion		

Contact trans.emory@gmail.com or lgbt@emory.edu for more information

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Emory Pride's First Meeting of the Year

Emory Pride will hold their first meeting of the fall semester on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. The location will be announced shortly, keep an eye on www.lgbt.emory.edu for updates. Emory Pride will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. throughout the school year.

Join Emory University at Black Pride and Atlanta Pride

Emory University is participating in the Black Pride Marketplace on September 5, the Atlanta Pride Marketplace on October 30 and November 1, and the Atlanta Pride Parade on November 1. Visit www.lgbt.emory.edu and click on the links in the news section to sign up to volunteer at either Marketplace and/or represent Emory University in the Atlanta Pride Parade.

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Center for Women Open House August 26

Whether you're a new student, seasoned staff member, a retired professor, or anywhere in between, we invite the campus community to stop by the Center for Women. Browse our library, enjoy some refreshments, meet the staff, and familiarize yourself with resources the Center has to offer.

Wednesday, August 26
Center for Women, Cox Hall, 3rd floor
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information call 404-727-2031

Emory Autism Center Seeks Volunteers

The Emory Autism Center's Adult Program has a variety of ways to get involved and to make a difference in the life of someone new. We all remember that one teacher or coach or mentor that truly gave of him/herself. Sometimes it was through their willingness to listen but often it was through the time they set aside to be a part of our life. If you want to be that person, join the Autism Center as we endeavor to open doors and create a lifestyle that is enjoyable and full of pleasurable opportunities for participants in our "Choices for Adults" program. To volunteer, contact Toni Thomas at tthoma2@emory.edu or call 404-727-8350.

National Coalition Building Institute

Students, staff, faculty and alumni are welcome to attend one or more of the free upcoming workshops offered by the Emory Affiliate of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI-Emory). See below for workshop dates and registration. NCBI-Emory is a program of the Office of Community & Diversity at Emory. We address a wide range of diversity issues in the course of our programs, including race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class, age, sexual orientation and religion. We believe that every issue counts and that personal stories change attitudes. Find out more about NCBI-Emory at <http://www.emory.edu/ncbi>

The Welcoming Diversity/Prejudice Reduction Workshop Differences among individuals need not lead to discrimination and divisiveness. This workshop encourages participants to confront deeply-held misinformation about themselves and others, to tell their own stories of discrimination to build understanding among people and to learn skills for building bridges. Come to one or more of the following:

September 10, 2009. Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 10, 2009. Thursday, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

The Controversial Issues Process Workshop Differences on issues need not divide communities. Rigid confrontational positions can be re-framed to take into account

the profound concerns of both sides. This workshop provides people with the skills needed to identify common ground and create mutually acceptable strategies for handling difficult issues.

November 12, 2009. Thursday, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ncbiemoryworkshops>

Transforming Community Project

2009 marks the fifth year the Transforming Community Project has examined race at Emory as part of the University's strategic plan theme Creating Community-Engaging Society. The Fall 2009 Community Dialogues --small study groups of students, staff, faculty, and alumni - will share time together discussing in honest, probing and constructive ways select issues of race and racism in the United States, how these issues have impacted the Emory community, and how individuals and groups within the Emory community might develop new concrete strategies to transform the university.

Groups meet in the morning, midday or in the early evening to discuss short readings, films, or other relevant materials on topics related to race. Reading materials are provided free to participants. Currently 3 groups are planned for the Fall semester. You may sign up for a Community Dialogue by going to this website: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=GiA7w64NQi8Tkn1cbU75NA_3d_3d

The Community Dialogues are open to all members of the Emory community. Individuals who do not have access to the internet/email may contact the Transforming Community Project via phone at 404-727-6198 for registration assistance.

Please complete your Fall 2009 registration by August 26, 2009. Participants will be notified by August 31st.

Conferences and Events

"Sex Positive" Benefit Film Screening

"Sex Positive" tells the story of a little-known chapter in the history of AIDS before scientists knew the cause of the disease or how the disease was treated and before there was any effective treatment. Young people don't remember a time when gay, urban communities were being ravaged by HIV while facing a largely-apatetic government and public response. "Sex Positive" focuses on that time.

A benefit screening of the film takes place at the Rialto Center for the Arts Saturday August 29 from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. The event benefits AIDS vaccine research at the Emory Vaccine Center and HIV prevention counseling and mental health services provided by Positive Impact. The film's subject, Richard Berkowitz, will be in attendance.

A pre-event reception begins at 7:00 p.m. with portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt on display. The program begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each, with \$50 priority seating available which includes a post-event reception at the W Downtown with an opportunity to meet Richard Berkowitz. Student tickets are \$10. The documentary is rated R, and students must be 17 years or older to attend.

Purchase tickets at www.positiveimpact-atl.org.

Equality Ride Application Due

The 2010 Equality Ride is hitting the road this March, and we are currently seeking young adults (18-28) to be riders. The Equality Ride is a traveling forum that gives young people the chance to deconstruct injustice and the rhetoric that sustains it. It allows emerging young leaders to unite in the struggle for common equality. Everyday thousands of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people suffer harassment, violence, and discrimination at the hands of those who do not understand them. The idea is this. We get on a bus and journey to various institutions of higher learning, many with explicit discrimination policies. Through informal conversation and educational programming we explore concepts of diversity, comparing the effects of inclusive and exclusive viewpoints. More practically, we share and gain insights about how our beliefs influence policy and culture, thereby impacting society. Guided by the principles of nonviolence, we set out ready to meet people where they are. Our goal is to carefully and collectively examine the intersection wherein faith meets gender and sexuality. Such discourse, especially when it affirms the beauty of our differences, plays an essential role in creating a safe learning and living environment for everyone.

So far, over 100 young adults have joined together as Equality Riders to challenge the religion based discrimination coming out of religious colleges and universities in the US. Will you join this tradition of nonviolent resistance and get on the 2010 Equality Ride?

The 2010 Equality Ride will be on the road in the months of March and April, 2010, and includes a mandatory weeklong training in preparation for the ride the first week of January, 2010.

If you are ready to board the bus this spring and join the nonviolent struggle to end faith based discrimination of LGBTQ individuals, apply now. The deadline to apply is September 20th, 2009. Follow the link below for more information and an application:

<http://www.soulforce.org/equalityride>