

# Emory LGBT News

Weekly news and information from the Office of Lesbian, Gay,  
Bisexual and Transgender Life

Stay up to date on all events and opportunities in  
our office, on campus, in the community, and  
around the country!



## From the Office of LGBT Life

*Welcome back (again)!*

We in the Office of LGBT Life hope you stayed safe during Emory's snow days last week! Luckily, most of the great groups, events, and programs begin or occur this week and were not cancelled due to the weather. Check out all the fantastic happenings we have coming up in January!

As always, thank you for reading the Office of LGBT Life's  
Weekly Newsletter!

If you have comments, questions, or events to add to the  
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#### Director's Office Hours

Director Michael Shutt will hold office hours every Thursday from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in his office. Please feel free to drop-in! You can also make an appointment by emailing him directly at [mshutt@emory.edu](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu).



## Gay and Lesbian College Presidents Go Public with Web Video

*By Paul Fain*

A small but growing group of openly gay and lesbian college presidents will make its official debut at a March meeting of the American Council on Education. But the group publicly introduced itself on Friday with a web video which features several of its members and their partners.

To see the video, click [here](#).

## Office of LGBT Life

### Queer Discussion Groups Return 1/19/11

The Office of LGBT Life and the Center for Women is offering weekly, hour-long discussion groups on topics related to sexual and gender identities. *Please note the change in days, times, and locations.*

Queer People of Color Group (*Thursdays, 6-7pm, Office of LGBT Life*)—This group provides graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to explore the ways to celebrate their identities and navigate a predominately white, hetero/ gender-normative campus as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and/or intersex people of color.

Queer Women Group (*Thursdays, 7-8pm, Center for Women*)—This group provides graduate and undergraduate students with the opportunity to explore the joys and challenges of being a queer, trans, lesbian, bisexual, same-gender loving, and/or pansexual woman at Emory.

### Lunch with the Director

*Tuesdays* *Noon-1pm*  
Eat lunch with Director of the Office of LGBT Life Dr. Michael Shutt. Tuesdays from Noon-1:00, starting January 18<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the DUC dining hall.

### OUT@Work Panel

*January 26, 2011* *6:30-8:00pm*  
Undergraduates, graduates, and alumni are invited to join LGBT Emory alumni from various fields and professions for a discussion on being out in the work place. Presented by Macy's. Dinner provided.  
Location: Business School W525.

### Transforming Community Project INAUGURAL Community Dialogue on Sexuality

The Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and the Office of LGBT Life are pleased to offer the inaugural Community Dialogue on Sexuality. Meeting on Wednesdays from 5-6:30pm, the group will discuss the topic of sexuality at Emory through historical materials, discussions on current ideas, and engaging dialogue. Dialogues are open to the entire Emory Community. Click [here](#) for more information; click [here](#) to register.

### Transforming Emory Group Starts January 19th

Trans Forming Emory will meet bi-weekly beginning January 19th. Each meeting will include a topic for discussion. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur in the Office of LGBT Life at 5:30 p.m.

- January 19th-Discussion: "New Genders? Transforming History."
- February 2nd-Film: Glen or Glenda?
- February 16th-Discussion: Trans Policies at Emory
- March 2nd-19th Annual Pride Awards (Miller Ward Alumni House)
- March 16th-Film: Still Black
- March 30th-Discussion: "Knowing trans, knowing you, know what it means to be an ally."
- April 13th-Film: She's a boy I knew

### Safe Space Lunch and Learns Announced!

Beginning in January, we will offer hour-long continuing education opportunities that will focus on various areas of the queer community. The first Lunch and Learn will be on the documentary "Toilet Training" and will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 1pm in the Office of LGBT Life. Even if you have not completed Safe Space training, we encourage you to attend. Other dates of future Lunch and Learns include:

- February 24<sup>th</sup> at noon: Queer Student Experiences at Emory
- March 30<sup>th</sup>, time TBA: Transgender 101: Exploring Sex and Gender
- April 20<sup>th</sup> at noon: Exploring the Needs of Queer Students of Faith, Queer Students of Color, and Transgender Students at Emory

Bring your lunch and bring a friend!

### 2011 Pride Awards

*March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 6:30pm* *Miller Ward Alumni House*  
The Awards are attended by lgbt and ally students, staff, faculty, and alumni. The GALA Leadership Award, the Studies in Sexuality Essay Contest prizes, the Chesnut LGBT Person of the Year Award, and Lavender Diplomas are all presented during the ceremony. Additionally, for the first time in the Awards' history, the Office of LGBT Life will also present its own awards. If you would like to attend the awards, please RSVP [here](#).

**First Emory Pride Meeting of Semester, 1/19/11***January 19<sup>th</sup> 7:8:00pm Callaway C203*

This week Emory Pride will be “speed friending”! For more information contact Kovonn Tanner ([mktanne@emory.edu](mailto:mktanne@emory.edu)) or Marina Santiago ([mjsanti@emory.edu](mailto:mjsanti@emory.edu)).

**News & Events at Emory****GALA General Interest & Information Meeting***February 1 6:30pm Miller-Ward Alumni House*

Are you an LGBT Emory alum who wants to get more involved with the Emory Gay and Lesbian Alumni (GALA)? Now is your opportunity! Join Gala for the first steering committee meeting of 2011 to learn about upcoming events and programs. Register [here](#).

**Feminists In Action Meetings Resume 1/19/11***Wednesdays 5:45pm-7:00pm CWE*

Feminists in Action (FIA) is a student-led grassroots organization that relies on the organic and fluid nature of feminism to create a safe space for all people. FIA is a collective of graduate and undergraduate students at Emory who are dedicated to learning about, embodying, and enacting feminist principles and ways of life. Through educational, activist, and social opportunities, FIA examines and fights individual and systemic forms of sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, ableism, and all other forms of oppression. For more information, visit [here](#).

**Residence Life & Housing Positions**

Residence Life & Housing is now taking nominations and applications for resident advisor, sophomore advisor, residence hall director, residence hall director fellow, and conferences positions for the fall semester. For more information please go to [www.emory.edu/HOUSING/JOBS](http://www.emory.edu/HOUSING/JOBS).

**The Inaugural Leadership Emory Summit***February 12, 2011 9am-4pm*

Are you an Emory student looking to improve your leadership skills? Open to all Emory students, the Leadership Emory Summit Conference topics include recruitment and retention, risk management, meeting management, and more. Registration is now open at <http://www.osls.emory.edu/summit.php>. The summit is FREE but space is limited, so register in advance!

**Second Annual Graduate Student Studies in Sexualities Conference: Queer World and Global Positions***January 20-21, 2011 Winship Ballroom, Dobbs U. Ctr.*

Save the date! Please see the conference [poster](#) for more information on workshops, speakers, and the schedule of events. Emory and Atlanta community members are welcome to attend.

**Events in the Community****5<sup>th</sup> Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium  
Call for workshop proposals***April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 University of Colorado at Boulder*

Each year the University of Colorado Boulder TRANSforming Gender Symposium brings national and local transgender and genderqueer activist to the Symposium to address issues surrounding transgender, genderqueer and related identities. The symposium includes academics, community organizers, performance and visual artist, students, faculty, staff, youth, family members, community members and other interested folks. The Symposium is free and open to the public. This year, along with nationally known speakers the Symposium will include workshops throughout the day. For more information, visit their [website](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Queer People of Color Conference  
Call for workshops now open!***April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**Univeristy of California, Riverside*

For the past five years, the Queer People of Color Conference has strategically reframed and deconstructed common sensical notions which have consequently and schematically marginalized queer people of color. More specifically, the Queer People of Color Conference structuralizes the foundation for grappling with and analyzing the intersections of homophobia and racism. This conference aims challenge the internalized rationale that has incessantly legitimized the marginalization of queer people of color.

The conference is currently accepting applications for workshops. Click [here](#) to submit your workshop application. Click [here](#) for more info about the conference and submitting workshop proposals.

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual University of Rhode Island Symposium on GLBTIQQ Issues**

*April 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

The University of Rhode Island is currently accepting program proposals for its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on GLBTIQQ Issues. The complete application packet is available [here](#).

### **Expanding the Circle: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies**

*March 3-6, 2010 San Francisco, California*

The California Institute of Integral Studies presents the Expanding the Circle Conferences at Hotel Nikko. This conference for higher education professionals addresses factors contributing to the exclusion of LGBTQ issues from academic study and student life, as well as exploring ways to make our campuses more inclusive for all students.

Registration is now open. Click [here](#) or email [expandingthecircle@ciis.edu](mailto:expandingthecircle@ciis.edu) to learn more.

### **PFLAG Atlanta**

PFLAG Atlanta is here for the student community of Emory. PFLAG holds [two meetings](#) every month that are open to anyone who would like to attend. Learn more at [pflagatl.org](http://pflagatl.org).

## **Internship Opportunities**

### **Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration Internship**

The Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration is the leading NGO providing advocacy, representation and community education on LGBTI refugees escaping persecution based on their sexual orientation, sexual identity, or gender. ORAM is looking for committed and highly-qualified externs to assist with research and writing on issues relevant to asylum and refugee claims based on gender identity and sexual orientation. There are several externship/fellowship positions throughout the year for the fall, spring and summer terms. For more information about ORAM's positions please send an email to [externship@oraminternational.org](mailto:externship@oraminternational.org).

### **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Insitute (CHCI) Internship Sponsored by the Bohnett Foundation**

The CHCI has secured funding from the Bohnett Foundation for two LGBT or Ally students for a paid summer congressional internship in Washington, D.C. The internship is open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors of any major interested in public policy and includes a stipend, travel, and housing. Applicants should include their LGBT-related work in their resumes. Application deadline is February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. See their [website](#) for more information.

### **Feminist Women's Health Center Internships**

The Feminist Women's Health Center is a local non-profit organization that offers sexual health services to women living in Atlanta. FWCH also does political advocacy and work to ensure reproductive justice at the state level, and community outreach to build relationships and raise awareness. As part of the [Young Women's Leadership Project](#), the Feminist Women's Health Center offers one of the most unique leadership building opportunities for college and university level students. For more information on internship opportunities, click [here](#).

### **AID Atlanta Internship**

AID Atlanta is seeking an intern for their Gay Men's Outreach Program. The position requires someone who is committed to the cause of HIV/AIDS education and prevention. The intern will be asked to provide education and support to gay and bisexual men related to increasing knowledge about HIV/AIDS, personal risk assessment, adopting and maintaining safer sexual practices. 3-6 month unpaid internships are available. Contact Steven Igarashi at [steven.igarashi@aidatlanta.org](mailto:steven.igarashi@aidatlanta.org) for more info.

### **Fenuxe Writing Internship**

Fenuxe Magazine, Atlanta's Gay Magazine, is looking for a writing intern to join their staff for 1 day a week. The candidate should have knowledge about and a passion for Atlanta's LGBT community. A strong interest and background in one or all of the following topics is preferable: fashion, events, nightlife, travel, dining. Schedule is flexible. E-mail resume and a writing sample to [patrick@fenuxe.com](mailto:patrick@fenuxe.com).

## Research Opportunities

### Vocational Interests and Coping Behaviors of Sexual Minorities

Mike C. Parent, a doctoral student in Counseling Psychology at the University of Florida, is conducting research on vocational interests and coping behaviors among sexual minority persons. Access study [here](#).

### Tobacco Use in the LGBTQ Community

The Health Initiative is hosting a series of focus groups to learn more about tobacco use in our community. We want to hear from *everyone*, including smokers, former smokers, and people who have never smoked. We will feed you and compensate you \$25 for your time. Marta tokens are also available for participants. If you are 18 or over and a member of the LGBTQ community in the greater Atlanta area, we'd love to include you in one of our focus groups. Focus groups last one hour and are at the Phillip Rush Center. For dates, more information, or to register, contact Scarbrough at 404-688-2524 x 2 or [Brigid@thehealthinitiative.org](mailto:Brigid@thehealthinitiative.org)

### LGBT Marriage Research

Engaged volunteers needed!

Dr. Charlotte J Patterson, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Virginia, is looking for volunteers for a study of attitudes towards marriage and parenthood among engaged couples.

The study consists of a 25-30 minute online survey. To qualify for the study, you must be 20-35 years old, live in the U.S., and plan to marry or have a commitment ceremony within the next 365 days. You and your romantic partner must not have children, and this must be the first marriage for both of you. If you and/or your romantic partner are interested in participating or want further information, please email Dr. Patterson at [survey.couples@gmail.com](mailto:survey.couples@gmail.com)

## Scholarships

### Point Foundation Scholarship

Point Foundation is the nation's largest publicly-supported organization granting scholarships to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students of merit. Point provides undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate scholarships, mentorship, leadership training, and hope for students of merit who have been marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The online application for this year's scholarship is available [here](#). Application deadline is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### *Staff Finds and Picks!*

*Here you will find interesting resources, news, and tidbits found by the Office of LGBT Life Staff!*

- President Obama has been busy in the White House recently with the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. You can click [here](#) to see the historic signing of the bill, and you can click [here](#) to see some behind the scenes footage.
- Also, President Obama made an "It Gets Better" [video](#) in which he speaks to LGBT youth. The White House Staff also made a [video](#).

Check back next week for more finds and picks!