

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!



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Office of LGBT Life 20th Anniversary

Over the next year, the Office will be sharing about the events, people, and stories of the past **20 years**. Check out the **last page** of our newsletter each week to learn about how the Office became what it is today. Also, you can find more information about the Office's 20th Anniversary in the newsletter, on our website, and on our bulletin board outside Dobbs University Center E232.



Pride Awards Registration Now Open!

Please register for the Pride Awards on EAA's [webpage!](#)

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

Office of LGBT Life

Queer Discussion Groups—Meetings resume 1/25/11

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:

Queer People of Color Group

Mondays, 6-7pm, Office of LGBT Life

Topic for this week: Shit ____ Say

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

Tuesdays, 6-7pm, 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.

NEW Queer Interfaith Group

Thursdays, 7-8pm, Office of LGBT Life

Topic of this week: Things Religious People Say about the LGBT Community

This group explores ways of integrating one's religion, spirituality, sexual identity, and gender identity. This group is for students who identify as queer students of faith. Click [HERE](#) to meet our facilitators!

LGBTQueer Muslim Group

This group provides Muslim graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to explore and celebrate their faith, culture, sexual identity and gender identity in a safe and supportive environment. Students who identify as Muslim and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, same-gender-loving, and/or queer are welcome to attend. For more information about this group, meeting time and location, contact Michael Shutt, Director of the Office of LGBT Life at mshutt@emory.edu.

Queer & Asian (Q&A)

Q&A is Emory's confidential group for students who wish to celebrate and explore their identities as lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, queer, questioning, and/or intersex people of any Asian heritage. For more information, contact Michael Shutt, Director of the Office of LGBT Life at mshutt@emory.edu or Dohyun Ahn at ddahn@emory.edu.

Emory Pride

This student organization provides Emory students with opportunities to engage in advocacy, education, and social interactions to create a stronger and more inclusive queer and allied community. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm. Email Kovonn Tanner (mktanne@emory.edu) or Brianne Rivera (bariver@emory.edu) for more information.

Transforming Emory

Topic of this week: In lieu of a meeting, please attend Queering/Embodying Materiality beyond Identity.

This group builds community for transgender, gender variant, transsexual, genderqueer, gender questioning people and their allies, friends, and partners. For additional information, email trans.emory@gmail.com or lgbt@emory.edu. Dates for the meeting: Feb 9, Feb. 23, March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19.

Safe Space Trainings

Want to raise your awareness and increase your knowledge of queer issues and concerns? Attend a 3.5 hour training and learn how to put what you learn into action. Trainings are open to faculty, staff, and students. Training dates for the spring are:

- Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 1-4:30pm
- Thursday, March 8th, 9am-12:30pm
- Friday, April 27th, 9am-12:30pm

For more information or to register, visit our [website](#).

Pride Awards

Saturday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Miller Ward Alumni House

The Pride Awards are held on or around March 2 of each year to commemorate the march through campus that began Emory's move toward equal rights for lgbt people.

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. Join us to celebrate 20 years of leadership, activism and support!

[Register now!](#)

Out @ Work Panel*February 2nd 6 @ Faculty Dining Room, DUC*

Wondering if you should be out on your resume or graduate school? Join LGBTQ identified alumni as they discuss being out in the workplace, in graduate school, on applications, and more. Dinner will be provided. For more information and RSVP, please contact lgbt@emory.edu.

News & Events at Emory**2nd Annual Leadership Emory Summit***Saturday, February 11 @ 9 AM – 4 PM*

The Summit is an Emory leadership conference that is open and free to all Emory and Oxford students. Whether you are president of a student organization or an emerging leader, The Summit will provide you an opportunity to further explore your leadership potential within the Emory community and help set you and your organization on the right path to success!

[Register](#) now! Contact Jill Camper in the OSLS for questions at jill.m.camper@emory.edu.

Lecture on Same-Sex Marriage and Catholic Church

Michael J. Perry, a world-renowned scholar in the areas of American constitutional law, will analyze the modern controversies surrounding same-sex marriage and the Catholic Church's stance from the perspective of the constitutional right to religious freedom. The lecture takes place March 21 at 12:30 in Emory Law's Tull Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. For more information, go [HERE](#).

Queering/Embodying Materiality beyond Identity*January 26 – 27, Multipurpose Room in Few Hall*

Third Annual Studies in Sexualities Graduate Conference featuring keynote speaker Gayle Salamon, author of *Assuming a Body: Transgender and Rhetorics of Materiality*. The body has emerged as a central site for critical engagements with questions of subjectivity, experience, identity, and materiality in queer and feminist theory. This conference seeks to dwell in the "incomplete labor to reconfigure more than just the materiality of our own bodies." We invite scholars who are interested in engaging with the histories, though sometimes painful, as well as the dynamic possibilities of embodiment. For more information, go [HERE](#)

New Course Offering

In this course, we explore diversity and pluralism as it applies to contemporary Southeast Asia from a cultural perspective with a focus on topics of race and gender that cross national boundaries. We will begin with an introduction to the geography, history, and languages of the region. Subsequently, we will examine contemporary issues around race/ethnicity and gender/sexuality. Finally, we will address Southeast Asian transnationalism through popular culture and migration. Please Contact dredgekang@gmail.com.

Events in the Community**11th Annual Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education***February 10 - 11, 2012 at The Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, Georgia*

Featuring Dr. Naim Akbar, Peggy McIntosh, Victor Lee Lewis, and Linda Stout, the conference focuses on racial identity development, ethnic identity development, and gender and sexual orientation, from infancy through adult maturity. An understanding of this development is necessary to understand the dynamics of multi-ethnic and multi-racial groups in the United States. The workshop embraces an anti-oppressive and multi-cultural perspective. Register [HERE](#)

Don S. Browning Lecture*January 25, 12:30 p.m., School of Law Tull Auditorium*

Shari`a in the West? What Place for Religious Family Laws in America and Other Western Democracies? John Witte, Jr., Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion (CSLR) at Emory University, outlines a hard new issue of religious freedom and family law that is now confronting many Western democracies: to what extent may Islamic and other religious communities have the freedom to develop their own internal religious laws to govern the sex, marriage, and family lives of their voluntary faithful? Free to public and no registration required.

The 6th Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium

March 9th – 12th, 2012 8pm Glenn Memorial Auditorium

The University of Colorado Boulder's TRANSforming Gender Symposium is celebrating its sixth year! The Symposium hosts national and local transgender and genderqueer activists to address issues surrounding transgender, genderqueer and related identities. Previous presenters and participants have included academics, health professionals, community organizers, performance and visual artists, students, faculty, staff, youth, family members, community members and other interested folks. The Symposium is free and open to the public! (We will be asking for a cost-free registration at a later date.) In addition to nationally recognized speakers, we are excited to be including workshops and panels throughout the day. Click [here](#) for more information about the Symposium.

Research Opportunities

Sexual Needs and Coping

Dr. Ashley Borders at the College of New Jersey is conducting a study on sexual needs and coping in LGBT college-aged adults. This on-line survey still will take 15-20 minutes to complete. Responses are completely confidential. After completing the survey, you can choose to enter a lottery to win a \$50 Amazon e-card. Please help us learn how to better help college-aged adults who are not coping so well. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Access the study [HERE](#). For more information, contact Dr. Borders at borders@tcnj.edu or 609-771-2291.

Role of Self-Compassion on LGB persons' development of a positive sense of identity

18 or older and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer volunteers needed for a national and anonymous on-line survey study on the role of self-compassion in an LGB persons' identity development. This research will explore and examine the role of self-compassion on a lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) person's development of a cohesive sense of identity integration. Ultimately, this study seeks to answer the overarching question: What is the role self-compassion plays as a LGB person develops a cohesive sense of identity? Access the study [HERE](#). Contact: Douglas Crews MDiv, MSW, PhD Candidate douglas.crews@utah.edu

Ideological Stance on Marriage and the Psychological Correlates for Individuals in Same-Sex Relationships

Seeking persons currently in same-sex relationships at least six months in length and at least 18. Study is on how individuals in same-sex relationships feel about the institution of marriage and how levels of stress related to sexual orientation, perceived levels of social support and relationship satisfaction may be related to one's feelings about marriage. To participate, email marriageattitudes@gmail.com. The survey should take between 20 and 60 minutes. It is an online study. You will be contributing to the understanding of same-sex relationships and the complex feelings toward marriage, as well as psychological factors that may be related. You may also enter in a raffle with a chance to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to Amazon.com. Email marriageattitudes@gmail.com for questions

Physical and Virtual Safe Spaces for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual College Students

Seeking lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB), college-aged (18-24 years old) students who have physical and virtual "safe spaces." The purpose of the study is to understand how and where safe spaces are created by LGB college students. If you choose to participate, you will be asked to participate in an audio-taped interview that will last approximately 60-90 minutes and take 2-6 photographs of physical and virtual "safe spaces". To participate, email dglass@uga.edu In the email, please include your contact phone number and the best times to reach you. The researcher will call you to further discuss the details of the study.

Research Study of Same-Sex Attracted Individuals: Views Related to Religion and Spirituality

Are you a same-sex attracted person? Would you like to win a \$50.00 Amazon.com gift certificate? Take the quick, online survey. You must be over 17 years of age and interested in religion or spirituality. The survey should take you about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Just go to the following web address to get started:

<https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=144541>

For more information contact: Dorian Kondas, at dck179@psu.edu

Investigating the Experiences of Transgender/Gender Variant Individuals who have been Incarcerated

There has been little research about the experiences of transgender/gender variant people who have been arrested, convicted, or served time in a criminal justice institution. In addition, there are limited ways that transgender individuals may self-identify during the criminal justice process. For individuals interested in participating in this study, please understand that all names and identities of participants will remain confidential. As the interviewer, this study requires participants to self-identify as transgender, gender variant, androgynous, genderqueer, or any other form of gender variant identities and participants have to have served some form of jail time, prison incarceration, or mental health institution. Please Contact cdd.duarte@gmail.com.

Fellowships & Internships

GO Atlanta, AID Atlanta's Gay Outreach Program

GO (Gay Outreach) Atlanta is an AID Atlanta program focused on empowering Atlanta's Gay and Bi men to live healthier lives. They are seeking an intern to assist with educational programming, community outreach, testing and counseling, and social support efforts that are aimed at Metro Atlanta's LGBTQI communities. Responsibilities include outreach initiatives and special events, volunteer recruitment and retention, and community engagement. Send resumes and inquiries to steven.igarashi@aidatlanta.org.

J.P. Morgan Summer Internship

J.P. Morgan's summer internships are in demand for many compelling reasons – here are just three. First, you will work with smart and energetic professionals on real, challenging projects at one of the world's top financial services firm. Second, you will have the chance to discover first-hand what areas of our business best suit your talents and interests. Third, and this is the big one, we hire a majority of our full-time Analysts from the Summer Intern Analyst class. For more information, go [HERE](#)

LGBT students go to Washington

The Gay & Lesbian Victory Institute's Victory Congressional Internship is developing the next generation of Out public leaders. Each semester, we're bringing outstanding LGBT college students to Washington, D.C., for an intensive leadership program, including a semester-long Congressional internship with a member of the LGBT Equality Caucus or a LGBT-friendly member of U.S. Congress to learn firsthand about the federal legislative process, an educational and leadership development program to learn about the legislative process and careers in the policy-making process, and a community service project. The VCI will prepare young LGBT people to become informed decision-makers and influential leaders who can change their communities and our world. For more information go [HERE](#).

Scholarships

Essay for Student Scholarship in Queer Studies

Cash prize will be presented at the Pride Awards on March 3, 2012. To be eligible, work must have been completed between January 1 and December 31, 2011, for a course (or as part of a thesis or dissertation) at Emory. Essays, dissertation/thesis chapters, or articles may be submitted. Essays/papers can be on any topic in LGBT/Queer Studies and must not exceed a maximum of 30 pages. *Only electronic submissions will be accepted.* On the title page, give the title of the essay and the author's name and contact information (phone number and email address). On the first page of the essay, give the title again, and also include the name and number of the course for which it was written, or the title of the dissertation or thesis of which it is a part along with the name of the department.

Submissions are due by 5:00 PM Monday, January 30th, 2012. E-mail submissions to lgbt@emory.edu.

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During the 1999-2000 Academic Year

- The Office worked to expand the Woodruff Library's collection of LGBT Books.
- Domestic partnership benefits were included in a new undergraduate health insurance plan.
- Students took newly designed surveys to gauge attitudes regarding minorities on campus.
- President Chase addressed a business group focused on creating a equal work environment for queer people.



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