

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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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.



Plans for Gender-Neutral Housing Announced

By Jordan Friedman

Emory will offer a gender-neutral housing pilot program for the 2011-2012 academic year, a move that will allow juniors or seniors to request a roommate of any sex or gender.

The gender-neutral housing program will take place in approximately 60 two-bedroom apartments in the F Building of the Clairmont Residential Center (CRC).

Click [here](#) for the full article from The Wheel.

Office of LGBT Life

Queer Discussion Groups

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. This week's topic: Queering Media's Messages.

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 18th. 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

Trans Forming Emory will meet bi-weekly throughout the spring semester. 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.

- 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 25th 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 24th at noon: Queer Student Experiences at Emory
- March 30th, time TBA: Transgender 101: Exploring Sex and Gender
- April 20th 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 2nd, 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](#).

Second Emory Pride Meeting of Semester, 1/26/11

January 26th 6:30-8:00pm 525 Business School

This week Emory Pride will be at the Out@Work Panel. For more information contact Michael Kovonn Tanner (mktanne@emory.edu) or Marina Santiago (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

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.

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!

Events in the Community

5th Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium

Call for workshop proposals

April 1st-3rd, 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](#).

6th Annual Queer People of Color Conference

Call for workshops now open!

April 8th-10th, 2011

University 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.

17th Annual University of Rhode Island Symposium on GLBTIQQ Issues

April 4th-9th, 2011

The University of Rhode Island is currently accepting program proposals for its 17th 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 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.

Internship Opportunities

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Insititute (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 4th, 2011. See their [website](#) for more information.

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.

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 for more info.

Graduate Summer Consortium Internship

Pennsylvania State University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Student Resource Center (LGBT SRC) is looking for a summer intern interested in the field of LGBT Higher Education. This intern will complete one or two major projects for the Consortium of Higher Education Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Resource Professionals. The intern will be sent to the 2012 Creating Change conference to present their project to the Consortium.

Interns will receive housing assistance, \$1,000 summer stipend, and funds for assistance with 2012 Creating Change conference expenses. Applicants who wish to apply must be enrolled in a Student Affairs or related Master's Program and have a genuine interest in LGBT research in higher education. Click [here](#) for more information.

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](#).

LGBT Marriage Research

Engaged volunteers needed!

Dr. Charlotte J Patterson 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

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

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 11th.

Staff Finds and Picks!

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

- *Lead with Love* is a short documentary created to provide comfort, information, and guidance for parents who have recently learned that their son or daughter is lesbian, gay, or bisexual. You can click [here](#) to view the film online.

Check back next week for more finds and picks!