

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the newsletter, on our website, and on our bulletin board outside Dobbs University Center E232.



## US to use foreign aid to promote gay rights

By Julie Pace

The Obama administration is announcing a wide-ranging effort to use U.S. foreign aid to promote rights for gays and lesbians abroad, including combating attempts by foreign governments to criminalize homosexuality.

To read the rest of the article, go [HERE](#)

## 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: Religion

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: Marriage vs Civil Unions

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](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu).

#### Queer & Asian (Q&A)

*Starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30*

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](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu) or Dohyun Ahn at [ddahn@emory.edu](mailto:ddahn@emory.edu).

#### Emory Pride

*First meeting is Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in Callaway C101*

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](mailto:mktanne@emory.edu)) or Brianne Rivera ([bariver@emory.edu](mailto: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](mailto:trans.emory@gmail.com) or [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto: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 – Correction on location**

*Saturday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Tull Auditorium, Law School*  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:lgbt@emory.edu).

**News & Events at Emory****2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jill.m.camper@emory.edu).

**Lecture on Same-Sex Marriage and Catholic Church**

*March 21, 12:30 in Law School, Tull Auditorium*

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. It is free and open to the public. For more information, go [HERE](#).

**GALA-Emory's LGBTQ Alumni Planning Meeting**

Still wondering how you can become involved with Emory after you graduate or as a current alum? Leave it to GALA, Emory's LGBTQ alumni group, to help you answer that question! At our planning meetings, you can learn about what we do and share new ideas, network with fellow LGBTQ alumni, and maybe even shake things up a bit. After all, what's the point of being involved if you can't change something? The next meeting is *February 14th at 6pm* in the Miller Ward Alumni House. Contact [Lilly Correa](#) with questions.

**Dinner with 12 Strangers**

The Emory Alumni Association invites local alumni, faculty, and staff to host dinners at their homes or local restaurants for a small group of students. Apart from good food and conversation, the program affords students the opportunity to network with Emory alumni, find out about life after college, and interact with professors outside the classroom. It also offers a chance for students to get a feel for the extended Emory family and to see how they can stay involved and connected with Emory after they graduate. The dinners are FREE to students, since they are hosted by alumni, staff, faculty, and friends of Emory. For more information go [HERE](#)

**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](#)

**Wells Fargo Securities Sophomore Diversity Summit**

*March 29-30, 2012 at the Wells Fargo Securities office: Charlotte, NC*

You're invited to apply to the Wells Fargo Securities Sophomore Diversity Summit—an event for top sophomore undergraduate students who are interested in careers in Investment Banking & Capital Markets and Sales & Trading. Applications are due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Email resume (including GPA) to [diversityundergradrecruiting@wellsfargo.com](mailto:diversityundergradrecruiting@wellsfargo.com)

Along with your resume, attach a separate Word document with responses to the following two essay questions:

—Why are you interested in attending Wells Fargo Securities' Sophomore Diversity Summit? (250 words or less)

—Choose one quality that makes you unique and explain how it impacts your life. (250 words or less)

### **2012 Retreat for LGBT Muslims – Al-Jama'a – Building a Community**

*May 25- 28, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA*

To gather together as a community of individuals who identify as Muslim culturally, religiously, ideologically and/or politically and also as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), while reconnecting with our faith, our community and with ourselves. For more information, go [HERE](#)

### **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium**

*March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 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**

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:cdd.duarte@gmail.com).

### **Stressors, personal beliefs about oneself, and well-being in LGB individuals**

This study is conducted by LGB-identified/ally researchers at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The purpose of this research is to further the counseling field's understanding of lesbian, gay men and bisexual individual's experiences and well-being. If you are at least 18 years old and identify yourself as a lesbian, a gay man or a bisexual individual, we would greatly appreciate your participation in our study. When you have finished the survey, you will have the option to enter a raffle for one of ten \$20 Target gift cards. Access the study [HERE](#)

### **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](mailto:borders@tcnj.edu) or 609-771-2291.

## 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](mailto:steven.igarashi@aidatlanta.org).

### UC Riverside 2012 Summer Internship for LGBT & Housing Concerns

*Full time, 5 to 8 weeks – Flexible start and end time between June 8 and August 3, 2012. Room and board provided. Unpaid position.*

Intern will receive supervision by LGBT Resource Center staff and training on aspects of directing an LGBT Resource Center (programming, training, advocacy, budgeting), as well as gain valuable experiences working with a large housing program.

Please email [nancy.tubbs@ucr.edu](mailto:nancy.tubbs@ucr.edu) with a Resume and Cover Letter explaining the relevance of the internship to your career objectives in the field of LGBT resources in higher education AND the skills you hope to gain from this internship experience. Deadline is February 24, 2012.

### The Clinton Global Initiative is HIRING!

Many positions are currently available at the Clinton Global Initiative. Please click [HERE](#) for individual job position information.

### 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

### The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

Are you organizing for progressive social change? Leading student movements on your campus or in your community? The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has applications available for student activists who are building progressive movements for social change and will be enrolled in school during the 2012-13 academic year. For more information, go [HERE](#)

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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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