

Emory LGBT News

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

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our office, on campus, in the community, and
around the country!



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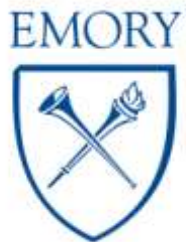
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Director's Office Hours

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.

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

Click [here](#) to watch a video from Fox on the new housing program.

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.

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.

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.

OUT Greek Alumni Panel

February 9th, 2011 6:30PM Few Multipurpose Room
LGBT identified Greek Alums talk about their experiences at Emory. Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni are welcome to attend! Dinner provided.

Transforming Emory

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.

- 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. 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](#).

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

February 2nd 7:00-8:00pm Callaway C203
This week Emory Pride will be the "Bring a Friend to Pride Day." 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

FIA is a student-led grassroots organization at Emory that is 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 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!

Vagina Monologues

February 17-19 Emory Performing Arts Center

Join Emory University's Center for Women for their third annual presentation of Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues*. Click [here](#) for information on tickets and show times.

Women's History Month

March

Click here for a calendar of events honoring Women's History Month. These events are sponsored by the Center for Women and many university partners and features Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate Professor Rita Dove.

Gender-Neutral Housing Pilot Program

Building F in the Clairmont Residential Center will be part of the gender-neutral housing pilot program. Students will have an option to select this housing during the room selection process. Please look to emails from Residence Life & Housing for more information.

Events in the Community

Out in Front

February 19, 2011 9AM-6PM

Register for Out in Front, Vanderbilt's LGBTQI and Allied Undergraduate Student Leadership Retreat! Taking part in Out in Front, you'll have the opportunity to explore your leadership style, maximize your strengths, and connect with other members of our campus community. Constance McMillen will be the keynote speaker. The deadline to register is February 10th. Click [here](#) to register and for more info.

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.

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. For more information, visit their [website](#).

6th Annual Queer People of Color Conference Call for workshops now open!

April 8th-10th, 2011

Univeristy of California, Riverside

This conference aims to 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](#).

Internship Opportunities

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (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 interested in public policy and includes a stipend, travel, and housing. 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.

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 LGBT and Ally Student Resource Center 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. Interns will receive housing assistance, stipend, and funds for assistance with 2012 Creating Change conference expenses. Request more information about the internship how to apply [here](#).

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](#).

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.

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 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 will feed you and compensate you \$25 for your time. 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, email Brigid@thehealthinitiative.org

DADT Interview Request

Brianna Mack, writer for Emory's *Black Star Magazine*, is seeking graduate and undergraduate students to discuss the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and LGBTQ life on campus. Contact her at bnmack@emory.edu if you are interested in participating.

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.

Awards

Youth Courage Award

The Colin Higgins Foundation invites Nominations for Youth Courage Award. Awards of \$10,000 will be given to youth aged 21 and younger who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their gender and/or sexual orientation and triumphed over bigotry through working for LGBTQ rights and social justice. The nomination deadline is February 28, 2011. Click here to [nominate](#) or for more info.

Staff Finds and Picks!

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

- Gender Variance: Mother's book a new anti-bullying tool.

Click [here](#) for more info on Cheryl Kilodavis's *My Princess Body*, a nonfiction picture book about acceptance.