

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 246E.



ATLANTA PRIDE 2011

Thanks to everyone who proudly represented Emory University at Atlanta Pride, including the over 80 faculty, staff, students, and alumni who marched in the Atlanta Pride Parade! Visit our Facebook page to see pictures of the festivities. Special thanks to Emory Athletics for the use of the giant Emory flag and the Dobbs University Center for the use of the DUC van!

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:

Queer People of Color Group

Mondays, 7-8pm, 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. The next meeting will be 10/17/2011 due to Fall Break. The topic will be "Our Lives".

Queer Women Group

Tuesdays, 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. The next meeting will be 10/18/2011 due to Fall Break. The topic will be Relationships.

NEW Queer Interfaith Group

Thursdays, 7-8pm, Office of LGBT Life

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. This week's topic is "Love the sinner, Hate the sin..."

Click [HERE](#) to meet our new facilitators!

Weekly Student Groups

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

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.

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 fall are:

- October 19th, 9am-12:30pm
- November 14th, 1pm-4:30pm

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

Queer Connections Survey

The Office of LGBT Life is planning a series of Queer Connections events for LGBTQ students to interact with LGBTQ faculty for personal and professional development and/or mentoring opportunities. We'd love to get feedback from students about what this program should look like. Take a few moments to complete this survey, and enter a draw to win one of 5 \$15 Barnes and Noble gift cards! Take the survey [here](#).

Out on Campus Campaign

The Office of LGBT Life is launching a campaign to increase awareness of campus non-discrimination and equal opportunity policies through the stories of LGBTQ individuals and their allies. Any Emory student, employee or alumna/us who identifies along the spectrum of lesbian, transgender, queer, gay, genderqueer, bisexual, same-gender-loving, etc. (non-heterosexual and/or gender normative) identities can sign up to be on the OUT on Campus webpage. This public page will be hosted on the Office of LGBT Life's website [here](#) with your name, affiliation with Emory, sexual and gender identities, and picture. To submit your information, click [here](#).

News & Events at Emory

Feminists In Action Meetings (Starting August 31st)

Wednesdays 5:45pm-7:00pm Center for Women

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, contact Conrad Honicker chonick@emory.edu or visit [FIA's website](#).

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! Here are the dates of our upcoming meetings where you'll 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? We hope you can join us! Click [here](#) to let us know you're coming.

Dates of future meetings are:

- Oct. 11th
- Nov. 8th

LGBT Healthcare Week

October 10th-13th

For more information, see the last page of the newsletter.

OUT in Healthcare

October 13th 7:00-9:00 pm Home of Mr. Aycock & Dr. Baker
Join us for a health professional networking night with alumni who are practicing health professionals (nursing, public health, and medical), current graduate and professional students (nursing, public health and medical) and undergraduates with an interest in health professions. RSVP to lgbt@emory.edu. Directions to the event will be provided upon registration for the event.

Multicultural Kick Off Party

October 21st 9:00 pm Coke Commons
Kick-off for the Take Back the Night events featuring AHANA A Capella, No String Attached, Voices of Inner Strength, Chaitunes, Aural Pleasure, Dooley Noted, Skeleton Crew, Panache, ACES, and more.

AIDS Walk Atlanta

October 16th 7:00am Piedmont Park
AID Atlanta and the 9 participating agencies who benefit from AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run provide thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS treatment and medications, meals, housing, mental health services, child care, substance abuse counseling, pastoral care, and clinical research, as well as HIV prevention programs to over 85,000 neighbors and friends at-risk for HIV/AIDS in Atlanta. Volunteer Emory will be participating as a team and has a goal of 25 walkers in the event. To register with Volunteer Emory or donate, visit [here](#).

Take Back the Night Rally and Speak Out

October 24th 5:30pm Quad (Rain location DUC Terraces)
A rally and speak out to protest sexual violence and show a campus-wide commitment to building a violence-free Emory. There will be a social hour as well as a quiet space available immediately after the speak out in the quad (exact locations TBA). Anyone can submit their experience with sexual or relationship violence to be read anonymously at Take Back the Night [here](#). Students who would like to read their own stories can contact the Office of Health Promotion's Coordinator of Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Education and Response directly at Lauren.Bernstein@emory.edu or 404.727.1514.

Sexual Assault Peer Advocacy Training*October 26th 6:30pm-9:30pm DUC 259*

Peer-led student advocacy training. Learn what to say, what not to say, and how to support a friend who has been affected by sexual violence. Pre-registration required [here](#).

Gayle Rubin Lecture*November 16th 4:00pm White Hall 207*

"Sex and the Post-Industrial City: Leathermen, San Francisco, and Geographies of Gay Sex." Gayle Rubin is author of the forthcoming book, *Deviations*, which includes her foundational feminist essay, "The Traffic in Women," her equally foundational queer essay, "Thinking Sex," and subsequent work on lesbian history, the sex wars, sadomasochism, leather communities, pornography and prostitution.

Study Abroad: Sexual and Gender Diversity Movements in Mexico City*Application Deadline Oct. 15th, Program Jan. 7th-22nd*

This study abroad is a 3 credit course offered through the University of Maryland, College Park featuring on-site coursework in Mexico. More details and the application can be found [here](#).

LGBTQ & Allies Conference*Oct. 22nd, 8:00am-4:00pm Georgia Southern University*

Come address issues facing the LGBTQ community in a safe and open environment. The conference will be followed by a Gay Prom from 8pm-12am at no extra charge. Registration is \$25 (\$20 with student ID) and will include breakfast, lunch, t-shirt and access to all sessions. The deadline to register is October 14th. For more information, call 912-478-5409 or email msc@georgiasouthern.edu. Register online [here](#).

Events in the Community**Testing Together**

Ongoing AID Atlanta, 1605 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA
Testing Together is funded by MAC AIDS Fund and is a groundbreaking new HIV testing and counseling service for male couples that is being offered in Atlanta and Chicago. In 2011, as part of its special initiative focused on young MSM of color, MAF awarded a grant to Emory University to support an adaptation of Couples HIV Counseling and Testing (CVCT) for male couples, developed in response to the rising rates of HIV infection among MSM in the U.S.

Georgia Tech It Gets Better Premier*October 10th 7pm Student Center Ballroom*

The Georgia Tech Pride Alliance and Writing and Communication Program have joined the community, corporate, and collegiate movement across the country by co-producing a Georgia Tech "It Gets Better" video. The evening includes three key segments:

The premier public screening of the Georgia Tech "It Gets Better" video.

A 30-45-minute talk-back with the video's producers and several featured participants, who will offer a behind-the-scenes discussion of the videomaking process, discuss their experiences with coming out and the coming out process, and invite comments and questions from the audience

A storyteller-style performance by Matt Morris, a nationally recognized musician and songwriter. He will perform an acoustic set and speak about coming out, community, social media, and songwriting.

RSVP [here](#).

Research Opportunities**LGBQ Latino/Latina Men and Women**

The online survey is a part of a study that will contribute to understanding of the experiences and well-being of Latina/o lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals. Participation will take approximately 30 minutes. To complete the survey, men click [here](#) and women click [here](#). Contact velezbl@gmail.com or cdp309@lehigh.edu.

Volunteers Needed for LGBQ Discrimination and Minority Stress Survey

If you are 18 or older and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer, please participate in a national and anonymous on-line survey study on the psychological effects of sexual minority discrimination and ways of managing minority stress. The study will take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Benefit to you as a participant involves contributing to our understanding of the effects of sexual minority discrimination on our communities, and how to better help LGBQ people manage sexual minority discrimination. Complete the survey, and be eligible to win from \$10 to up to \$50 in gift cards. If interested, please go to the following survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Discrimination_and_Minority_Stress

Effects of Discrimination on Living Out a Calling

The purpose of this study is to investigate how discrimination against lesbian, gay, and bisexual people affects their ability to carry out their ideal careers. Access the research [here](#). For more information contact Blake at ballan3@ufl.edu.

Trans Gender Embodied States of Recognition

You are invited to participate in the Trans Gender Embodied States of Recognition research project, which explores recognition and experiences using personal identification documentation (IDs). The survey, which may take 10 to 30 minutes to complete, includes questions about your gender identification, IDs and experiences using them, name and pronoun recognition, your transition-related decisions, how you have felt in the past week, and basic demographic information. To participate, click [here](#). For more information, contact Tre at tlwenti@maxwell.syr.edu or Andrew London at (315)443-3253 or anlondon@maxwell.syr.edu.

LGBT Student Leaders Patterns of Accessing Help & Support

If you identify as a leader in a campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender student organization, Gay Straight Alliance, or other similar organization, you are invited to participate in a study that seeks to better understand how and when LGBT student leaders on college campuses access support. We hope that through gaining a better understanding of how LGBT student leaders access support, campuses become more hospitable and welcoming environments for LGBT students. If you decide to participate, we will ask you to complete a brief fifteen (15) minute survey on your experiences as a student leader. At the end of the survey you may volunteer to participate in a follow-up interview or in a local focus group. To complete the survey, click [here](#).

A Study of Lesbians' Experience with Healthcare Professionals

This online study investigates lesbians' experiences with healthcare professionals, both the good and the bad. Participants can enter their email address for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$100 cash prizes - the emails are collected separately from the survey responses to prevent identifiability. Eligible participants are self-identified lesbians who live in Canada and are 16 years or older OR who live in the USA and are 18 years or older. Access the study at <http://www.uwindsor.ca/lesbianhealthstudy>. For more information, contact stpier4@uwindsor.ca or call 1-519-253-3000 ext. 4703.

Can You Hurry Love?

Differences in Gay and Lesbian Relationship Contingency, Body Shame and Mate Urgency
You are invited to participate in a research study on the romantic relationships of gay men and lesbian women. To be eligible, you must be a gay man or lesbian woman of 18 years of age or older. You must also identify as single, defined as: not currently involved in a committed, monogamous relationship. Individuals who identify as heterosexual, bisexual, or pansexual do not meet the inclusion criteria. If you elect to participate, you will be asked to click on the link below. You will be routed to a short online survey packet. Total completion time is approximately 5-10 minutes. Access the research [here](#). Contact Taryn Acosta, B.F.A. tjanq5@mail.umkc.edu and Dr. Chris Brown, Ph.D. brownchr@umkc.edu for more information.

Relationship Between Gay Community Involvement and Well-Being

Study participation is anticipated to take between 10-20 minutes using our online survey. Your responses will be entirely anonymous and you have the option to exit the survey at any time. In order to participate, you must identify as a gay or bisexual male who is over the age of 18. Participants have the opportunity to win one of six \$25 Amazon.com gift cards. Access the survey [here](#).

Relationships Among Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual Individuals and Loved Ones

You may participate if you are of legal age in the state in which you live, are currently involved in a same-sex romantic relationship, and are out to at least one of your parents or parental figures. You may also participate if you are a parent of an individual who is currently involved in a same-sex romantic relationship. If you are LGB identified and in a relationship, click [here](#). If you are a parent of an individual currently involved in a same sex romantic relationship, click [here](#).

For more information, contact lco0001@auburn.edu.

Examining the Academic and Social Experiences of Gay Male Undergraduates of Color

The purpose of this qualitative study is to understand the academic and social "lived" experiences of male undergraduates of color who identify as gay or bisexual. Using a semi-structured interview protocol, we elicit information about students' pre-college personal histories, decisions about disclosing their sexual identity to others, challenges and achievements they've experienced since entering college. Cues focus on issues of identity, socialization, environments, and interactions with others. Access the survey [here](#). Contact strayhorn.3@osu.edu or tillman-kelly.1@osu.edu for more information.

Fellowships

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's Diversity Fellows Program

We are entering into the recruitment phase for our next cohort of Diversity Fellows (2011-12). The position has been posted on UWM's employment website via the AIMS system and has been publicized in several national periodicals. This year, we have also created a brochure (enclosed), which we are asking you to share with your department chairs. The electronic version is available online at http://www4.uwm.edu/acad_aff/climate/dfp/brochure.pdf.

Volunteer Opportunities

Lutheran Volunteer Corps

LVC is on a Journey to an Inclusive Community, forming and strengthening alliances among people of many cultures and communities, and intentionally dismantling racism within LVC, the church, and society. As a Reconciling in Christ organization, LVC welcomes and encourages the participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people in all aspects of LVC. LVC volunteers come from a wide variety of spiritual backgrounds, and do not need to be Lutheran. While there is no upper age limit, volunteers should be a minimum of 21 years old. For more information, visit our website at www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org.

LGBT Healthcare Week 2011

Monday, October 10th	Tuesday, October 11th	Wednesday, October 12th	Thursday, October 13th
12:00 p.m. LTT <i>LGBT Health 101</i> SOM 110 7:00 p.m. Movie Night SOM 120	National Coming Out Day 12:00 p.m. LTT <i>Healthcare and the LGBT Elderly</i> SOM 110	<i>Art in the Commons:</i> A celebration of art from LGBT artists in the Atlanta area SOM Commons	7:00 p.m. <i>OUT in Healthcare Party:</i> A networking event for LGBT- identified healthcare professionals. For more information contact Jon at j.f.pennycuff@ emory.edu

If you or a loved one is considering coming out, please consider some of the following resources:

HRC <http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/national-coming-out-day>

PFLAG <http://www.pflag.org>

Emory's Office of LGBT Life lgbt@emory.edu or 404-727-0272

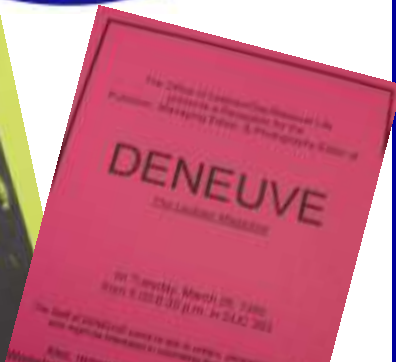
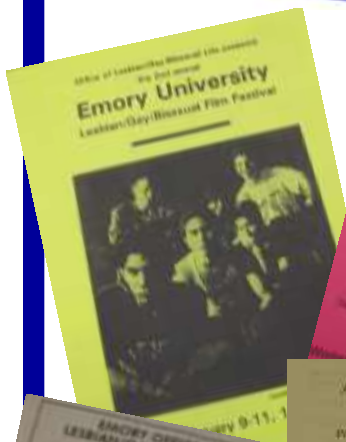
For more information on LGBT Healthcare Week, contact Jon Pennycuff at j.f.pennycuff@emory.edu.

Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Life



During the 1994-1995 Academic Year

- The President's Committee on LGB Issues became the President's Commission on LGB Issues making it a permanent entity.
- Emory's largest queer group, Emory's Lesbian and Gay Organization (ELGO), became the Gay Lesbian Or Bisexual and Allies League (GLOBAL) welcoming graduate students and staff in addition to students.
- Members of the President's Commission prepare a proposal



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