

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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Happy Pride 2010!!!

Thanks to everyone who came out!



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Check out Emory Pride's own Co-President, Kovonn Tanner, on Atlanta's Fox News speaking about the bullying of queer students. Click [here](#) to see the interview!



Gay Students and College Employees Face Significant Harassment, Report Says

By Sara Lipka

Whether they are students, staff members, professors, or administrators, people who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender report significant harassment at their colleges and discomfort with the overall campus climates, according to a new national report.

Keep reading [here](#). Want to discuss? Post to the SpeakOut listserv! Email lgbt@emory.edu to subscribe.

Office of LGBT Life

Partnerships with the Center for Women

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 (*Thursdays, 6-7pm*)—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: *Labels We Use*

Queer Women Group (*Tuesdays, 6-7pm*)—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. This week's topic: *Being queer and religious.*

StoryCorps Atlanta

StoryCorps Atlanta is working with the Office of LGBT Life and other local LGBTQ organizations to encourage everyone to come tell their stories. Participants will have 40 minutes to record a conversation with a loved one. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the Library of Congress.

StoryCorps OutLoud is a project to record and preserve the voices of LGBTQ individuals across the nation. Sharing our stories honors the history, struggles, and character of our community, and preserving them in the Library of Congress will ensure all voices and experiences are celebrated and remembered for generations to come.

Tell your Story:

Three ways to make appointments:

- Call: 1-800-850-4406
- Visit: www.wabe.org/storycorps
- E-mail: EmoryLGBT@storycorps.org (Include your name and phone number)

Lunch with the Director

Wednesdays

Noon-1pm

Eat lunch with Director of the Office of LGBT Life Dr. Michael Shutt. Wednesdays from Noon-1:00, starting September 8th. Meet in the Office of LGBT Life.

Emory Drag Extravaganza!!!

October 29 Glenn Memorial 10:00pm-midnight

The Office of LGBT Life and Emory Pride are partnering to raise money for a great cause. Developed to provide an opportunity for campus administrators, faculty, and staff to show their support for student leadership development, funds raised through this event will go directly to student leadership development opportunities. To support the competition, you can attend the Drag Show, donate to your favorite team, or participate yourself! You can also create a team made up of members of the Emory Community. The team with the most points will win the new Drag Cup! For student registration, click [here](#). For more information, contact Danielle Steele at dmsteel@emory.edu.

Atlanta Queer Literary Festival @ Emory Bookstore—Call Out!

October 15 Emory Bookstore 2:00-5:00pm

The Office of LGBT Life and the Atlanta Queer Literary Festival are looking for members of the Emory community (faculty, students, and staff) to read an excerpt of their original work. Maximum of five minutes per person; space is limited. To participate, contact Danielle Steele at dmsteel@emory.edu. Include the title and type (poem, short story, etc.) of work to be read. There will be readings by AQLF authors as well as Emory graduate and author Elliott Mackle (newly released *Hot Off the Presses*).

Additionally, Emory students will have the opportunity to eat lunch with author Elliott Mackle prior to the event. To attend, RSVP with Danielle Steele (dmsteel@emory.edu).

Film: Queer China, 'Comrade' China

October 20th Harland Cinema, DUC 7pm

Directed by Cui Zi'en, this film documents changes and developments in Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender culture that have taken place in China over the last 80 years. Featuring rarely seen footage of the first ever appearance of gays and lesbians on State television, the film examines how shifting attitudes in law, media and education have transformed queer culture from being an unspeakable taboo to an accepted social identity. Co-sponsored by Emory Pride. Discussion to follow.

Now Taking 2011 GALA Leadership Award Applications

The 2011 Gay and Lesbian Alumni Leadership Award application is now available. This \$2500 scholarship is open to all current Emory undergraduate students who will be enrolled in classes during the 2011-2012 academic year. Click [here](#) for the application.

News & Events at Emory

President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality General Meeting

October 13th 3:30-5:00 p.m. Jones Room of Woodruff
Want to learn more about the President's Commission? Think you might want to get involved? Attend an open PCSGDQE meeting. More information can be found [here](#).

Studies in Sexualities Colloquium & Reading

October 18, 2010
Randall Kenan, author of *A Visitation of Spirits*, *Let the Dead Bury Their Dead*, and *The Fire This Time* will host: Colloquium, 2:00pm-3:00pm, Kemp Malone Library, N301 Callaway Center
The Phillis Wheatley Reading, 6:30pm, Joseph, W. Jones Room, 311 Woodruff Library
Visit the Studies in Sexualities website for more details: <http://college.emory.edu/program/sis/events.html>

6th Annual Take Back the Night

October 26, 2010 5:00PM Emory Quad
Come to the quad to speak out and rally to protest sexual violence. Rain location: DUC Terraces.
To submit an anonymous story, visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EmoryTBTN>
For more information, contact Aline Jesus Rafia (arafi@emory.edu) or Anushka Kapoor (anushka.kapoor@emory.edu).

Don't Ask Don't Tell Panel

October 13th 12:30-1:45 Law School, Rm 5E
Emory Law Professor Robert Schapiro and the National President of the American Veterans for Equal Rights Danny Ingram will talk about the impact of DADT on our armed forces, the social and political obstacles to DADT's repeal, and the future of the policy. Free lunch. Sponsored by the Military Law Society and the OutLaws.

Studies in Sexualities presents Vernon Rosario

November 9, 2010 4:00PM

Vernon Rosario MD, PhD, is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Institute. He is a child psychiatrist working in private practice and with LGBTI foster children. His current research interest is in transgender and intersex children and adolescents. He will be speaking on "The Medical History and Challenges of Transgenderism" in White Hall 110. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies, American Studies Program, Department of English, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, the Emory University Psychoanalytic Studies Program, and the Office of LGBT Life.

Student Leader Trainings Announced for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Each year, the Office of Student Leadership & Service, in conjunction with the Student Government Association, hosts trainings and discussions on pertinent topical areas for student leaders and student organizations. Attendance is voluntary, but highly encouraged.

Topics for this year are as follow:

- "Recruitment & Building a Solid Membership Base"
- "Inclusive Leadership"
- "Dealing with Conflict and Difficult People"
- "Communication and Transition"

RSVP at <http://www.osls.emory.edu/trainin.php>.

Feminists In Action New Meeting Time

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](#).

Events in the Community

'Couples' Photography Show

Oct. 1st-31st 7:00am-7:00pm [The SoundTable](#)

In conjunction with Atlanta Celebrates Photography, "Couples" is an exhibition of vivid portraits by Atlanta-based artist and SCAD M.F.A. photography graduate Karen Shacham. Her series showcases the multiple experiences that inform how queer couples live in the U.S. With terms like "gay" and "lesbian" most often used within political and social constructs, we overlook the myriad of ways in which these couples exist. To learn more, visit the ACP's website [here](#) or call 404.444.6029.

AIDS Walk Atlanta with Volunteer Emory

October 17, 2010 Piedmont Park

Join Volunteer Emory in Piedmont Park for the 20th Annual AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run. This walk benefits over 25,000 people living with HIV/AIDS and helps prevent new HIV infections with more than 85,000 education program participants right here in Atlanta. Since its inception 19 years ago, AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run's impact in Atlanta has expanded, exposure increased and reputation flourished. When registering, select "Join a Team" and find the Volunteer Emory Team. There is a \$10 registration fee. More info at www.aidswalkatlanta.com

The Colors of my Rhythm Exhibit

October 11th-29th Gallery Art Lounge, Georgia State U

The Colors of my Rhythm is a multidisciplinary show representing LGBT awareness. The work is meant to illuminate the LGBT struggle, what means, and how it is evolving with increasing social acceptance. For more information, click [here](#).

JP Morgan's Proud to Be Event

Applications due October 15th

Recipients of the Proud to Be event will receive an expenses-paid trip to JP Morgan's Investment Bank in New York to meet members of their LGBT community and learn about internship opportunities. Open to top LGBT sophomore and junior undergraduates and top LGBT first-year MBA students who are interested in learning more about JP Morgan's investment bank and asset management business. The Proud to Be event is November 19th, 2010. For more information, click [here](#).

We Are the Youth Project

October 25, 2010

Emory Campus

We Are the Youth is a photographic journalism project chronicling the individual stories of queer youth in the United States. Laurel Golio and Diana Scholl will be traveling to Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, interviewing and photographing local queer youth. They are looking for queer youth, up to age 21, of all races, nationalities, gender identities and experiences. They are currently scheduling interviews/photo sessions at Emory University the morning of Monday, October 25th and would love to meet you!

Please email hello@wearetheyouth.org or visit <http://wearetheyouth.org/> to get involved.

Queering the Countryside

November 6th-7th

University of Indiana

Indiana University will host a two-day, interdisciplinary symposium that will include a day-long public conference on Saturday, November 6th, and a series of concurrent writing workshops on Sunday morning in which selected participants will be given the opportunity to share their work-in-progress with visiting scholars and other symposium attendees. For more information, visit:

<http://www.iub.edu/~gender/queering-the-countryside.html>

Clothesline Project T-Shirt Making

October 4-27, 2010

Center for Women

The Clothesline Project, part of a national movement, is a visual display that bears witness to violence against women. Victims of violence and/or those who care about them decorate t-shirts as part of their healing process. All survivors of violence, including secondary survivors and allies of survivors, are invited to The Center for Women to design a shirt that reflects their experience.

An Evening with Alice Walker to Benefit the James Weldon Johnson Institute at Emory and Charis Circle

October 20th

7:30pm

A reading by Alice Walker will be at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. For more information and to get tickets, visit <http://an-evening-with-alice-eventbrite.com>

Research Opportunities

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

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:

http://UFL.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_b12Mg5sIMM3CzC4

LGBT Marriage Research

Engaged volunteers needed!

Dr. Charlotte J Patterson, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Virginia, 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

Call for Papers

WPATH First Call for Papers

Submissions due January 2nd, 2011

The biennial symposium of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is on Emory's campus September 24th-28th, 2011. The organization is currently calling for papers on a variety of topics. To learn more, click [here](#).

Internship Opportunities

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 visit:

<http://feministcenter.org/VolunteersInterns/InternshipProgram.php>