

# 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!



## From the Office of LGBT Life

Office of LGBT Life  
Suite 246E  
Dobbs University Center

Phone: (404) 727-0272

Email: [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto:lgbt@emory.edu)

Hours: M-F 8:30am- 5:00pm

Web: [www.lgbt.emory.edu](http://www.lgbt.emory.edu)

Join our Facebook group by clicking [here!](#)



***Happy Pride 2010!!!***

***Thanks to everyone who came out!***



## In this edition of Emory LGBT News:

### Office of LGBT Life

- Partnerships with the Center for Women
- StoryCorps Atlanta
- Lunch with the Director
- Film: Queer China, 'Comrade' China
- Trans-forming Emory
- 2010 Annual Drag Show
- GALA Leadership Award Application

### News & Events at Emory

- Studies in Sexualities Colloquium & Reading
- Randall Kenan Colloquium and Reading
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Back the Night
- Taking Charge: Women and Leadership at Emory
- Studies in Sexualities Presents Vernon Rosario
- Student Leader Trainings
- Feminists in Action (F.I.A.) New Meeting Time

### Events in the Community

- Photography Show
- Clothesline Project T-Shirt Making
- An Evening with Alice Walker
- We are the Youth Project
- The Colors of my Rhythm Exhibit

### Events in the Community (continued)

- Feminist Film Forum
- Queering the Countryside Conference
- Youth Media Camp

### Research Opportunities

- Tobacco Use in the LGBTQ Community
- Vocational Interests and Coping Mechanisms of Sexual Minorities
- LGBT Marriage Research

### Studies in Sexualities Courses

- List of Spring 2010 Course Offerings

### Call for Papers

- WPATH First Call for Papers

### Internship Opportunities

- Feminist Women's Health Center Internship
- Public Relations Internship



## Gay Couples Navigate Steep Retirement Challenges

*By Todd Henneman*

Some employers extend the same retirement planning options to gay and heterosexual couples. But same-sex partners still must cope with more retirement and end-of-life complexities, including higher taxes.

Keep reading [here](#). Want to discuss? Post to the SpeakOut listserv! Email [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto: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: *Queer Adolescence and Queer Role Models*

**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: *How do you know if someone is hitting on you?*

### 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](http://www.wabe.org/storycorps)
- E-mail: [EmoryLGBT@storycorps.org](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the Office of LGBT Life.

### Film: Queer China, 'Comrade' China

*October 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Trans-forming Emory

*October 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM-6:30PM DUC 246E*

Join Trans-forming Emory in the Office of LGBT Life to discuss "What purpose do we serve? How do we want the group to work? Where is the group headed?" Food will be provided.

### 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](mailto:dmsteel@emory.edu).

### 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

### 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>

### Randall Kenan Colloquium and Reading

October 18

The Emory Creative Writing Program Reading Series, the Department of African American Studies, and Studies in Sexualities present fiction writer and essayist Randall Kenan for a colloquium on Monday, October 18, **2-3PM** in the Kemp Malone Library, **N301 Callaway Center**. There will also be a reading and book signing at **6:30PM** in the **Jones Room**, 311 Woodruff Library. Kenan has numerous works, including The Fire this Time, a work of nonfiction. He recently edited and wrote the introduction for a new collection of work by James Baldwin, The Cross of Redemption: Uncollected Writings.

There will also be a reading and book signing at **6:30PM** in the **Jones Room**, 311 Woodruff Library. Kenan has numerous works, including The Fire this Time, a work of nonfiction. He recently edited and wrote the introduction for a new collection of work by James Baldwin, The Cross of Redemption: Uncollected Writings.

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:arafi@emory.edu)) or Anushka Kapoor ([anushka.kapoor@emory.edu](mailto:anushka.kapoor@emory.edu)).

### Taking Charge: Women and Leadership at Emory

Jones Room, Woodruff Library

This program represents a collaboration between the President's Commission on the Status of Women and the Women in Leadership subcommittee. Fall semester sessions include:

October 21, 4PM-5:30PM: "Structures and Cultures of the University"

November 18, 4PM-5:30PM "Budget and Finance"

For more information contact Tiffany Worboy at [tworboy@emory.edu](mailto:tworboy@emory.edu)

### 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-31<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>* and would love to meet you!

Please email [hello@wearetheyouth.org](mailto:hello@wearetheyouth.org) or visit <http://wearetheyouth.org/> to get involved.

### The Colors of my Rhythm Exhibit

October 11<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> *Gallery Art Lounge, GSU*

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](#).

### Feminist Film Forum

October 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00PM

Attend a free monthly film series at the Feminist Women's Health Center. This series explores perspectives of the portrayal of feminism and sexuality in modern cinema. This month's screening is *The Naked Feminist*, a film that challenges the myths surrounding women in the porn industry, while exploring preconceived notions of control, pleasure, and exploitation. RSVP at [nextwave@feministcenter.org](mailto:nextwave@feministcenter.org), or call 404.248.5445

### Queering the Countryside

November 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> *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>

### Fierce Youth Reclaiming & Empowering Media Camp

December 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> *Atlanta, GA*

The FYRE Media Camp is 4 day/3 night dynamic gathering of LGBTQ youth of color reproductive justice activists thinking critically, re-imagining and creating media for our resilience, our lives, and our communities. The camp is open to LGBTQ youth of color between the ages of 18-24 who currently live in Georgia. Participants will have travel, lodging, food, and other expenses covered. The deadline to apply is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Click [here](#) to apply, or visit [sparkrj.org](http://sparkrj.org) for more info.

## 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](mailto: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](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](mailto:survey.couples@gmail.com)

## Courses

Click [here](#) to see courses in Studies for Sexuality for spring 2011!

## Call for Papers

### WPATH First Call for Papers

Submissions due January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

The biennial symposium of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is on Emory's campus September 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 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, click [here](#).

### Positions Communications, LLC Public Relations Internship

This internship is open to recent graduates or current students actively enrolled in law school or undergraduate public relations, marketing, or other related program. The individual must demonstrate the ability to undertake basic public relations writing assignments, and possess an understanding of basic media relations skills, an ability to interact professionally with clients, and good judgment.

The intern will work with the President and/or Senior Account Executive to prioritize tasks and focus on multiple projects and deadlines simultaneously. The intern will work between 15-40 hours per week for wage or college credit.

To apply, please send e-mail cover letter, resume and writing samples to:

Meredith Bell

P. O. Box 79466

Atlanta, Georgia 30357

[bell@postoncommunications.com](mailto:bell@postoncommunications.com)

[www.postoncommunications.com](http://www.postoncommunications.com)