

# 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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The **NOH8** campaign photographs are now on display! Check out the DUC Gallery (across from the Coca-Cola Commons) to see Emory community members taking a stand against hate.



## Review of Elliott Mackle's *Hot Off the Presses*

By Richard Labonte

A high-profile young, black lad on the down-low, a world-class Olympic gymnast committed to his closet, an evangelical black mayor deep into African-American AIDS denial, a crusading queer journalist coping with the hang-ups of the wealthy straight couple who inherited the gay Atlanta newspaper their dead son founded: Mackle's meaty novel packs in a lot of provocative plot.

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: *Being out professionally.*

### Focus Groups

The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Life, Office of Multicultural Programs and Services, Center for Women and Office of Religious Life are seeking students to participate in focus groups to assess the needs of students on campus. Participants will be provided with dinner and a \$15 gift card to the Emory University Book Store. Participants must personally identify as a member of the particular identity group(s). Please contact [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto:lgbt@emory.edu) to sign up for one or more of the groups.

### 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.

### Creating Change Conference Scholarship

The Office of LGBT Life invites you to apply for a scholarship to attend The Task Force's 23rd National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change in Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 2-6, 2011. The award covers registration, shared accommodations, and travel costs. Click [here](#) for the full application.

Group	Date	Time
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>South Asian students</b>	November 11	5:00 p.m.
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>Latino/a-Chicano/a-Hispanic students</b>	November 11	7:00 p.m.
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>Asian/Pacific Islander students</b>	November 15	5:00 p.m.
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>Black/African Descent students</b>	November 15	7:00 p.m.
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>Muslim students</b>	November 16	5:00 p.m.
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>Jewish students</b>	November 16	5:00 p.m.
Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Same Gender Loving <b>Christian students</b>	November 16	7:00 p.m.
Transgender/Gender Queer/Gender Nonconforming students	November 17	5:30 p.m.

### 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.

## News & Events at Emory

### 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:

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.

### 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 Schöll 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.

## Courses

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

## 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](#).

### 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)

## 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 posses 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:

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