

# 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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Thank you for reading the Office of LGBT Life's Weekly Newsletter!

If you have comments, questions, or events to add to the newsletter, please email [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto:lgbt@emory.edu).



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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.



**Thanks to everyone who came out for the 2010 Drag Show!**

**Over 300 folks filled Glenn Memorial Auditorium to see students and staff dance in drag. Many thanks to our audience, performers, and volunteers!**

## 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.

### 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.

### 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 and preserve the voices of LGBTQ individuals across the nation.. 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.

*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)

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.

**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****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)

**Emory Cares International Service Day***Saturday, 11/13**The NAMES Foundation: AIDS Memorial Quilt*

In coordination with Emory Cares, the Gay and Lesbian Alumni are sponsoring a volunteer opportunity at The NAMES Foundation: AIDS Memorial Quilt on Saturday, November 13. If you're interested in volunteering your time for a couple hours, please click [here](#) for additional details and registration.

**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.

**Transgender Politics on Campus**

*November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm Building H, Clairmont Campus*  
Join faculty in residence, Irene Browne, for a discussion on transgender issues on campus. An excerpt from "TransGeneration" will be shown, and dinner is provided. Please RSVP by Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to [socib@emory.edu](mailto:socib@emory.edu).

**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****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.

**Quicksilver Gender-Free Contra Dancing***Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm-5pm, Decatur Life Enrichment Ctr.*

American contra and English country dances taught and open to the straight and LGBTQ communities. Admission is \$6. For more information, click [here](#).

## 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>

## Courses

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

## 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](#).

### ORAM

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](mailto:externship@oraminternational.org).

## 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](#).