

# 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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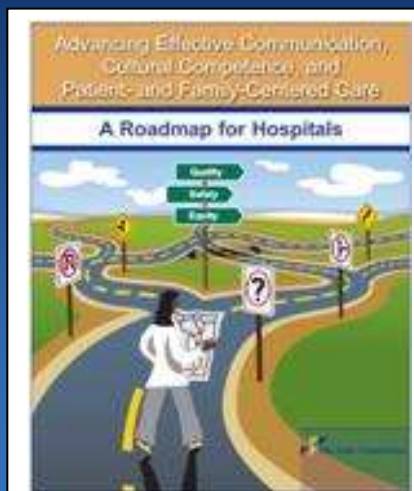
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### Office of LGBT Life 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the newsletter, on our website, and on our bulletin board outside Dobbs University Center 246E.



## Joint Commission Releases Free LGBT Field Guide

On Tuesday, the Joint Commission released *Advancing Effective Communication, Cultural Competence and Patient- and Family-Centered Care for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community: A Field Guide*.

For more information check out the field guide, available for free online [here](#), will serve as an essential resource for hospitals and health care organizations to create a more welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment that contributes to improved healthcare quality for LGBT patients and their families

## 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 topic will be community.

#### 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. This week the topic is: For the Bible Tells Me So: Discussion.

#### \*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 "The politics of Faith and Relationships in the LGBT Community: Part II."

Click [HERE](#) to meet our 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](mailto: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](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu) or Dohyun Ahn at [ddahn@emory.edu](mailto: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](mailto:mktanne@emory.edu)) or Brianne Rivera ([bariver@emory.edu](mailto:bariver@emory.edu)) for more information. This week, Emory Pride will be viewing the film *Black/Womyn*.

#### 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](mailto:trans.emory@gmail.com) or [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto: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 spring are:

- Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 1-4:30pm
- Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 1-4:30pm
- Thursday, March 8th, 9am-12:30pm
- Friday, April 27th, 9am-12:30pm

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

#### LGBT Alumni Discussion: Voices of Student Activism

*November 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm Few Multipurpose Room*  
Listen in on stories of student leadership and activism over the last 30 years that forever changed the campus climate for LGBT students, faculty and staff. Participants include former students leaders and administrators who continue to impact the LGBT community in Atlanta including: Laura Douglas-Brown•Saralyn Chesnut•Sara Luce Look•Gerry Lowrey•Michael Sanseviro•Donna Smith

Dinner @ 6:00p.m., Alumni Dialog @ 6:30 p.m.

### Gay and Lesbian Alumni (GALA) Leadership Award Application Now Available

Emory student leaders are now invited to apply for the GALA Leadership Award. The \$2,500.00 award will be given to an undergraduate student who actively demonstrate leadership to positively impact the campus environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities.

For more information including details on how to apply, please click [here](#). The deadline to apply is January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## News & Events at Emory

### 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.

### Holiday Social with GALA, Emory's LGBTQ Alumni

*Thursday, December 8 @ 7:00 PM*

Emory alumni are invited to celebrate the holidays in style at this annual holiday social. There will be lots of fun and plenty of cheer at Einstein's, a warm, yet trendy restaurant occupying three 1920s bungalow on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Juniper Streets.

Cost is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, and includes appetizers and one drink ticket with a cash bar after your included drink. Please register by clicking [here](#).

### Apply to serve as a Campus Life Liaison or Alumni Relations Liaison to SGA!

If you are interested in serving as a Campus Life Liaison for the 45th SGA, please complete the following application and submit it electronically to Dorothy Abrams at [dkabram@emory.edu](mailto:dkabram@emory.edu) by **Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011 at 5pm**. If you are interested in serving in the Alumni Role, please complete the following application and submit it electronically to Aditi Desai at [adesai8@emory.edu](mailto:adesai8@emory.edu).

Representatives are accepted from Academic and Research Positions, Greek Life, Religious Life, Athletics, and LGBTQ Life. We are also looking for an Alumni Relations Liaison. Fill out the application for more information.

### College Republicans GBM

*Thursday, November 17 @ 7:00 PM Whitehall 208*

Featuring Jamie Ensley, Head of Atlanta Log Cabin Republicans, America's Premier Gay Republican Group. Refreshments will be served! Contact Brett Banker at [bbanker@emory.edu](mailto:bbanker@emory.edu) for any questions.

### Gayle Rubin Lecture

*November 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Feminists</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Meetings</b>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>5:45pm-7:00pm</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>for Women</i>

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](mailto:chonick@emory.edu) or visit [FIA's website](#).

### State of Race: Spike Lee

*November 16<sup>th</sup> 8pm Glenn Memorial Auditorium*

Emmy award-winning director-producer and Atlanta native Shelton Jackson "Spike" Lee will be the keynote speaker at the 12th annual State of Race dialogue, which will take place on Nov. 16. The event aims to facilitate discussion on contemporary racial issues in the United States. Lee, whose production company "40 Acres & a Mule Filmworks" has produced more than 35 films, including "Do The Right Thing" and "Malcolm X," has centered his works on the issues of race, urban poverty, crime and the role of media in society. Tickets for the event are free and will be available at the Dobbs University Center (DUC) Information Desk.

### The Student Hardship Fund

The Student Hardship Fund has been established to provide financial support to Emory University students who are experiencing a financial hardship due to a catastrophic event. We need your help to let your clubs, organizations, and groups know that it is available! Please forward to as many conferences, friends, and others that you can. Feel free to share it on Facebook and Twitter. Contact Stephen Ratner ([stephen.ratner@emory.edu](mailto:stephen.ratner@emory.edu)) or Jordan Stein ([jordan.stein@emory.edu](mailto:jordan.stein@emory.edu)) for more information.

## Events in the Community

### The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium

*March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 8pm Glenn Memorial Auditorium*

The University of Colorado Boulder's TRANSforming Gender Symposium is celebrating its sixth year! The Symposium hosts national and local transgender and genderqueer activists to address issues surrounding transgender, genderqueer and related identities. Previous presenters and participants have included academics, health professionals, community organizers, performance and visual artists, students, faculty, staff, youth, family members, community members and other interested folks.

The Symposium is free and open to the public! (We will be asking for a cost-free registration at a later date.) In addition to nationally recognized speakers, we are excited to be including workshops and panels throughout the day.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Symposium.

### Testing Together

*Ongoing AID Atlanta, 1605 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta*

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.

### College Screening of Focus Feature's new "Pariah"

*Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Regal Atlantic Station*

The screening will be followed with a Q&A with PARIAH Writer/Director Dee Rees, actors Adepero Oduye and Kim Wayans, and producer Nekisa Cooper. RSVP at [PariahATLcollege@gmail.com](mailto:PariahATLcollege@gmail.com) by Monday, November 14 if you plan to attend. RSVP does not guarantee seating, theater is overbooked to ensure a full house.

## Research Opportunities

### 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](#).

### Educational Experiences of LGBTQ Youth

Two openly gay researchers from the University of West Georgia are seeking LGBTQ individuals willing to share their experiences in educational settings (IRB #12\_0117). The purpose of the study is to identify ways to enhance supports for LGBTQ students in secondary and post-secondary education by honoring the voices of our participants. We are hoping to recruit participants that represent the full range of diversity that exists in the LGBTQ community, including individuals who represent non-dominant race, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic, religious, political, and ability identities. For more information or to indicate your willingness to participate in an interview, please email Dr. James DeVita at [jdevita@westga.edu](mailto:jdevita@westga.edu).

### **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](#).

### **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](mailto:stpier4@uwindsor.ca) or call 1-519-253-3000 ext. 4703.

### **Study on the Psychological Impact of the Threat of Identity Disclosure in the Workplace**

Participants are needed for an online study of cognitive performance and workplace behavior. This study is being conducted through the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University. You will be asked to fill out an anonymous online questionnaire about behaviors in the workplace, which should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Anyone interested in participating can access the survey by following the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BFJLSLR>

If you have any questions, please contact us at [craig.nagoshi@asu.edu](mailto:craig.nagoshi@asu.edu) or [gabrielle@asu.edu](mailto:gabrielle@asu.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](mailto:strayhorn.3@osu.edu) or [tillman-kelly.1@osu.edu](mailto:tillman-kelly.1@osu.edu) for more information.

### **Motion Comic Focus Group**

The CDC is seeking young gay men (15-24) to participate in focus groups the week of November 16-20, 2011 regarding the development of an innovative new method of delivering HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) prevention messages. The focus groups will consist of questions about utilizing motion comics as a vehicle for prevention of HIV/AIDS and STD and will take approximately 2 hours to conduct. You will receive a \$25 token of appreciation for your participation. Your input is valued and the CDC looks forward to speaking with you about the possibility of participating in this focus group. For more information about participation, please contact the Motion Comic Team at (404) 639-822 or [mocom@cdc.gov](mailto:mocom@cdc.gov).

### Project Let Us Stand Together and Speak

Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health is launching a community study on health issues in same-sex male relationships called Project Let Us Stand Together and Speak (*projectLUST Speaks*). Study participants can earn \$35 for participating in discussions on this topic. The ultimate goal is to enhance the Atlanta community's awareness and response to aspects of these important issues.

How to join the conversation: If you are a gay or bisexual man between the ages of 18 and 45 who lives in Atlanta and may be interested in volunteering for a group discussion in the next month, [reply to atlantaspeaks@gmail.com with your first name, age and phone number](mailto:atlantaspeaks@gmail.com). Our staff will call you to see if you are eligible and to schedule you for our next group discussion. Discussions will last up to 2 hours. Also, if you know someone who may want to contribute, contact [atlantaspeaks@gmail.com](mailto:atlantaspeaks@gmail.com) or call [404.727.3067](tel:404.727.3067) for more information.

## Fellowships & Internships

**Victory Congressional Internship**  
The Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute will bring outstanding LGBTQ college students to Washington, D.C., for an intensive leadership program, including a Congressional internship with an LGBT-friendly member of Congress. The program includes a generous stipend, placement in a congressional internship and travel to/from Washington, D.C., as well as travel and registration to the International Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference in Long Beach, California, in December 2012. Applications for Spring 2012 are due Monday, November 7 – find out more and apply now at [www.glli.org/vci](http://www.glli.org/vci) (applications for Summer 2012 will be due February 6). The Victory Congressional Internship is open to current undergraduate students of all genders, orientations, abilities, races, and political affiliations, including people with majors other than political science.

### Global Experiences LGBT Internship Program

The Global Experiences LGBT Internship Program offers an unparalleled opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a career area that also has considerable resonance and personal meaning to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students around the globe. For ally friends or those pursuing careers in social work, human rights or progressive public policies, an internship with an LGBT organization can also be a rewarding, life altering experience.

Global Experiences offers LGBT international internships in Dublin, London, Paris and Sydney every season of the year. We also offer domestic internship opportunities in New York City and Washington, D.C. While these internships are a natural fit for those with graduate school interest in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, they can also be a transformative experience for those LGBT students with more general interest in communications & marketing, website design/hosting, public relations, radio/TV, event planning, non-profit management or political campaign organization. Click [here](#) for more information. Contact Alex Paisner at (410) 267-7306 or at [alex@globalexperiences.com](mailto:alex@globalexperiences.com).

# Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Life



## During the 1997-1998 Academic Year

- Summer– An Oxford faculty member attempted to have a commitment ceremony with his male partner at the Oxford Chapel but was denied by Oxford’s dean
- President Chace denounced the dean’s actions citing the nondiscrimination policy. Trustees affiliated with the Methodist Church led the President to ban all marriage and commitment ceremonies until policy could be clarified
- Policy was changed to allow any ceremony as long as it was affirmed by a recognized religious group
- The Office of LGB Life becomes the Office of LGBT Life to include Transgender students
- The President’s Commission also changes its name becoming the President’s Commission on LGBT Concerns