

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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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.



For Grinnell's New President, Tense Negotiations Over Sheet Cake

By Lawrence Biemiller

It's not every day that you see a college president in the thick of negotiations over a make-or-break issue—especially not an issue so serious that he invites the other party, perhaps a little bit threateningly, to “step outside.” But even before Raynard S. Kington, Grinnell College's new president, sat down near me at a recent community dinner at a local school, he clearly had his hands full.

Read more [here](#).

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.

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.

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. Deadline Dec. 3rd.

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
- E-mail: atl+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.

News & Events at Emory

GALA Election Announcement

Emory GALA is proud to announce the election of new officers to lead the GALA Steering Committee. Lilly Correa 73C and Ryan Roche 03OX 05C will be taking on the GALA co-chair roles, and Joe O'Geen 10C will serve as GALA Secretary. Lilly, Ryan, and Joe will officially begin their terms in January, and will be calling an open forum meeting for anyone interested in getting more involved with Emory GALA. Please join us in congratulating Lilly, Ryan, and Joe, and thanking Sharon Semmens 80C 80G and Cleve Shirah 87OX 89B for their wonderful service as GALA co-chairs. Thanks to their leadership, GALA has grown to be a model organization for all of our alumni affinity groups in Atlanta and is positioned very well for continued success. Thank you so much, Sharon and Cleve, and congratulations to Lilly, Ryan, and Joe!

World AIDS Day AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

December 1, 2010

10:30AM-4:00PM

McDonough Field

Emory University is host to the largest collegiate display in the world of the AIDS Memorial Quilt on World AIDS Day. The event, hosted by Hillel, will be held on McDonough Field for the first time after five years of being on the Quad.

The Office of LGBT Life will be reading names between 11:30AM and 11:50AM. If you are interested in reading names with the office, please find Danielle Steele or Michael Shutt on McDonough Field tomorrow, and they will make sure you have an opportunity to read.

Feminists In Action 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**STEPPING OUT: Taking LGBTQQI Cultural Competency to the Next Level***December 3, 2010 9:00AM-4:00PM*

This free training session at the Dekalb Women's Center will focus on possible scenarios for serving LGBTQQI survivors in a safe house program, primary aggressor assessment, culturally competent community outreach, and self-care for advocates serving the LGBTQQI community. Register [here](#) by November 29, 2010. Contact Jennifer Thomas at united4safety@gmail.com for more info.

6th Annual Queer People of Color Conference Call for workshops now open!*April 8th-10th, 2011**Univeristy of California, Riverside*

For the past five years, the Queer People of Color Conference has strategically reframed and deconstructed common sensical notions which have consequently and schematically marginalized queer people of color. More specifically, the Queer People of Color Conference structuralizes the foundation for grappling with and analyzing the intersections of homophobia and racism. This conference aims challenge the internalized rationale that has incessantly legitimized the marginalization of queer people of color. Thus, the theme of this year's conference is *decolonize your mind*.

The conference is currently accepting applications for workshops. Click [here](#) to submit your workshop application.

Click [here](#) for more info about the conference and submitting workshop proposals.

Expanding the Circle: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies*March 3-6, 2010 San Francisco, California*

The California Institute of Integral Studies presents the Expanding the Circle Conferences at Hotel Nikko. This conference for higher education professionals addresses factors contributing to the exclusion of LGBTQ issues from academic study and student life, as well as exploring ways to make our campuses more inclusive for all students.

Registration is now open. Register by November 15 for an early registration rate.

Click [here](#) or email expandingthecircle@ciis.edu to learn more.

5th Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium Call for workshop proposals*April 1st-3rd, 2011 University of Colorado at Boulder*

Each year the University of Colorado Boulder TRANSforming Gender Symposium brings national and local transgender and genderqueer activist to the Symposium to address issues surrounding transgender, genderqueer and related identities. The symposium includes academics, community organizers, performance and visual artist, students, faculty, staff, youth, family members, community members and other interested folks. The Symposium is free and open to the public. This year, along with nationally known speakers the Symposium will include workshops throughout the day. The Symposium is currently accepting workshop proposals. Past symposiums have covered some of the following topics as they relate to trans identities: spirituality, health care, transmysogyny, sexuality, poetry, media, racism, classism, mental health, sports and athletics, and much more.

Click [here](#) for web based proposal form. Deadline for submission is January 14th, 2011.

For more information about the Symposium, contact Steph Wilenchek at Wilenche@colorado.edu.

PFLAG Atlanta

PFLAG Atlanta is here for the student community of Emory. PFLAG holds [two meetings](#) every month that are open to anyone who would like to attend. Learn more at pflagatl.org.

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](#).

Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration Internship

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.

AID Atlanta Internship

AID Atlanta is seeking an intern for their Gay Men's Outreach Program. The position requires someone who is committed to the cause of HIV/AIDS education and prevention. The intern will be asked to provide education and support to gay and bisexual men related to increasing knowledge about HIV/AIDS, personal risk assessment, adopting and maintaining safer sexual practices. 3-6 month unpaid internships are available. Contact Steven Igarashi at steven.igarashi@aidatlanta.org for more info.

Fenuxe Writing Internship

Fenuxe Magazine, Atlanta's Gay Magazine, is looking for a writing intern to join their staff for 1 day a week. The candidate should have knowledge about and a passion for Atlanta's LGBT community. A strong interest and background in one or all of the following topics is preferable: fashion, events, nightlife, travel, dining. Schedule is flexible. E-mail resume and a writing sample to patrick@fenuxe.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](#).

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

Planned Parenthood Survey

Planned Parenthood in Atlanta is collecting feedback to develop and further grow its young professionals group, the Planned Parenthood Young Leaders (PPYL). PPYL's mission is to inspire and educate a new generation about Planned Parenthood's health services and sex education programs.

Click [here](#) to participate in the survey. Anyone who completes the survey by December 15 will be entered in a raffle to win an iPod shuffle.

To learn more about Planned Parenthood Young Leaders, click [here](#).

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](#).

Courses

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