

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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Office of LGBT Life 20th 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 20th Anniversary in the newsletter, on our website, and on our bulletin board outside Dobbs University Center E232.



Straight but narrow

From *The Economist*

A debate about homosexuality in Islam is beginning. But in Muslim lands persecution—and hypocrisy—are still rife. ONE leaflet showed a wooden doll hanging from a noose and suggested burning or stoning homosexuals. "God Abhors You" read another. A third warned gays: "Turn or Burn". Three Muslim men who handed out the leaflets in the English city of Derby were convicted of hate crimes on January 20th. One of them, Kabir Ahmed, said his Muslim duty was "to give the message".

Read more [HERE](#)

Office of LGBT Life

Queer Discussion Groups—Meetings resume 1/25/11

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, 6-7pm, Office of LGBT Life

Topic for this week: Intergenerational links within the family

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, Center for Women

Topic for this week: Gender expression

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.

NEW Queer Interfaith Group

Thursdays, 7-8pm, Office of LGBT Life

Topic of this week: Gender and Power

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.

Click [HERE](#) to meet our facilitators!

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.

Queer & Asian (Q&A)

Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30; Contact for location

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 or Dohyun Ahn, student representative, at ddahn@emory.edu.

Emory Pride

Special meeting this week: Tuesday at 6PM in OMPS (Office of Multicultural Services) in the DUC. For Black History Month, Pride and BSA will be cosponsoring a discussion on black LGBTQ relationships and all are welcome!

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) or Brianne Rivera (bariver@emory.edu) for more information.

Transforming Emory

Topic of this week: transgender art and representation
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 or lgbt@emory.edu. Dates for the meeting: Feb 9, Feb. 23, March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19.

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:

- 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](#).

QueerVia

Check out the Office of LGBT Life's Facebook fanpage for trivia on the Office and win great prizes! Be sure to "[Like](#)" us on facebook to play!

Pride Awards

Saturday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Tull Auditorium, Law School
The Awards are attended by LGBT and ally students, staff, faculty, and alumni. The GALA Leadership Award, the Studies in Sexuality Essay Contest prizes, the Chesnut LGBT Person of the Year Award, and Lavender Diplomas are all presented during the ceremony. Join us to celebrate 20 years of leadership, activism and support! [Register now!](#)

News & Events at Emory

Lecture on Same-Sex Marriage and Catholic Church

March 21, 12:30 in Law School, Tull Auditorium

Michael J. Perry, a world-renowned scholar in the areas of American constitutional law, will analyze the modern controversies surrounding same-sex marriage and the Catholic Church's stance from the perspective of the constitutional right to religious freedom. It is free and open to the public. For more information, go [HERE](#).

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! At our planning meetings, you can 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? The meetings are in the Miller Ward Alumni House. Contact [Lily Correa](#) with questions. Dates: Feb. 14, March 13, and April 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Dinner with 12 Strangers

The Emory Alumni Association invites local alumni, faculty, and staff to host dinners at their homes or local restaurants for a small group of students. Apart from good food and conversation, the program affords students the opportunity to network with Emory alumni, find out about life after college, and interact with professors outside the classroom. It also offers a chance for students to get a feel for the extended Emory family and to see how they can stay involved and connected with Emory after they graduate. The dinners are FREE to students, since they are hosted by alumni, staff, faculty, and friends of Emory. For more information go [HERE](#)

Events in the Community

Queer Students of Color Conference 2012

Friday, April 13th- Sunday, April 15th

The QSoC Conference (QSoCC) will provide resource, leadership, training, and skills through workshops that engage, stimulate, and bring awareness to the unique issues that affect Queer Students of Color and the communities they belong to. Throughout the course of the weekend we will create and maintain a safe space which will allow for the exploration of white supremacy, patriarchy, heterosexism, trans-oppression, fat oppression, ableism, religious oppression, and other intersecting oppressions, as well as how they affect and restrict access to higher education, resources, for Queer Students of Color and connections to students, faculty and administrators of all backgrounds. Email qsoconference@gmail.com for questions.

2012 Retreat for LGBT Muslims – Al-Jama'a – Building a Community

May 25- 28, 2012 in Philadelphia, PA

To gather together as a community of individuals who identify as Muslim culturally, religiously, ideologically and/or politically and also as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), while reconnecting with our faith, our community and with ourselves. For more information, go [HERE](#). For more resources go [HERE](#)

Queer People of Color Conference

March 30 – April 1, 2012 @ CSU Northridge

Register now for the 7th Annual Queer People of Color Conference! This year's theme is Fourway Intersection of Race, Gender, Class, and Sex[uality]. Keynote speaker: Adelina Anthony. Email questions to questions@qpocc12.org. Visit www.qpocc2012.org for more information.

Madrid Summer Session

May 24 - July 7, 2012, Application deadline Feb 20

Sexualities and Social Life in Spain provides an introduction to the transnational and multidisciplinary field of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Studies and an exploration of sexuality in Spain. We will begin by looking at sexuality and gender studies broadly so that we have some shared theoretical and historical concepts with which to work. Then, we will focus on the immense changes Spain has gone through in a very short period and how those changes intersect with gender, sexuality, and social life. The course features field trips within Madrid and to Barcelona and Andalucía. The course is open to undergraduate and graduate students in all disciplines regardless of sexual orientation, personal experience, or prior knowledge of LGBT studies. Email suabroad@syr.edu for more information.

The 6th Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium

March 9th - 12th, 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.

4th Annual Texas Transgender Nondiscrimination Summit

Deadline for Application: July 1, 2012

The Texas Transgender Nondiscrimination Summit invites interested parties in higher education to discuss what works and what does not work in regards to codifying inclusion of "gender identity and expression" into institutional policy. The summit serves to find means to this end through discussion of divergent and respective strategies in regard to the inevitable barriers that always arise. Email txtgsummit@gmail.com.

Out On Film to premiere documentary on AIDS activist/"Celluloid Closet" writer Vito Russo

Wednesday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Midtown Art Cinema

Activist. Author. Historian. Game changer. Vito Russo. The acclaimed documentary "Vito" will have its Southeastern premiere as a fundraiser for Out On Film's 25th anniversary year. In the aftermath of Stonewall, a newly politicized Vito Russo found his voice as a gay activist and critic of LGBT representation in the media. He went on to write "The Celluloid Closet," the first book to critique Hollywood's portrayals of gays on screen. During the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, Vito became a passionate advocate for justice via the newly formed ACT UP, before his death in 1990. Vito was also a founding member of GLAAD. Director Jeffrey Schwarz and executive producer Bryan Singer tell us the story of a man who changed the gay landscape.

Research Opportunities

Lesbian and Gay Patient Perceptions of the Doctor-Patient Relationship

Research on the experiences gay and lesbian individuals in medical settings - Specifically, the purpose of this research project is to investigate level of comfort surrounding disclosure of sexual orientation to a primary care physician for lesbian and gay patients. Email eschlichting@gmail.com to access.

Does Social Support & Parental Attitudes Moderate the Impact of Discrimination & Traditional Asian Values on Internalized Homonegativity & Well-Being?

The main purpose of this research is to better understand the impact of discrimination on the well-being of Asian American LGB persons. Access [HERE](#)

All Gender Health

A study of online HIV prevention programs and health promotion programs built by and for the transgender community. Help us evaluate the effectiveness of our intervention and earn up to \$180.00. Access [HERE](#)

The Lived Experience of Students Who Self-Identify as Both Asian American and Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual (LGB)

The purpose of this study is to gather some rich stories from students who identify as Asian-American and lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB), as they experience the intersection of their identities while enrolled in higher education. To participate in this study, individuals must (1) identify as being of Asian descent and lesbian, gay or bisexual; (2) be enrolled currently in a degree-seeking program at any level in higher education (including grad school, and professional programs) in the U.S.; (3) have been born in the U.S. or immigrated by the age of 10 years old. Email donna.talbot@wmich.edu

Sexual Minority Women Surviving Sexual Violence

Seeking sexual minority (e.g. lesbian, bisexual, queer, intersex, etc.) women who have experienced some form of sexual violence within their lifetime for interviews. I am using 'sexual violence' as a broad term that includes any experience that you didn't want, that felt sexually violating. Each initial interview lasts 1.5 - 2 hours and participants will be given \$20 and \$10 for follow-up interviews to thank them for their time. For those interested in participating or learning more about the study, please contact Tracy thipp1@student.gsu.edu.

Contextual and Cognitive Basis for Dual Stigma Consciousness

The purpose of this research is to examine perceptions and beliefs concerning being gay and being a racial/ethnic minority in the United States. In addition, our goal is to examine what individuals believe are the struggles and benefits of a double stigma - being gay and being a racial/ethnic minority and which one is more prevalent in individuals' daily life. This research will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Access [HERE](#)

Sexual Minority Social Survey- How "It Gets Better" Study

The purpose of this study is to gain insight into the social and community experiences, perceptions, and feelings of sexual minority young adults (ages 18-35), including those identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, fluid, as well as those who do not label their sexual identities, but consider themselves to be non-heterosexual. Data will be used to validate a new, multi-dimensional scale of gay/lesbian community involvement to be used by clinicians and researchers, and to investigate the specific psychological mechanisms by which sexual minority communities may promote well-being among sexual minority young adults living in different social climates. Access [HERE](#)

LGB career development

Choosing a course of study and planning for a future career is a major developmental task facing most college students. This task may be particularly complex for sexual minority students, who may also be simultaneously negotiating their sexual identity development and discrimination based on their sexual orientation. As such, we invite those of you who identify as a gay, bisexual, or lesbian college student and are at least 18 years of age to participate in a study that seeks to better understand the unique factors that contribute to the career development in sexual minority students. Access [HERE](#)

Fellowships & Internships

UC Riverside 2012 Summer Internship for LGBT & Housing Concerns

Full time, 5 to 8 weeks – Flexible start and end time between June 8 and August 3, 2012. Room and board provided. Unpaid position.

Intern will receive supervision by LGBT Resource Center staff and training on aspects of directing an LGBT Resource Center (programming, training, advocacy, budgeting), as well as gain valuable experiences working with a large housing program. Please email nancy.tubbs@ucr.edu with a Resume and Cover Letter explaining the relevance of the internship to your career objectives in the field of LGBT resources in higher education AND the skills you hope to gain from this internship experience. Deadline is February 24, 2012.

The Clinton Global Initiative is HIRING!

Many positions are currently available at the Clinton Global Initiative. Please click [HERE](#) for individual job position information.

Prudential Financial 2012 1L Summer Internship Program

The National LGBT Bar Association is pleased to partner with Prudential Financial, Inc. (Prudential) to provide a meaningful summer internship opportunity to a highly-motivated first-year law student. Through this partnership, the National LGBT Bar Association will select a student to join the 2012 summer law intern class at Prudential for a 10-week internship at Prudential's offices with a stipend of approximately \$10,000. Internship positions will be located in the New Jersey tri-state area. A position may be available in Dallas, Texas. More [HERE](#)

NCTE is Hiring

The National Center for Transgender Equality is looking for a smart and hard working student to join their team as a Policy Intern. NCTE accepts rolling applications for Fall, Spring and Summer internships for undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants may apply to intern with NCTE's policy or communications departments. Internships have flexible start and end dates. More info, [HERE](#)

Scholarships

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

Are you organizing for progressive social change? Leading student movements on your campus or in your community? The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has applications available for student activists who are building progressive movements for social change and will be enrolled in school during the 2012-13 academic year. For more information, go [HERE](#)

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During the 2000-2001 Academic Year

- The Indigo Girls, Emory alumnae, played a concert at Emory spreading a message of activism.
- The annual National Coming Out Day celebration was accompanied by a round table discussion about sexuality and Emory's queer community that was featured in the Wheel.
- An incident of male to male rape sparks debate about GA rape laws which only protect females. GA Laws define rape only in terms of male to female.



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