

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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Director's Office Hours

Director Michael Shutt will hold office hours every Thursday from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in his office. Please feel free to drop-in! You can also make an appointment by emailing him directly at mshutt@emory.edu.

Website launches system to rank schools by LGBTQ-friendliness

By Kate Mabry

Campus Pride, a national non-profit organization established in 2001, recently launched its "Campus Climate Index," which ranks some of the country's highest and lowest LGBTQ-friendly colleges. According to the index, Emory University in Atlanta was ranked the top LGBTQ-friendly school in the South.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

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. *Please note the change in days, times, and locations.*

Queer People of Color Group (Thursdays, 6-7pm, 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. This week's topic: *Gay versus Lesbian?*

Queer Women Group (Thursdays, 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's topic: *Is monogamy always best?*

Lunch with the Director

Tuesdays *Noon-1pm*
Eat lunch with Director of the Office of LGBT Life Dr. Michael Shutt. Tuesdays from Noon-1:00, starting January 18th. Meet in the DUC dining hall.

2011 Pride Awards

March 2nd, 2011 6:30pm Miller Ward Alumni House.
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. Additionally, for the first time in the Awards' history, the Office of LGBT Life will also present its own awards. If you would like to attend the awards, please RSVP [here](#). For more information, please see the flyer on Page 7 or email lgbt@emory.edu with any questions.

Safe Space Facilitators Wanted!

The Safe Space Program depends on the help of committed volunteers to facilitate trainings and create "safe spaces" throughout Emory's community, and the Office of LGBT Life is now taking applications. To see a full job description and to apply, click [here](#). Applications are due *February, 28th, 2011.*

Transforming Emory

Trans Forming Emory will meet bi-weekly beginning January 19th. Each meeting will include a topic for discussion. All are welcome to attend. Meetings occur in the Office of LGBT Life at 5:30 p.m.

- February 16th-Discussion: Trans Policies at Emory
- March 2nd-19th Annual Pride Awards (Miller Ward Alumni House)
- March 16th-Film: Still Black
- March 30th-Discussion: "Knowing trans, knowing you, know what it means to be an ally."
- April 13th-Film: Glen or Glenda

Safe Space Lunch and Learns Announced!

Beginning in January, we will offer hour-long continuing education opportunities that will focus on various areas of the queer community. Dates of Lunch and Learns include:

- February 24th at noon: Queer Student Experiences at Emory
- March 30th, time TBA: Transgender 101: Exploring Sex and Gender
- April 20th at noon: Exploring the Needs of Queer Students of Faith, Queer Students of Color, and Transgender Students at Emory
Bring your lunch and bring a friend!

Transforming Community Project INAUGURAL Community Dialogue on Sexuality

The Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and the Office of LGBT Life are pleased to offer the inaugural Community Dialogue on Sexuality. Meeting on Wednesdays from 5-6:30pm, the group will discuss the topic of sexuality at Emory through historical materials, discussions on current ideas, and engaging dialogue. Dialogues are open to the entire Emory Community. Click [here](#) for more information; click [here](#) to register.

Emory Queer Health Advocacy League

Next meeting Wednesday, February 16th

EQHAL is an informal group of students, faculty and staff that have an interest in the health and health disparities affecting sexual minorities. The meetings are held over lunch, and are a great way to educate yourself on some of the unique aspects of LGBT health and the hurdles the community faces in obtaining care. EQHAL meets every third Wednesday of the month at noon in the Office of LGBT Life. Contact Kevin Shi at kevinxshi@gmail.com for more information.

News & Events at Emory

Feminists In Action Meetings

Wednesdays 5:45pm-7:00pm CWE

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, visit [here](#).

Residence Life & Housing Positions

Residence Life & Housing is now taking nominations and applications for resident advisor, sophomore advisor, residence hall director, residence hall director fellow, and conferences positions for the fall semester. For more information please go to www.emory.edu/HOUSING/JOBS.

2011 Black History Month Events

February

See the flyer on Page 8 or click [here](#) for a list of Black History Month events, coordinated and sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services.

Emory Pride Midtown Retreat

February 19th, 2011 Meet at the DUC at Noon

Emory Pride will be hosting a Midtown Retreat. This is a great way for freshman and sophomores to learn about what Atlanta has to offer. RSVP on the Pride Learnlink conference required. Contact Bassel Rabah at brabah@emory.edu for more info.

President's Commission Recruitment Drive

The commissions help achieve equity for underrepresented groups by raising issues of concern and recommending actions. Faculty, staff and students at Emory are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in issues relevant to the commissions and want to help make a difference at Emory, apply today. Attend an information session, February 15th, at 11:30am and 12:30pm, in the DUC Room 36.

Vagina Monologues

February 17-19 Emory Performing Arts Center
Join Emory University's Center for Women for their third annual presentation of Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues*. Click [here](#) for information on tickets and show times.

Women's History Month

March

Click [here](#) for a calendar of events honoring Women's History Month. These events are sponsored by the Center for Women and many university partners and features Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate Professor Rita Dove.

Jackson Katz Lecture

March 23rd, 2011 4PM-6PM

Rollins School of Public Health

The Emory Center for Injury Control is hosting a special lecture with Dr. Jackson Katz, one of America's leading anti-sexist male activists. An educator, author, cultural critic and filmmaker, he is internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in the sports culture and the military. Katz is also the director of the first worldwide domestic and sexual violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps. 4-5PM Lecture, 5-6PM Book signing and reception. This event is free, but space is limited so please RSVP at:

<http://ecickatzlecture.eventbrite.com>

Delores P Aldridge Excellence Award Nominations

Deadline: 5:00PM, February 18, 2011

The Delores P Aldridge Excellence Awards recognize outstanding student achievement in the categories of 1) First year Excellence (1st year students only) 2) Leadership & Service to a Diverse Community (2nd year students only) 3) Community Building, Diversity, & Intergroup Relations (1st, 2nd, 3rd year students only) and 4) Diversity Outreach (Seniors only). Contact Patricia Taylor at pytaylo@emory.edu for more info.

Student Conduct Panelists application

The Office of Student Conduct is eagerly seeking a diverse, energetic, and caring cadre of students to serve as members of the Peer Review Board and University Conduct Council for 2012-2013. Information about the position and the application are online at <http://conduct.emory.edu/applications>.

Events in the Community

Atlanta Jewish Film Festival

February 23rd, 2011 9:30PM Regal Atlantic Station

The Atlanta Jewish Film Festival will be screening *Gay Days* by Yair Qedar. This documentary, described as "deeply personal," describes the dramatic and sudden rise of the gay and lesbian movement in Israel. Click [here](#) for more info.

Southeast Regional Unity Conference

UNC Chapel Hill April 1-3

The Southeast Regional Unity Conference is now seeking workshop proposals for the ninth annual conference. The Unity Conference is an annual gathering of progressive lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer identified people and their allies in the Southeast. Click [here](#) for more info on how to register or how to submit a workshop proposal.

17th Annual University of Rhode Island Symposium on GLBTIQ Issues

April 4th-9th, 2011

The University of Rhode Island is currently accepting program proposals for its 17th Annual Symposium on GLBTIQ Issues. The complete application packet is available [here](#).

National Flag Football League of Atlanta

The NFFLA is a gay flag football league in Atlanta, and the 2011 season will be starting in March! The league is all male, ages 18 and over. Click [here](#) for more info on registration.

6th Annual Queer People of Color Conference

April 8th-10th, 2011 University of California, Riverside

This conference aims to challenge the internalized rationale that has incessantly legitimized the marginalization of queer people of color. 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. 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. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Internship Opportunities

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. For more information about ORAM's positions please send an email to externship@oraminternational.org.

Victory Congressional Internship

The Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute's Victory Congressional Internship is developing the next generation of out public leaders. This summer they'll bring five LGBTQ college students to Washington, D.C., for an intensive summer leadership program. Students will work a minimum of 32 hours a week in a congressional office assignment for 8 weeks. Click [here](#) for information and details on how to apply.

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.

Graduate Summer Consortium Internship

Pennsylvania State University LGBT and Ally Student Resource Center is looking for a summer intern interested in the field of LGBT Higher Education. This intern will complete one or two major projects for the Consortium of Higher Education Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Resource Professionals. Interns will receive housing assistance, stipend, and funds for assistance with 2012 Creating Change conference expenses. Request more information about the internship how to apply [here](#).

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](#).

Research Opportunities

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 is looking for volunteers for a study of attitudes towards marriage and parenthood among engaged couples. 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 are interested in participating or want further information, please email Dr. Patterson at survey.couples@gmail.com

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 will feed you and compensate you \$25 for your time. 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, email Brigid@thehealthinitiative.org

Awards

Youth Courage Award

The Colin Higgins Foundation invites Nominations for Youth Courage Award. Awards of \$10,000 will be given to youth aged 21 and younger who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their gender and/or sexual orientation and triumphed over bigotry through working for LGBTQ rights and social justice. The nomination deadline is February 28, 2011.

Staff Finds and Picks!

Here you will find interesting resources, news, and tidbits found by the Office of LGBT Life Staff!

- Barbara Bush plans to endorse same-sex marriage in New York State.

Click [here](#) for more info. Check back next week for more finds and picks!

Outstanding Transgender Advocate of the Year Award
Outstanding Ally of the Year Award ▽ Keeping the Faith Award
Studies in Sexualities Essay Contest Award
Fierce Leadership Award ▽ Outstanding Alumna/us of the Year
Chesnut LGBT Person of the Year Award ▽ GALA Leadership Award
Special presentation of the newly created Dr. Daniel D. Adame Leadership Fund
Alumni and 2011 graduates will be honored



The Emory University Office of LGBT Life, Emory GALA, Emory Alumni Association, and President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Queer Equality cordially invite you to the

19th Annual Pride Awards

Miller-Ward Alumni House

March 2, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the awards program starting at 7:00 p.m. A dessert reception will follow the program. This event is free and open to the public.

RSVP at www.lgbt.emory.edu. If you have special needs or questions, please contact the Office of LGBT Life at lgbt@emory.edu or 404.727.0272.

2011 Black History Month Calendar

at Emory University



Booker T. Washington



Langston Hughes

(For more information, contact the OMPS Office at (404) 727-6754)

Feb 2 *Movement Cultures and the Sounds of Black Liberation*, by Dr. Shana Redmond, Candler 207, 12-1pm, Sponsor: James Weldon Institute and African American Studies

Feb 3 *Kick Off Exhibition*: cake cutting following performances: Sponsors: Black Student Alliance, College Council, The Office of the President, White Hall 208, Time: 6:30pm

Slavery in the University Conference: Sponsors: Transforming Community Project, Keynote Address- Ruth Simmons, President Brown University, Glenn Auditorium 7:30pm

Feb 4 Conference *Welcome and panels*, Emory Conf. Ctr., 8:30am Feb 4th-5th

Rolling with the Deltas: Sponsored by the Omicron Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Cascade Skating Rink, 7-9 pm

- Feb 5** *BSA Culture Trivia Night*: Sponsors: Black Student Alliance, Multicultural Programs and Services, College Council, The Office of the President, Few Multi Purpose Room, 5pm
- Feb 6** *Remembrance in Slavery's Aftermath: A Day of Commemoration, Reflection, and Celebration*
Worship Service 11 am, Grace United Methodist Church, 3145 Washington St., SW, Covington, GA
Slavery and Jim Crow in Oxford, GA: A Talking Circle - 2:30 pm in Old Church of Lynn Marshall-Linnemeier's sculptural works.
Wreath laying in the Oxford City Cemetery in the historic Black section of the cemetery- 4:30 pm
- Feb 7** *"Black & Gay" Discussing History and Support on Emory's Campus*: Sponsors: College Council, The Office of Multicultural Programs and Services, and Office of LGBT Life, Harland Cinema, 7pm
- Feb 8** *Founding Day Dinner for NAACP*: Sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Location: TBA 7pm
- Feb 10** *Tea with the Authors*: Sponsors: Black Student Alliance and The Office of the Provost Faculty Dining Room, 6pm
"Searching for Identity" - Islamic Awareness - Imam Abdul Malik will discuss Muslim ties with African Americans. Sponsored by Muslim Student Association, White Hall 208, 7pm
- Feb 11** Feb 11 & 12: *I Dream a World*. Works of Langston Hughes: Sponsored by Ctr for Creativity and Arts, AHATheatre, SGA, OMPS, SIRE Program, and Ethics and Arts Society, Harland Cinema, 8pm
- Feb 12** *Date Auction*: Sponsor: Ngambika and Brotherhood of Afrocentric Men, Loc.: TBA, 7 pm
Emory Annual Jazz Fest, John Clayton, bassist with pianist Gary Motley, and drummer Herlin Riley form a jazz trio. Tickets \$15 public, \$10 members, Schwartz Center, Emerson Concert Hall at 8 pm
- Feb 13** *Emory Annual Jazz Fest*, Big Band with Gary Motley directing a free Valentine's weekend performance, Schwartz Center, Emerson Concert Hall at 8 pm
- Feb 16** *Black Women's Health: Mind, Body, and Soul* by Yvonne Green, RN CNM, MSN. Sponsored by Center for Women, Cox Hall Room 5 at Noon
A Gathering of Black College Students: Sponsored by The Black Star, Location & Time: TBA
- Feb 17** *The Story Behind the Person*: Sponsors: Black Student Alliance and The Div. of Campus Life, Location: TBA, 6:30 pm
- Feb 19** *Black History Month Ball*, Sponsors: Black Student Alliance, Late Night At Emory, Brotherhood of Afrocentric Men, Student Leadership and Services, The Office of the President, NAACP, AΦA, AKA, KAΨ, ΔΣΘ, ZΦB, Black Star, Cox Ballroom, 10:30pm-2:00am
- Feb 23** *"Black is Black Ain't It"* by Marlon Riggs: Sponsor: Brotherhood of Afrocentric Men, White Hall 206, 6:30pm
- Feb 26** Movie Night *"For Colored Girls Only"*: Sponsors: Black Student Alliance, The Div. of Campus Life, The Office of the President, Longstreet-Means Lobby, 7 pm
- Feb 28** *A book reading* by African American Studies faculty with Lawrence Jackson, Prof. English and African American Studies; Mark Sanders, Prof. English and African American Studies; Nagueyalti Warren, Sr. Lecturer in African American Studies. Woodruff Jones Room, Woodruff Library, 4:30 pm



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