

# 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!



## From the Office of LGBT Life

The 2010 Pride Awards are in **TWO WEEKS!!** That's right, on **March 2, 2010** the Office of LGBT Life, Studies in Sexualities, President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Queer Equality, and GALA will celebrate the accomplishments of the LGBT community at Emory. **HAVE YOU REGISTERED?** It is as easy as sending a message to [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto:lgbt@emory.edu).

**PRIDE AWARDS  
MARCH 2, 2010  
6:30 PM**

Special performance by AHANA, Emory's multicultural a capella group.

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## News in Higher Education

“Grossing Up”: Equity or Bias

*From Inside Higher Ed*

Syracuse University may be on the cutting edge of promoting equity for its gay and lesbian employees. Some of the university's straight employees, however, say Syracuse needs to focus its limited funds on benefits for everyone -- and recognize that it can't be held responsible for the inequity of marriage laws in the United States.

The battle is over "grossing up" -- a human resources term for paying someone on top of salary levels so that the employee takes home the full salary amount. So if someone would owe \$10,000 on a \$50,000 salary, grossing up would mean paying that person \$60,000 (plus whatever tax is needed on the extra \$10,000 and so forth) so that \$50,000 becomes take-home pay...

*To keep reading click here:*

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/01/29/syracuse>



## Office of LGBT Life

### **New Queer Jewish Student Group Forming**

Like Barbra Streisand? Like Bagels? Like the two of them together? Who doesn't?! The Queer community and the Jewish community are two vibrant groups at Emory, and Hillel and the Office of LGBT Life are supporting the creating of a Jewish LGBT student organization. If you are interested, contact Alec Fox at [ahfox@emory.edu](mailto:ahfox@emory.edu) to find out how you can help and how to learn more!

### **Emory Queer Health Advocacy League (EQHAL)- Journal Club**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of every month at 12pm  
Office of LGBT Life (236E DUC)*

EQHAL will be holding bimonthly journal club meetings to discuss issues faced by member of the LGBTQ community in accessing health care services. Journal article for discussion will be announced via email prior to meetings. Upcoming meeting dates: Feb 24, Mar 18, Mar 24

*Contact: Ian Spain [gspain@emory.edu](mailto:gspain@emory.edu)*

### **Trans-Forming Emory Documentary Screening**

*Tuesdays at 7pm  
Office of LGBT Life (246E DUC)*

Trans-Forming Emory will meet next Tuesday Feb. 16 at 7 pm to make grand plans for how to fill our weekly meetings over the rest of the semester. Come and bring your suggestions and ideas!

On Feb 23 at 7 pm we will screen the short documentary film "Toilet Training, ["http://srlp.org/films/toilettraining,](http://srlp.org/films/toilettraining) and have a discussion about bathroom access and gender-segregated spaces at Emory and beyond. And there will be PIZZA, too!!! So, please join us and bring your friends!

*Trans-Forming Emory is on facebook, too:*

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=295859677513#!/group.php?gid=179327742373>

### **Emory Pride Spring Meetings**

*Wednesdays at 7pm  
101C Callaway*

Emory Pride's mission of this organization is to provide Emory students with opportunities to engage in advocacy, education and social interactions to create a stronger and more inclusive queer and allied community. Attend weekly meetings to meet other students, plan events, learn more about the LGBTQ community, and more.

### **Pride Awards**

*Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30pm  
Miller-Ward Alumni House*

Come together with faculty, students, staff, alumni, friends and family to celebrate a year of pride. Awards and honors to be presented include the Studies in Sexualities' Essay Contest Award; GALA Leadership Award; President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Queer Equality's Chesnut LGBT Person of the Year; and Lavender Diplomas for graduating students. Mark your calendars today!!!

### **Safe Space Training Sessions**

The Office of LGBT Life has announced four open training session dates for the new Safe Space curriculum this spring semester.

*Sessions available are Feb 24 (1:30 – 5:00 p.m.), Mar 23 and 30 (Noon-2:00 p.m., split session, you must attend both dates) and Apr 22 (1:30-5:00 p.m.).*

To register for a session, visit [www.lgbt.emory.edu](http://www.lgbt.emory.edu). You may sign up online for a general session or request training for your office, department or group for a session that meets your scheduling needs.

## Events at Emory

### New LGBT Books at the Library

The Emory Libraries have recently posted online the new LGBT books that have been acquired since November 2009. Follow this link to see the new titles: <http://guides.main.library.emory.edu/content.php?pid=10645&sid=699570>.

Some of these new titles have already been discovered by users and are checked out. As always, remember to check the catalog to see if the book is available before heading to the library.

### Body Acceptance Week 2010 Events

Feb 22-26<sup>th</sup>

#### Candlelight Vigil

Tues 7-8pm White Hall 208

#### Celebrate Your Body Carnival

Wed 4-6pm DUC Coke Commons

#### Mind, Body, Positive Panel

Thurs 5:30-6:30pm White Hall 208

For more info contact Jane Yang [jyang01@emory.edu](mailto:jyang01@emory.edu) or Carol Kelly [carol.kelly@emory.edu](mailto:carol.kelly@emory.edu).

### NCBI-Emory Workshops

#### Welcoming Diversity

Mar 12 9am - 4pm\*\*

Mar 19 2pm - 4:30pm

July 22 2pm - 4:30pm

This workshop encourages participants to confront deeply held misinformation about themselves and others, to tell their own stories of discrimination and to build understanding among people and to learn skills for building bridges.

\*\*Mar 12 full day workshop includes additional skill-building sessions.

#### Controversial Issues Process

Feb 22 2pm - 4:30pm

Apr 23 2pm - 4:30pm

This workshop provides people with the skills needed to identify common ground and create mutually acceptable strategies for handling difficult issues.

Free and open to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.emory.edu/ncbi](http://www.emory.edu/ncbi).

### MORE Mentor Recruitment

MORE (Multicultural Outreach and Resources at Emory) Program is recruiting students to serve as Mentors for the Fall 2010 Semester. MORE's mentoring program supports underrepresented first-year students' transition into college.

Applications due Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

For MORE information visit:

[www.emory.edu/MULTICULTURAL/MORE](http://www.emory.edu/MULTICULTURAL/MORE)

### “For the Bible Tells Me So” Screening

Mar 17 7-9pm Common Grounds (in Canon Chapel)

The film explores the intersection between Christianity and homosexuality in U.S. and how the religious right has used its interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community.

### Gay Couples Law Blog

Emory Law Student has started a blog that covers family law issues surrounding gay couples. Check out the blog here: <http://www.gaycoupleslawblog.com> to get more information regarding new developments in Family Law and Estate Planning for same sex couples.

### Join the L.E.A.D. Team

- Serve as mentors to younger students through Emerging Leader Experience
- Develop leadership programs
- Plan a leadership retreat
- Train younger students on leadership topics

#### **APPLY NOW!**

Applications due March 2

Visit [www.osls.emory.edu/lead](http://www.osls.emory.edu/lead)

## Scholarships

### Emory Alumni Board Leadership Scholarship

Each year the Emory alumni board grants a \$2500 scholarship to an undergraduate and to a graduate student who have demonstrated strong leadership at Emory.

Please follow the link below for find nomination and application links:

<https://owa.emory.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=3d50f08ab07f4cd1a4b9931936451c45&URL=http%3a%2f%2ffoxford.emory.edu%2fnews%2fdetail.dot%3finode%3d67484>

## Conferences

### 2010 Southern Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute (RLJI)

Mar 19-21 Durham, NC

Choice USA is looking for students in the South who are interested in issues of sexual and reproductive health to apply for RLJI, an all expenses paid weekend long training that takes an in-depth look at issues affecting our reproductive freedom- and connects those issues to the broader social justice movement.

For more information:

<http://www.amplifyyourvoice.org/u/Folayemi/2010/2/11/2010-Southern-Reproductive-Justice-Leadership-Institute>

Priority deadline is Feb 15, but if you are interested after this date please contact [fugbede@choiceusa.org](mailto:fugbede@choiceusa.org) ASAP!

### Second International Conference on Hate Studies

This conference will convene leading academics from multiple disciplines from around the world, law enforcement personnel, journalists, educators, representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations, human rights experts, community organizers, activists, and others to discuss hatred from multiple perspectives.

The conference will be held from April 6-9. The theme this year is *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Understanding the Nature of Hate, Crafting Models for Combating Hatred and Implications for Practice*.

Please visit the web site

<http://guweb2.gonzaga.edu/againsthate/Conference2011.htm> or go to the [call for papers](#) for more details.

### Second Annual Texas Equity Conference

February 19-20 Austin, Texas

This conference provides an opportunity to develop a comprehensive working plan to secure competitive insurance benefits for state university employees and to develop your campus initiatives on equality issues. The conference is designed for university faculty and staff, and 1 student leader per school may also attend.

Held at AT&T Conference Center on UT Austin campus. Event kicks off with a Meet-and-Greet on Fri, Feb 19 @ 5:30pm, followed by an all-day session and lunch on Sat, Feb 20 from 9am to 5pm.

Registration is \$75 per person. The Center has set aside a block of rooms for conference participants at \$159 per night.

### National Conference for College Women Student Leaders- Call for Programs

Submissions Due: Friday, February 26

AAUW and NASPA- Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education are pleased to invite you to submit a proposal for the 25th annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). NCCWSL is a two-and-a-half day conference focused on important and contemporary leadership issues and is designed to help students hone their leadership skills for work on their campus and in their community.

NCCWSL will be held June 3 -5, 2010 at the University of Maryland, College Park, and will focus on the theme, Leadership for Today and Tomorrow.

All workshops will be held on Friday, June 4. Notifications regarding the status of your program will be sent by Wednesday, March 17.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Kristie Malley and Dana Onorato  
2010 NCCWSL Workshop Committee Chairs  
Contact us at: [nccwsl.workshops@gmail.com](mailto:nccwsl.workshops@gmail.com)

## Job & Internship Opportunities

### R. Scott Hitt Foundation LGBT Internships

The R. Scott Hitt Foundation provides grant funding for college and post-graduate students to receive compensation for skill-building internships in pro-LGBT 501(C) non-profit organizations. They are currently accepting application for 2010 internship grants.

Additional information is available at:

[www.scotthittfoundation.org](http://www.scotthittfoundation.org) or contact directly at [scotthittfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:scotthittfoundation@gmail.com).

## Study Abroad

### “Queer Thailand” Academic Course Abroad

TEAN is pleased to announce the launch of a new specialized program in LGBTQ studies for the summer 2010 term. “Queer Thailand” is a 3-6 credit program that emphasizes Southeast Asian studies, culture, society and sexual identity within a modern, national context. The program is run in partnership with Payap University in Chiang Mai.

Program offers field excursions and interactions with Thai LGBTQ students. Courses are taught in English and by Payap University faculty. Students live in on-campus housing.

Open to ALL disciplines! Application deadline is April 15. Visit <http://www.educationabroadnetwork.org/?id=165> for more information!

## Surveys & Research

### Researcher Looking for Lesbian Couple

Doctoral candidate from Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology is conducting a study investigating the effect of parental homonegativity on the lesbian couple.

In order to qualify to take the survey you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be in a committed lesbian relationship of at least 1 year.
- Both you and your partner must be out to your parents. EITHER you or your partner must have experienced some negative parental relations in regards to your sexuality.
- Both you and your partner must agree to fill out the survey and BE IN THE SAME LOCATION WHEN YOU TAKE THE SURVEY.

To take the survey, please follow the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CFN5SWR>

### University of Wisconsin Research Study

Graduate student in the Department of Counseling Psychology invites you to participate in a research study investigating the impact of experiences with race/ethnicity and sexual orientation-based violence on mental health. Seeking Black heterosexual males, White gay males and Black gay males between the ages of 18 and 40 to participate in online survey (will take approximately 30 mins).

Follow the link below:

<https://owa.emory.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=3d50f08ab07f4cd1a4b9931936451c45&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.surveymonkey.com%2fs.aspx%3fsm%3dt0f5r9WiRP0YgWHwAXCo8A3d3d>

### Ball State University Survey

Master’s student from Ball State is conducting a survey on character strengths and well-being on gay and lesbian women.

In order to participate you must:

- between the ages of 18 and 30
- currently enrolled in a university course (undergrad, grad, or doctoral)
- self identify as gay or lesbian

The study involves a survey regarding your character strengths, well-being, and sexual identity development. It should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

If you are interested in participating please follow the link below to the website and follow the directions there.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/surveylinkiu>

For questions, contact Deborah Miller [djmiller2@bsu.edu](mailto:djmiller2@bsu.edu), or the thesis chairperson, Dr. Jeong Han Kim [jhkim@bsu.edu](mailto:jhkim@bsu.edu).

### Call for Participation- LGBQ Students’ Experiences of Affirming

We invite you to participate in our interviews and help us understand and tell the story of LGBQ students’ experiences in high school. Such information will be important to improving the school climate for all LGBQ students.

Interviewing college students between 18 to 22 years of age, who were out to themselves as LGBQ during high school (they may or may not have been out to others).

We will conduct 2 telephone interviews for each person, cumulatively totaling about one hour. The first interview will take about 45 to 50 minutes to complete.

The second interview will be scheduled for approximately 1 week after the first and will take about 10 to 15 minutes.

Contact Alan Burkard, Ph.D at [Alan.burkard@marquette.edu](mailto:Alan.burkard@marquette.edu) to participate.