

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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From the Office of LGBT Life



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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.

On homophobia and recruiting

by Luke Cyphers and Kate Fagen

Gay rights activists, coaches and players speak at length about what they see as a longtime and underhanded recruiting tactic in women's sports: Pitches emphasizing a program's family environment and implicit heterosexuality are often part of a consciously negative campaign targeted at another program's perceived sexual slant.

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: *Homosexuality and nature.*

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?*

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.

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.

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.

- 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:

- March 30th, Few Multipurpose Room, time tba: Transgender 101: Exploring Sex and Gender
- April 27th at noon (Date Changed!): 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

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.

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*

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.

News & Events at Emory

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.

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.

President’s Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality

Established in 1995, the PCSGDQE (formerly the President’s Commission on LGBT Concerns) advises the president on issues of concern to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons across the University in order to facilitate the development of a community that is equitable and inclusive of all sexual orientations and gender expressions. For more information and to apply online, visit www.pcsgdqe.emory.edu/ or email kdunkle@emory.edu. **Application deadline is TODAY, February 28th by midnight.**

TOSS Meeting

March 1st, 2011 7:00PM-8:00PM *Brooks Commons*
The new undergraduate discussion-based forum The Other Side of the Story will be hosting a meeting on LGBTQ issues at Emory. Topics of discussion will include LGBTQ representation on campus, the LGBTQ community, and personal experiences. For more info contact hzrhee@emory.edu or jcho39@emory.edu.

Eli Clare visit

March 27th-March 29th, 2011
Eli Clare is a disabled, genderqueer activist who speaks and teaches throughout the US and Canada about disability, queer and trans identities, and social justice. He will be speaking at Oxford College and main campus between March 27th and March 29th. Please see the attached flyer for more details, times, and locations.

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>

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](#).

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>.

Volunteer Emory Staff Application Available

Applications are due Friday, March 4. Click [here](#) to apply.

PCSW Award for Gender Diversity in Academics

The President's Commission on the Status of Women is accepting nominations for the PCSW Award for Gender Diversity in Academics. This award honors departments who strive to increase the gender diversity in their field and support the participation of under-represented gender groups. For more information on how to nominate, contact Daedra Pogue at daedra.pogue@emory.edu. Nominations are due by Friday, March 18th, 2011.

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.

Events in the Community

Kennesaw State Charity Drag Shows

February 24th and March 19th, 2011

The Kennesaw State Pride Alliance at Kennesaw State University will be hosting a charity drag shows at Jungle in Atlanta. The show, "Get Your Drag On," will be held on Saturday, March 19th from 7:30PM to 10:00 PM, at Jungle. There will be a small door fee. Proceeds from the show will benefit Pets Are Loving Support, an Atlanta-based nonprofit organization.

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.

Power of One LGBT Conference

April 1st-April 3rd

Reed College

Registration for the 2011 annual Power of One conference is now open. The Power of One is a Northwest student leadership conference designed to encourage and empower LGBTQ college students, their allies, and the faculty and staff who support them. This year's conference is hosted by Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and will be centered on the theme of Crossroads of Identity. The keynote speaker will be Parvez Sharma, director of *Jihad for Love*. For more info, contact the Planning Committee at PowereOfOne@reed.edu or go to <http://nwlgbleadership.wsu.edu/>

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](#).

Southeast Regional Unity Conference*April 1st-3rd UNC Chapel Hill*

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.

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.

17th Annual University of Rhode Island Symposium on GLBTIQQ Issues*April 4th-9th, 2011*

The University of Rhode Island is currently accepting program proposals for its 17th Annual Symposium on GLBTIQQ 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.

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.

Servant Leadership Summer

This program, provided by the Emory University Center for Ethics, is open to Emory University students. This funded summer program places qualified students in Atlanta-area non-profits, government agencies, and socially responsible businesses. The Servant Leadership Program is designed to enrich the student's life and integrate the practical, intellectual, and spiritual components of work while deepening understandings of responsibility, service and vocation. Students work 240 hours between May 16th and July 31st. Accepted students are required to attend weekly meetings, and will receive a \$4,000 stipend. To learn more and to access the application, click [here](#).

Staff Finds and Picks!

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

- HUD proposes to rule to ensure equal access to housing

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

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 and 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.

Click here to [nominate](#) or for more info.

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.



Eli Clare

MARCH 27–29, ELI CLARE VISIT
In Honor of Women's History Month

Eli Clare is a disabled, genderqueer activist who speaks and teaches all over the U.S. and Canada about disability, queer and trans identities, and social justice. Visit EliClare.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011

Moving beyond Pity and Inspiration: Disability as a Social Justice Issue

Often the major disability issues faced by people with a disability are not about health but about disability-based marginalization and discrimination, which in turn can impact access to education, employment, housing, and social services. Participants will leave this training with tools to create more disability access in their workplaces. **7:00–9:00 p.m., Tarbutton Hall, Oxford College**

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011

Intersection of Queerness and Disability

What issues do LGBTQ people with disabilities face? What are the connections among ableism, homophobia, and transphobia? How do issues around queer disability identities fit into a broader intersectional social justice framework? Join Eli Clare for a facilitated dialogue about these questions and more. **7:00–9:00 p.m., Few Multipurpose Room, Few Residence Hall**

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

The Body as Home: A Reading by Eli Clare

Enjoy a lunch with Emory's community. Join Eli Clare in a facilitated discussion on excerpts from his two books, *The Marrow's Telling* and *Exile & Pride*. RSVP to lgbt@emory.edu. **12:00 p.m., Goizueta Room W320, Goizueta Foundation Center**

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

Gawking, Gaping, Staring: Living in Marked Bodies

People with disabilities, people who identify as transgender, people of different sizes, and people of color all know what it's like to be stared at. Through this multimedia presentation with words and images, Eli Clare explores the internal experiences of living in marked bodies and the external meaning of oppression and bodily difference. **7:00–9:00 p.m., Few Multipurpose Room, Few Residence Hall**

Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Charis Books. If special accommodations are needed owing to a disability, contact the Office of Disability Services at 404/727-9877 voice or 404/712-2049 TDD. Visit www.ODS.emory.edu for more information.

The Eli Clare visit is sponsored by Office of Disability Services; Office of LGBT Life; Emory Pride; Office of Community and Diversity; Center for Women; Residence Life; Department of Women's Studies; Student Health and Counseling Center; Oxford College Campus Life Staff; and President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality.