

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the newsletter, on our website, and on our bulletin board outside Dobbs University Center E232.



## Yale and Columbia Reimburse Gay Employees for Extra Taxes

By Tara S. Bernard

Two Ivy League universities will soon begin reimbursing some of its gay and lesbian employees for the extra taxes they incur when their partners are covered by their health insurance.

Both Columbia and Yale University will begin covering these extra costs on Jan. 1.

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: Race relations within the LGBT POC community

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](mailto: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](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu) or Dohyun Ahn, student representative, at [ddahn@emory.edu](mailto: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](mailto:mktanne@emory.edu)) or Brianne Rivera ([bariver@emory.edu](mailto: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](mailto:trans.emory@gmail.com) or [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto: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

### 11th Annual Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education

*February 10 - 11, 2012 at The Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, Georgia*

Featuring Dr. Naim Akbar, Peggy McIntosh, Victor Lee Lewis, and Linda Stout, the conference focuses on racial identity development, ethnic identity development, and gender and sexual orientation, from infancy through adult maturity. An understanding of this development is necessary to understand the dynamics of multi-ethnic and multi-racial groups in the United States. The workshop embraces an anti oppressive and multi-cultural perspective. Register [HERE](#)

### Queer People of Color Conference

*March 30 – April 1, 2012 @ CSU Northridge*

Register now for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:questions@qpocc12.org). Visit [www.qpocc2012.org](http://www.qpocc2012.org) for more information.

### Civic Engagement & Leadership Development Opportunity with Choice USA

Andrew Jenkins from Choice USA, the leading youth-led and youth-focused reproductive health and rights organization in the country will be at Emory University all day next Wednesday (Feb. 8th) and would like to meet with students and faculty to discuss upcoming programs and leadership development opportunities with our Organization. launching an all-expenses-paid leadership institute in the Southern States to engage young activists in Georgia about reproductive justice and provide them with the tools and knowledge to create strategic and lasting change on their campuses and in their communities. Email [ajenkins@choiceusa.org](mailto:ajenkins@choiceusa.org)

### 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](#)

### **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium**

*March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Research Opportunities**

### **Individuals in same-sex relationships needed for study on attitudes toward same-sex marriage**

Looking for individuals who are at least 18 years old and currently in a same-sex relationship which is at least six months in length. This study is about how individuals in same-sex relationships feel about the institution of marriage and how levels of stress related to sexual orientation, perceived levels of social support and relationship satisfaction may be related to one's feelings about marriage. If you choose to participate in this study email me at [marriageattitudes@gmail.com](mailto:marriageattitudes@gmail.com). The survey should take between 20 and 60 minutes to complete. Since the study is on-line you may, of course, take breaks while completing it. You may also enter in a raffle with a chance to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to Amazon.com.

### **Gender Neutral Housing Options: A Survey of College-aged Trans Students**

This survey is designed to gather opinions on various types of gender neutral housing options commonly offered by colleges or universities to accommodate the needs of their trans or gender nonconforming students. The purpose of the survey is to learn which types of housing options are most preferred by college aged, trans and gender nonconforming identified individuals in the U.S. today to assist colleges and universities in instituting such options. Access the study [HERE](#)

### **Investigating the Experiences of Transgender/Gender Variant Individuals who have been Incarcerated**

There has been little research about the experiences of transgender/gender variant people who have been arrested, convicted, or served time in a criminal justice institution. In addition, there are limited ways that transgender individuals may self-identify during the criminal justice process. For individuals interested in participating in this study, please understand that all names and identities of participants will remain confidential. As the interviewer, this study requires participants to self-identify as transgender, gender variant, androgynous, genderqueer, or any other form of gender variant identities and participants have to have served some form of jail time, prison incarceration, or mental health institution. Please Contact [cdd.duarte@gmail.com](mailto:cdd.duarte@gmail.com).

### **Stressors, personal beliefs about oneself, and well-being in LGB individuals**

This study is conducted by LGB-identified/ally researchers at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The purpose of this research is to further the counseling field's understanding of lesbian, gay men and bisexual individual's experiences and well-being. If you are at least 18 years old and identify yourself as a lesbian, a gay man or a bisexual individual, we would greatly appreciate your participation in our study. When you have finished the survey, you will have the option to enter a raffle for one of ten \$20 Target gift cards. Access the study [HERE](#)

### **Lesbian Identity and High School Experiences**

This study is seeking volunteers to participate in research examining the effect that being a lesbian has on one's high school experiences, both socially and academically. Information provided will be confidential. Eligibility: Black or White Females, Ages 18-24; Identified as Lesbian in high school (though being "out" is not necessary); Grew up in the Southeast United States. Interviews will take 60-90 minutes, and participants will be compensated \$15 for their time. For More Information Contact the Principle Investigator, Sara Ashlee Bledsoe at: [sbledso@emory.edu](mailto:sbledso@emory.edu) or 304-654-4940 of Emory University's Department of Sociology

## 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](mailto: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](#)

### Consortium/Calamus LGBTQA Graduate Summer Internship

*Housing assistance, a summer stipend, and funds for assistance with 2012 Creating Change conference expenses*

The Pennsylvania State University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Student Resource Center (LGBT SRC) is seeking to host a highly motivated and innovative summer intern who's academic and practical interest are to contribute to the field of LGBT Higher Education. With financial support from the Calamus Foundation, this intern will be charged with completing a major project for the Consortium of Higher Education Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Resource.

Applicants who wish to apply must be enrolled in a Student Affairs or related Master's or PhD Program; Have a genuine interest in LGBTQA Research in Higher Education. Submit CV/Resume; One sample of your writing; essay explaining why you are interested in the internship program and how this will further your professional and academic interests; Choose 2 projects and submit a proposal explaining why you are interested in these two projects, which one is your first choice and how you might organize this project in the two months you would be in the internship; copy of your transcript from their current institution; 2 references. Send the all of the materials in a packet to [lgta@psu.edu](mailto:lgta@psu.edu). Due March 9, 2012

## 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](#)

# Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Life



## 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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