

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.

The Same Boxes to Check

By Scott Jaschik

The Common Application has rejected a proposal that it add optional questions on sexual orientation and gender identity. The board of the organization issued a statement suggesting that colleges have other ways to indicate support for applicants who are gay or who don't identify with traditional gender categories, and that adding the questions could pose problems.

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: *Queer Actions and Behaviors.*

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: *How influential is your sexuality in your life?*

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](#).

OUT Greek Alum Panel

February 9th, 2011 6:30PM Few Multipurpose Room
LGBT identified Greek Alums talk about their experiences at Emory. Undergraduates, graduate students, and alumni are welcome to attend! Dinner provided.

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: She's a boy I knew

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 future 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.

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.

The Inaugural Leadership Emory Summit

February 12, 2011 9am-4pm



Are you an Emory student looking to improve your leadership skills? Open to all Emory students, the Leadership Emory Summit Conference topics include recruitment and retention, risk management, meeting management, and more. Registration is now open at <http://www.osls.emory.edu/summit.php>. The summit is FREE but space is limited, so register in advance!

2011 Black History Month Flyer

Click the flyer to learn more.

2011 Black History Month Calendar at Emory University

(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 Delias: 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, AHANA Theatre, 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, KΑΥ, ΔΣΧ, 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

Dinner with 12 Strangers

February 12 5:30PM

Students can join Rachel Lehner, Joe O'Geen, and Ryan Roche for a fun and friendly dinner. RSVP required. Click [here](#) to register. They are dinner #8

OMPS Open Office

February 14, 2011 12 noon-3PM

Visit the new OMPS office in the DUC 270E, learn about their diversity programs, and meet the staff. For more information call 404-727-6754.

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.

Gender-Neutral Housing Pilot Program

Building F in the Clairmont Residential Center will be part of the gender-neutral housing pilot program. Students will have an option to select this housing during the room selection process. Please look to emails from Residence Life & Housing for more information.

Events in the Community

Theatrical Outfits Performance of "The Young Man From Atlanta"

February 10

84 Luckie Street NW

Theatrical Outfit will be performing *The Young Man From Atlanta* (winner of the 1995 Pulitzer Prize) at 7:30 PM on February 10, 2011. **RSVPs are due Monday, February 7th**. Click [here](#) for more info or to RSVP.

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](#).

Out in Front

February 19, 2011

9AM-6PM

Register for Out in Front, Vanderbilt's LGBTQI and Allied Undergraduate Student Leadership Retreat!

Taking part in Out in Front, you'll have the opportunity to explore your leadership style, maximize your strengths, and connect with other members of our campus community. Constance McMillen will be the keynote speaker. The deadline to register is February 10th. Click [here](#) to register and for more info.

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](#).

6th Annual Queer People of Color Conference Call for workshops now open!

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.

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. ORAM is looking for committed and highly-qualified externs to assist with research and writing on issues relevant to asylum and refugee claims based on gender identity and sexual orientation. There are several externship/fellowship positions throughout the year for the fall, spring and summer terms. For more information about ORAM's positions please send an email to externship@oraminternational.org.

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

DADT Interview Request

Brianna Mack, writer for Emory's *Black Star Magazine*, is seeking graduate and undergraduate students to discuss the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and LGBTQ life on campus. Contact her at bnmack@emory.edu if you are interested in participating.

Scholarships

Point Foundation Scholarship

Point Foundation is the nation's largest publicly-supported organization granting scholarships to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students of merit. Point provides undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate scholarships, mentorship, leadership training, and hope for students of merit who have been marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The online application for this year's scholarship is available [here](#). Application deadline is February 11th.

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.

Staff Finds and Picks!

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

- Understanding the New Passport Gender Change Policy

Click [here](#) for more info from the National Center for Transgender Equality. Check back next week for more finds and picks!