

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

The 2010 Pride Awards are **HERE!!** That's right, tomorrow **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.

PRIDE AWARDS
MARCH 2, 2010
6:30 PM

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

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★ As seen on TV ★

Look out for our very own Gay Alumni, **Jordan Pious** ('09B), on the 16th season of the CBS hit reality show “The Amazing Race.” He is competing with his brother on the show which premiered on Feb 14, 2010.

Check out the article from the [Emory Wheel](#) and watch for him on Sundays at 8pm on CBS!

From the EmoryWire:

Scholarship Recipient Shows his Emory Pride

At the upcoming Emory Pride Awards reception at the Miller-Ward Alumni House on March 2, Bassel Rabah 11C will receive the GALA Leadership Award from Emory Gay and Lesbian Alumni (GALA), an interest group of the Emory Alumni Association (EAA), and from the Office of LGBT Life.

A political science major from Acworth, GA, Rabah earned the \$2,500 scholarship for his demonstrated leadership to positively impact the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities at Emory.

Also at the awards reception, Scot Seitz 09C will be honored with the Chestnut LGBT Person of the Year Award from the President’s Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality, and Steven Dry 10C will be named the winner of the Studies in Sexualities Essay Contest Award.

To keep reading the press release, [click here](#).



Office of LGBT Life

Seeking Emory Faculty to Serve on Advisory Committee

The Office of LGBT Life is seeking one or two faculty members to serve its Advisory Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to: (1) provide advice and input on the Office's Director and staff on planning, implementation, and operational aspects of the Office; (2) ensure that the programs and services of the Office are consistent with and inform the missions of Emory University and Emory University's Division of Campus Life; (3) facilitate communication between the University community and the Office; and (4) serve as advocates and ambassadors for the Office's goals and objectives in creating an equitable and inclusive campus environment.

To learn more, [click here](#). Please contact Michael Shutt mshutt@emory.edu for further information.

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.

Light refreshments will be served and a dessert reception will immediately follow the awards ceremony!

Emory Queer Health Advocacy League (EQHAL)- Journal Club

2nd Thursday and 4th 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. Due to Spring Break the next meeting will be held on Mar 18.

Contact: Ian Spain gspain@emory.edu

Trans-Forming Emory

Tuesdays at 7pm

Trans-Forming Emory is a group for members of the Emory Community that meets to discuss issues of gender and building community for transgender, gender variant, transsexual, genderqueer, gender questioning people and their allies, friends & partners.

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

Coming up:

Look for signs around campus kicking off Pride's Visibility Campaign!

3/17- The group will be meeting for dinner and then head to a showing of the Vagina Monologues.

3/24- New Officer Elections

3/31 - OUT at Work Panel

6:30pm Location TBD

Evening will begin with refreshments at 6:30pm and the panel will be at 7pm. More details to come!



Michael Shutt, Director of LGBT Life, with students at the Creating Change Conference in Dallas, Tx earlier this month.

"At Creating Change, I learned to better appreciate everyone's situation, and I learned that everyone has a story to share." -Bassel Rabah '11C

Events at Emory

Presidential Commissions Accepting Applications for Membership

The commissions help achieve equity for underrepresented groups by raising issues of concern and recommending actions. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to apply.

The President's Commission on Race and Ethnicity (PCORE) serves as a forum for discussing and addressing issues of race and ethnicity. Our initiatives embody our commitment to maintain and nurture a diverse, enlightened and respectful community.

For more information email [Stacey Derico at stderico@emory.edu](mailto:stderico@emory.edu) or visit www.pcore.emory.edu.

The President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality (PCSGEQE) 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.pcsgdqu.emory.edu or email Thaddeus.pace@emory.edu.

President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) advises President Wagner about improving the quality of life for all women at the University, thereby strengthening the entire Emory Community. PCSW welcomes men and women to continue our tradition of enriching the community and enhancing our ability to transform society.

For more information email lisa.newbern@emory.edu.

Studies in Sexualities March Events

Mar 17 @ 4pm White Hall 112

Adam Frank lecture "Gertrude Stein, Silvan Tomkins, and the Compositional Aspect of Affect"

Mar 27 @ 9am-6pm Rita Ann Rollins Rm, RSPH

Risky Sex Conference; participants include Larry Bryant, Amy M. Buddie, Kirk Elifson, Andrew Francis, David Malebranche, and more; screenings of Kean O'Brien, "I Can't Feel It Anyway" and, at 8 p.m., Andy Warhol's Lonesome Cowboys (in White Hall 205) introduced by Andy Ditzler.

Mar 31 @ 4pm White Hall 112

Katy Hawkins lecture; "Art Sutra: Sedgwick, Proust,

Women's History Month Keynote Address TODAY!

Mon Mar 1 4pm Tull Auditorium, Emory Law School

Zainab Salbi will be speaking this afternoon at the Women's History Month Keynote Address. Author, activist, and social entrepreneur Zainab Salbi is the cofounder and president of Women for Women International. The organization has supported more than 120,000 women survivors of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda, Kosovo, Nigeria, Columbia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan by distributing more than \$33 million in direct aid and micro-credit loans, training thousands of women in rights awareness, and helping thousands more start their own small business.

6:30-8:00pm Room 575, Emory Law School

"Solidarity with Women Survivors of War"- discussion led by Dr. Karen Scheib will take place after the Keynote Address to review the points made and to brainstorm practical approaches to addressing the issue.

Transforming Community Project (TCP) Dialogue on Gender

This semester, the TCP and the Center for Women are pleased to announce the launch of our newest dialogue group: the TCP Dialogue on Gender.

The TCP Dialogue on Gender group will collaboratively explore and discuss the gendered past, present, and future of Emory University. We will begin by exploring terminology and concepts that challenge participants to think critically about gender, including a shift away from the gender binary, questions about power, issues of violence, and more. The semester will culminate with a group-developed community action project. The project draws on primary and secondary source readings, art, videos, and guest speakers.

*Students, Staff, Faculty, Administrators, and Alumni are all welcome and encouraged to register. There is no fee for participation or materials.

Thursdays, 4:30-6pm Dobbs University Center, Room 363. Dates : 3/ 4, 3/ 18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29

A light snack will be provided for all participants. Register [online](#) by Mon Mar 1 @ 5pm.

“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.

Atlanta Professional Speaker Series at Emory

Fri, Mar 19 5-7pm
Woodruff Health Science Administration Building

As part of a bimonthly speaker series focusing on the impact of healthcare reform on the community as well as advocacy and corporate equality featuring five major recruiting firms, the Rollins School of Public Health is pleased to be hosting Earnst & Young's panel on HRC Corporate Equality Index: Best Practices for Achieving a Perfect Score Under the New Criteria 3.0 Model.

To register, follow this link:
<https://survey.deloitte.com/wsb.dll/2756/APSSS-Healthcare.htm>

Conferences

Transnationalizing LGBT Studies Conference/Workshop- Save the date!

Sept 23rd -25th, 2010 *Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY*
We will explore, through keynote lectures, scholarship panels, and pedagogy workshops, questions such as: what new theoretical and political frameworks emerge with the transnational turn in LGBT/Queer Studies? How do transnational perspectives influence what and how we teach LGBT/Queer Studies to university students? In what ways do we connect with scholars and scholarship from across the globe? What do we want to avoid?

Keynote Speakers:

Martin F. Manalansan IV, Associate Professor of Anthropology and America Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Elizabeth A. Povinelli, Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies at Columbia University and Director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender

Bisexual Empowerment Conference: A Uniting, Supportive Experience (BECAUSE)

Apr 16-18 *Hamline University, St. Paul, MN*

The **BECAUSE** Conference is the premier weekend event in the Midwest for bisexuals, queers, non-mono-sexual, bi-curious, questioning, and all others, regardless of sexual or gender identity. This conference is open to **everyone!**

This year conference attendees will find an exciting and packed weekend of social and educational programming, including keynote speaker Amy André. Amy is a writer, activist and current Executive Director of San Francisco Pride who will be speaking about health in the bisexual community. In addition to workshops on Saturday, there will be a conference wide panel titled **It's Time: Perspectives on Bisexuality Past, Present and Future.**

Conference registration now live at
www.becauseconference.org

Surveys & Research

Honors Students Looking for Participants for Online Survey

Students from the Honors Program in the Psychology Department at Loyola Marymount University conducting an online survey study about sexuality among gay and bisexual men and same-sex couples. Those who participate in the study will be entered into a lottery to win one of several prizes including: 2 iPod Nanos and 4 \$50 Visa gift cards.

To participate or learn more about the research, please visit:
www.gaysexattitudes.org.

Consortium of Higher Education- APA DSM5 Revisions Input

The APA (American Psychological Association) is seeking input for their revisions to the Diagnostics and Statistics Manual-5. Revisions are being considered in the following sections on gender: Gender Identity Disorder in Adolescents or Adults, Gender Identity Disorder in Children, and Gender Identity Disorder Not Otherwise Specified. Please weigh in and provide your opinions!

Here is a link about the proposed revisions:
<http://www.dsm5.org/ProposedRevisions/Pages/Default.aspx>.