

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.

Rev. Peter J Gomes is Dead at 68; A Leading Voice Against Intolerance

by Robert D McFadden

The Rev. Peter J Gomes, who was featured in "For the Bible Tells me So" as one of the progressive scholars on the topic of biblical literalism, announced that he was gay a generation ago and became one of America's most prominent spiritual voices against intolerance.

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.

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.

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.

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 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

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, restarting January 18th. Meet in the DUC dining hall.

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 at noon: 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!

Emory Queer Health Advocacy League

Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month

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.

News & Events at Emory

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. Click [here](#) for more information on Professor Dove's visit.

Jason Edwards on "Queer and Now"

April 4, 2011 4:15PM White Hall 103

Dr. Jason Edwards is the Director of the Centre for Modern Studies and a Reader in History of Art at the University of York. The Studies in Sexualities program will be hosting Dr. Edwards' talk entitled "Queer and Now: On William Etty's Autobiography (1849) and Male Nude with Arms Upstretched (c.1830)." This event is cosponsored by the Departments of Art History, English, and Women's Studies.

LGBTQ Staff and Faculty Group Social*March 17th 5:30PM Saba Restaurant*

Join the Emory LGBTQ Staff and Faculty Group on Thursday, March 17th for a social hour at Saba Restaurant in Emory Village.

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.

Studies in Sexualities Presents Author Jason Edwards*April 4th @ 4:15pm in White Hall 103*

Dr. Jason Edwards is the Director of the Centre for Modern Studies and a Reader in History of Art at The University of York. Join him for a lecture on *Queer and Now: On William Ety's Autobiography (1849)* and *Male Nude with Arms Upstretched (c. 1830)*.

Socio-Contextual Determinants of Health Colloquium*Claudi Nance Rollins Bldg, Room 3001**Tuesday, March 15th, 12-1*

Eleanor Smith, founding director of Concrete Change, a national housing access group based in Decatur, will present *Shut Out/ Shut In: How house construction isolates and endangers people and what we can do about it*. Learn about policy transformation and legislative reform from a successful advocate and community activist. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Dr. Hannah Cooper, hcoope3@emory.edu.

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](#).

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>

Studies in Sexualities Courses: Fall 2011

CPLT 203 001 Opaque Desires: Reading, Sexuality, and Subtle Resistance TTh 1-2:15 Christina Leon

ENG 489 / FS 373: "Perverse Cinema." W 2-5. Prof.Rambuss

ILA 790 / ENG 789 / CPLT 751. Twentieth-Century Poetry W1-4 Prof. Moon

SPAN 312 Hispanic Theater, Film, Performance Art TTh 11:30-12:45 Prof.Carrion

SPAN 430 Architecture and the Body, Building Race and Gender TTh 10:00-11:15 Prof.Carrion

JPN 190: Gender and Sexuality in Modern Japan TTh 2:30-3:45 Prof.Bullock

WS 585, Queer Theory, T 2-5 Prof.Huffer

Global Health and Humanitarian Summit*April 1-3, 2011*

Do you want to make a difference? Do you have a story to tell? Are you a Non-Profit Organization looking to network?

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

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>.

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.

GALA Planning Meeting

Get involved with planning GALA events and programs! GALA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Miller-Ward Alumni House from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming GALA activities. Our next meeting is on March 22, and everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/EMR/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=71841

Events in the Community

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 LGBTQQ 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 PowerOfOne@reed.edu or go to <http://nwlgbtleadership.wsu.edu/>

Kennesaw State Charity Drag Shows

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

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 interns to help conduct a survey on the resettlement experience of LGBTI refugees. For more information about ORAM's positions please send an email to externship@oraminternational.org.

This program is ten weeks long (June 13th-August 19th) and will yield a thesis-level stand-alone report with the chance for publication. Interns are unpaid. For more information visit www.oraminternational.org.

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](#).

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.

Georgia Equality

Work for social justice and receive college credit. Georgia Equality is currently accepting applications for a summer intern to work May 23-August 14 for an average of 30 hours per week. Interns must be between 18 and 24 years of age unless enrolled in graduate school or law school. As an intern, you will learn the basic and advanced skills to become an effective grassroots organizer. For an application, email Melinda@georgiaequality.org. Applications are due March 25th.

Love Bug Internship with Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood is seeking an intern to work 10-20 flexible hours per week as part of a special three month health education project to provide health education sessions about the female condom. Benefits include practical experience in public health education and connections with the community Atlanta while performing community service. For more information, contact leola.reis@ppfa.org. Stipend available.

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](#).

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](#).

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

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

Women's History Month Featuring Rita Dove

MARCH 20–22

"Entering the World through Language"

A Women's History Month Series featuring Rita Dove

Rita Dove is the Commonwealth Professor of English at the University of Virginia. She won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1987 and was Poet Laureate of the United States from 1993 through 1995. A canonical figure in American and African American literature, Dove is known for her interdisciplinarity and collaborative ventures with composers, musicians, and other artists. All events take place on Emory's Atlanta campus.

MARCH 20

Sonata Mulattica: Reading by Rita Dove and performance by William Fitzpatrick (violin) and Will Ransom (piano)

Dove reads from her latest book of poetry, *Sonata Mulattica*, which tells the story of a black violin virtuoso, Bridgetower, who inspired Beethoven but died in obscurity. The reading is followed by a performance of Beethoven's "Sonata Mulattica," better known as the "Kreutzer Sonata." A book-signing follows in the Lower Lobby—7:00–8:45 p.m., Schwartz Center for Performing Arts.

MARCH 21

"This Is a Story about Music": A Creativity Conversation with Rita Dove, Alvin Singleton, and Robert Spano

Rita Dove talks with Alvin Singleton, the prize-winning composer who has adapted Dove's work to music, and Robert Spano, music director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and an Emory University Distinguished Artist in Residence. Moderated by Lois Reitzes, host of *Second Cup Concert* on WABE 90.1—6:00 p.m., Presentation Room, Oxford Road Building.

MARCH 22

"Report from Part Three": A Creativity Conversation with Rita Dove and Natasha Trethewey

Rita Dove and fellow Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Natasha Trethewey, the Phillis Wheatley Distinguished Chair in Poetry at Emory, will discuss writing, mentorship, and literary ancestries. Moderated by Rudolph Byrd, director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute. Presented in honor of Jessica Glasser and Ali P. Crown—6:00 p.m., Governor's Hall, Miller-Ward Alumni House.

The Rita Dove Residency is sponsored by the Center for Women's Crown Endowment; Department of Women's Studies Jessica Glasser Memorial Lecture; James Weldon Johnson Institute; Creativity: Art and Innovation; Departments of English, Music, and African American Studies; Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta; Graduate Institute of Liberal Arts; Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library; Office of the Provost, Luminaries Series; Hightower Fund; Office of Community and Diversity; Employee Council; Office of Multicultural Programs; Hale Institute for Global Learning; Race and Difference Initiative; and the President's Commissions on Race and Ethnicity; Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality; and the Status of Women



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.