

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!



From the Office of LGBT Life

Update on Office of LGBT Life Program Coordinator Search

The Office of LGBT Life is bringing several candidates to campus
in the next two weeks for on-campus interviews. Please save these
dates and times to meet these candidates:

March 29th, April 8th, & April 9th

Noon--Candidate lunch with students in the DUC
(all students encouraged to attend)

2-2:45 p.m.--Presentation by the candidate
(open session-room 355 DUC)

2:45-3:00--Open Forum
(open session-room 355 DUC)

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Sharon Semmens and Cleve Shirah, GALA Co-Chairs presenting the GALA Leadership Award to Basal Rabah at the Annual Pride Awards Banquet on Mar 2.

News in Higher Education

Virginia's Governor, in Response to an Outcry, Says Work Bias is Banned

From the Chronicle of Higher Education

Days after Virginia's attorney general ignited a controversy by telling public colleges and universities they had no authority to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, the state's governor issued an executive directive on Wednesday advising all state employees that employment discrimination is prohibited under state and federal law.

In a letter last week, the attorney general, Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II, a Republican, advised the state's public universities and colleges that institutional policies banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation were invalid.

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Office of LGBT Life

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.

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.

This week: Film screening for "Venus Boyz" and discussion following.

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

Emory Pride will be hosting an Atlanta-wide Spring Fling (AKA dance) on April 16th and WE NEED YOUR HELP! The co-president of Emory Pride will be serving as executive committee member for the Spring Fling Committee, but it's up to you all to really make this happen!

Coming up:

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 begin at 7pm. More details to come!

Article from News in Higher Ed Cont'd

Only the General Assembly had the authority to extend legal protection to gay state employees, Mr. Cuccinelli said. That advice drew immediate criticism on campuses and in the news media.

Gov. Robert F. McDonnell, also a Republican, responded on Wednesday with his executive directive reminding state employees that workplace discrimination is illegal. The directive, which is not as powerful as an executive order, does not in itself ban bias on the basis of sexual orientation. It does, however, cite the Virginia Human Rights Act and the equal-protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as protections against workplace discrimination.

In the directive, Governor McDonnell wrote: "I hereby direct that the hiring, promotion, compensation, treatment, discipline, and termination of state employees shall be based on an individual's job qualifications, merit, and performance."

For the Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus, the directive is not enough. "The caucus appreciates Governor McDonnell's directive, but they still feel these protections should be in the state code," said Michael K. Kelly, the caucus's director of communications.

Measures that would add protections for gay and lesbian employees have previously failed in the legislature. Mr. McDonnell's choice of forbidding bias through an executive directive instead of an executive order, as Virginia's previous two governors had done, may have been for political reasons, said Carl Tobias, a professor of law at the University of Richmond.

Mr. McDonnell was the state's attorney general from 2006 through February 2009, when he resigned to campaign full time for governor. While serving as attorney general, Mr. McDonnell had said that the governor should not have the authority to make an executive order about workplace discrimination at public institutions.

"It would be difficult for him to turn around and issue an order in the face of that," Mr. Tobias said.

He added: "To some extent, I think the governor was trying to put out the fire" over Mr. Cuccinelli's letter.

The outcry, Mr. Tobias said, went beyond the impact on individuals of discrimination in the workplace. People were also concerned about institutions' autonomy and their ability to recruit top employees and students, he said.

Events at Emory

Annual Crawford W. Long Lecture and Celebration of Research

Tues, Mar 23 4-6pm School of Med Conference Rm 130

“Bias, Identity Politics, and the Opportunity for Change: Emory Style” Presented by Ozzie Harris, II, JD- Senior Vice Provoste for Community and Diversity; Hosted by Department of Anesthesiology Emory University School of Medicine.

Please RSVP by email to tracie.harris@emoryhealthcare.org or call 404-616-4570.

Studies in Sexualities Presents a Conference on Risky Sex- Schedule

Fri, Mar 27	Rita Ann Rollins Rm, RSPH
9a	Breakfast
9-10:30a	“Women, Sex, and Drug Use” Claire Sterk, SPH, Emory “Unprotected Sex, Prostitution, and Sex on Drugs” Frank Wong, SPH, Emory
10:45-12:15p	“‘Down and Low’ and Bisexual Risk Behavior among Black Men: Facts and Myths” David J. Melbranche, SOM, Emory “Coping with Homophobia and Racism: Black Men who Have Sex with Men” Lawrence Bryant, School of Health Professions, Georgia State University
12:15-1:45p	Lunch
1:45-3:15p	“Risky Business: Saying Yes but Meaning No” Amy M. Buddie and Corinne McNamara, Psychology and Women’s Studies, Kennesaw State University “History, the Behavioral Sciences, and Risky Sex” Colin Talley, SPH, Emory
3:30-5p	“Virtual Sex” Ashley T. Sheldon, English and Film, Kennesaw State University Screening of Kean O’Brien’s “I Can’t Feel it Anyway”
5-6p	Reception
8p	Screening of Andy Warhol’s “Lonesome Cowboys (White Hall 206)

Events in the Community

Out on Film Presents “Watercolors”

Mar 24 7:30pm Ansley Park Playhouse

Out on Film, Atlanta’s LGBT Film Festival, will be hosting a special screening of the award-winning, gay film “Watercolors” with lead actor Tye Olson in attendance, as well as director David Oliveras.

“When gifted young artist Danny arrives at the opening of his first exhibition, his erotic paintings trigger memories of his first love Carter, a troubled athlete. Through a series of flashbacks we see Danny and Carter struggle with their mutual attraction.”

<http://www.outonfilm.org/specialeventsandoffers.html>

The Williams Institute Presents: “When Gay People Get Married: What Happened When Societies Legalize Same-Sex Marriage”

Thurs, Mar 25 5:30pm Paul Hastings LLP, Bank of America Building

Featuring Lee Badgett, Research Director of the Williams Institute and Beth Littrell, Staff Attorney of Lambda Legal

Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments while listening to a reading from Lee’s book and learn more about legal recognition of same-sex marriage couples in the Southeast.

RSVP to: Katie Dowd, 310-794-5192, dowd@law.ucla.edu

Job and Internship Opportunities

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Summer Academy Fellowship

Are you passionate about LGBT rights?

Do you want to make organizing and movement building your career?

Well then the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Summer Academy Fellowship is for you! This is not an average fellowship — this is a chance to create change AND get paid.

For more information and a full description of the position, [click here](#).

Conferences

13th Annual National Black Herstory Conference

Fri Mar 26 2-8pm Whitehead Biomedical Auditorium

Opening Ceremony- Welcoming, Libation, and Performances by Dana Summerville & Step Dancers

Session 1: "The Politics of the Black Female Body: Our Bodies, Our Voices, Ourselves"

Session 2: "The Basics of Gender Identity and Expression"

Session 3 & 4: "The Empowerment Experiment"

For additional information about the conference, please call 404-712-9674 or see our website at www.blackherstory.org.

2010 Unity Conference

Apr 9-10 UNC-Chapel Hill

The themes this year is "Intersecting Identities: Performance, Politics, Power," and focuses on the concept of intersectionality as an ethic of theorizing and organizing. We wish to take up the multiple sites of difference that inform our experience of queer and allied communities as a primary and generative site of social change.

More information can be found at <http://unityconference.webs.com>.

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.