

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!



Thank you all for staying actively informed of news, events, programs and opportunities this year through the Office of LGBT Life E-Newsletter. It is an understatement to say that the 2010-2011 academic year was exciting and transformational. From the arrival of our new Program Coordinator, Danielle Steele, to changes in campus policies and procedures for trans students and employees (see more highlights below), Emory is a better place to learn, live and work now than it was a year ago. As we reflect on the past year, it is also important to look to our future. Next year we will continue to fulfill our mission while also celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Office of LGBT Life! I wish you all safe and productive summer and look forward to working with you in the fall!

Michael D. Shutt
Director, Office of LGBT Life

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StoryCorps: A Conversation Between Eli Clare and Aimi Hamraie

Recently, when disability activist and writer Eli Clare came to town, grad student and fan Aimi Hamraie was there to meet him. She teaches one of Eli's books in her classes—and had some questions about what led up to his activism. To hear the full story, click [here](#). To read the blog post, click [here](#).

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.

Safe Space Lunch and Learn!

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:

- 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!

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](#).

AIDS Vaccine 200 - Volunteers Wanted

May 13th-May 15th, 2011

The AIDS VACCINE 200 is a bike ride in Georgia that will take place May 14-15, 2011. The ride is a benefit for the Emory Vaccine Center to support research towards an AIDS vaccine. Event organizers are looking for volunteers for Friday, May 13th and Sunday, May 15th. To register as a volunteer, click [here](#). To learn more about the event, click [here](#).

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

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! Here are the dates of our upcoming meetings where you'll 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? We hope you can join us! Click [here](#) to let us know you're coming.

Dates of future meetings are:

- April 26th
- June 14th
- July 12th
- August 9th
- Sept. 13th
- Oct. 11th
- Nov. 8th

The Psychology of Networking

April 21, 2011 3:30PM-5:00PM B School W320

No aspect of a job search or professional transition is more important than networking. Many of us intuitively know it's important but can't move forward with confidence and power. Fear or inertia may have you stuck, or you simply may need a greater understanding of how to network with confidence to make the most of your personal and professional networks. We'll discuss networking and how to reframe and find your style to advance your efforts and keep you on track, whether in a job search or just to be prepared for change in today's uncertain times. Speakers will be Jodie Charlop (82OX, 85C) and Carolyn Bregman (82L). For more information email cwe@emory.edu

Events in the Community

Transgender Health and Law Conference

April 30th, 2011 University of Connecticut-Health Center

The University of Connecticut Health Center will be hosting the Transgender Lives: The Intersection of Health and Law Conference. For more information about the conference, click [here](#).

Coming Out Film Screening

May 7th, 2011 12:30PM

Landmark Midtown Cinema Theater 4

I Am, a film about coming out to one's parents will be screening as part of the Atlanta Film Festival on Saturday, May 7th. *I Am* chronicles the journey of an Indian lesbian filmmaker who returns to Delhi, eleven years later, to re-open what was once home, and finally confronts the loss of her mother whom she never came out to.

Divas 2: Opera Revisited

April 29-30 Conan Performing Arts Center- Oglethorpe

In this sequel to their popular opera concert of 2008, the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus will explore the rich repertoire of opera, performing the music of Bizet, Bernstein, and Wagner, and more. Click [here](#) for concert times and more information.

Facilitating Campus Climates of Pluralism, Inclusivity, and Progressive Change at HBCUs

April 29th, 2011

Spelman College

The Women's Research and Resource Center at Spelman College is hosting an historic Summit as part of an Arcus Foundation funded project that has examined issues of institutional climate, gender and sexual politics at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The Summit is the culminating activity of a three-year advocacy project that engaged 11 HBCUs on the particular experiences of LGBT students, faculty and staff in an attempt to facilitate institutional change that acknowledges, values and respects difference. The Summit will present the results of the project, including issues that pertain to academic and student life; discuss research that places gender and sexuality in the Black community within a larger historical framework; and examine strategies and best practices that promote and support inclusive campus cultures.

Atlanta Bucks Rugby Football

The Atlanta Bucks Football Rugby Club is a rugby club committed to building a competitive team that operates in an all-inclusive environment. The team practices Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Coan Middle School, 1530 Woodbine Ave, SE, Atlanta GA 30317. For more information check out the Bucks at www.atlantabucksrugby.org

LGBT College Summer Camp*July 19th-July 24th, 2011* *Vanderbilt University*

The organization Campus Pride will be holding their annual Summer Leadership Camp for any LGBTQA college students who want to connect with other student leaders and develop their critical skills and strategies to create change at their campus. This is the first year that advisors, professional staff, and faculty can attend the camp and go through the Advisor Boot Camp training program. Both are exciting opportunities to develop LGBT leadership on campus. Go to www.campuspride.org/camppride for more information and to register.

Queer and Asian Conference 2011*April 29th-May 1st*

Founded in 2008, the annual student-run Queer & Asian conference hosted by Cal Q&A is the largest one of its kind nationwide. The first annual Queer and Asian Conference was founded with the intention of being a conference in which each individual participant's story could and should be heard. Registration is now open for the 2011 Queer and Asian Conference. Also if you would like to perform or have your artwork showcased at their performance and art show event on 29th as well as for more information and to register please visit calqacon.com.

LGBTQA Studies in Amsterdam

Michigan State University will be hosting an LGBTQ Study Abroad program in Amsterdam. This course will be open to non-Michigan State University students. They are currently assessing interest in the program so that expenses may be projected. Students will be housed in dormitories at the University of Amsterdam. Excursions will include visits to major activist organizations, a tour of the red light district, the Anne Frank House, and The Hague. If you think you might be interested, please contact Professor Julia Grant at grant@msu.edu.

MondoHomo Call for Art

Submissions are now being accepted from visual artists for exhibition at the 2011 MondoHomo Festival in Atlanta, GA. They are seeking submissions of recent queer artwork in all media. They are accepting completed work and proposals. To submit work or for more information email mondoartshow2011@gmail.com.

Reaching OUT Summer Institute: Initiating Campus Climate Change for LGBTQ Communities*June 17th-June 18th, 2011* *SUNY Fredonia*

The Institute will feature a series of 50-minute roundtables/workshop-style programs on a variety of topics designed to actively engage participants. Topics include addressing homophobia in athletics, starting a campus SafeZone, using your campus library as civic space, starting and/or supporting a campus LGBTQ center, integrating LGBTQ into your teaching, etc. Faculty, staff, and administration are strongly encouraged to attend -- students are welcome! For more information please click [here](#).

LGBT Programs and Policies in Virginia Colleges*June 18, 2011* *Virginia Commonwealth University*

Join Network Virginia and Equality Virginia for a one-day symposium focused on how to best create inclusive policies as well as make sure institutions follow these policies. The keynote speaker is Dr. Susan R Rankin of Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Rankin is the lead author of the 2010 State of Higher Education for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People. Click [here](#) or email robin2cm@jmu.edu for more information or to register.

Internship Opportunities**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.

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.

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](#).

Pipeline Internship Opportunities

May 23-August 14

If you are looking for paid internships at LGBT organizations contact Andy Garcia at agarcia@lgbtpipeline.org to learn how you can apply. These internships are offered through the Pipeline Project is designed to promote people of color leadership, advancement & program development strategies. Available in Albany, Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Columbus, Denver, Madison, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, Raleigh, San Lake City, San Francisco, Washington DC internships involve approximately 30 hours of work per week with a \$3,000 stipend for the ten week period. Other paid and unpaid internship opportunities are also available.

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.

Harvard Business School Summer Venture in Management

June 18-24, 2011

Harvard Business School is running a summer management program for underrepresented minorities, including LGBT students. Students will spend a week on Harvard's campus attending classes, analyzing case studies, and debating management issues with peers and faculty. Housing and meals are provided.

The application deadline is May 18, 2011. For more information please visit www.hbs.edu/svmp.

Research Opportunities

Coming Out Stories Pilot Study

Jennifer Munley is currently recruiting participants for a pilot study exploring how friends, family, and community impact the coming out experience. Results from the pilot study will be used to formulate a longer, more in-depth study in the future. She is looking for people between the ages of 18-26 to participate in 30 minute interviews that have had positive coming out experiences. She is particularly looking for women who identify as lesbian. If you are interested, please email Jennifer.Munley@Emory.edu.

LGB Strengths and Career Development

Jody Russon is researching career development in LGBT individuals as part of her master's thesis. She is looking for individuals to complete a 20-30 minute online survey. Eventually this data will be used to better understand career development for sexual minority communities. To access the survey, click [here](#).

Couples HIV Counseling and Testing

Emory University is conducting a research study of a new way of HIV testing with a partner. If you are a man at least 18 years old with a boyfriend, you may be eligible to participate. Contact Jasper L Barnes at (404) 849-5534 or Jasper.l.barnes@emory.edu.

Social Support and its influence on Gay Male College Students

This study is hoping to develop a better understanding of why internalized heterosexism (IH; i.e., the negative messages individuals with minority sexual orientations hold against themselves) vary among self-identified gay men (i.e., why some gay men develop more self-hatred and shame than others). Click [here](#) to participate.

Lesbians' Perceptions of Transgender Individuals

The aim of the present study is to explore lesbian students' perceptions of transgender people and the processes that influence these perceptions. Eligible participants are individuals who indicate they (a) are currently enrolled as undergraduate (sophomore or above) or graduate students at a U.S. college or university; (b) identify as lesbian, queer, same-gender-loving, or another woman-identified sexual orientation; (c) do not identify as bisexual, heterosexual, transgender, or transsexual, and (d) have experience with transgender individuals and/or exposure to information about transgender issues. Data collection will take place through two 1-2 hour individual telephone interviews and a follow-up participant check interview of 30-60 minutes. If you are interested in participating, please contact bonnie.benson@wmich.edu or patrick.munley@wmich.edu.

LGBQ Minority Stress Survey

This exploratory study will attempt to explore the impact of LGBQ sexual minority stress by: 1) predicting shame in lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals as a function of emotional ambivalence and internalized homophobia in lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals, and 2) predict LGBQ personal mastery as a function shame, emotional ambivalence, and internalized homophobia. Differences across these factors will be explored across demographic dimensions of sexual identity orientation, stages of sexual identity orientation development, and ethnic identity to identify the psychological impact of sexual minority stress. Click [here](#) to take the survey.

Predicting LGBT Cigarette Smoking

The purpose of the study is to better understand ways of being, thinking, and feeling that influence cigarette smoking in LGBT people. This will be of interest to counselors helping LGBT clients who wish to look at their tobacco use. The survey takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. It begins with a demographic questionnaire, followed by questions about cigarette use, alcohol use, thoughts about what control you have over your health and what you expect your health to be in the future, and coping with feelings of shame. Click [here](#) to take the survey.

Scholarships

National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals

NOGLS is offering one \$5,000 scholarship each for an undergraduate and a graduate/professional student studying in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) or STEM-related field. The application deadline is June 3, 2011. Click [here](#) for more information on how to apply.