

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:

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

Morehouse to Host First 'Gay Pride' Week From HBCU Digest

Morehouse College begins its first ever Gay Pride Week activities today. And if that comes as a surprise to you, it shouldn't; the events are nowhere to be found on the school's event calendar.

While LGBT people across the country are gaining more visibility, many African-American LGBT voices go unheard and their issues get ignored. Morehouse, one of our country's most premiere historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), is dedicated to amplifying those voices in hopes for creating change and reducing homophobia on campus. Inviting B. Scott is one step in the right direction in Morehouse's quest for affirming all of their LGBT students.



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Office of LGBT Life

Queer/Trans Focus Groups THIS WEEK

Queer Students of Color		
<i>April 5</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>DUC362</i>
Trans Focus Group		
<i>April 6</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>DUC355</i>
Queer Students of Faith		
<i>April 8</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>DUC250</i>

All focus groups will be discussing their experiences on campus. Dinner will be provided and all participants will receive a \$15 gift card.

Please contact lgbt@emory.edu if you plan to attend.

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

THIS WEEK-- Discussion of Trans Health at Emory
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 Updates

Wednesdays at 7pm 101C Callaway

Emory Pride worked over the last year to strengthen itself as an organization. This work by the outgoing Executive Board paid off in very tangible ways as seen during the spring elections. During the 2009 elections, two students ran for five positions. Interim positions

were created and fall elections were held to fill the seats. This year, eight students ran for the five positions and the pool of candidates was so strong that a run-off was scheduled for one of the Co-President positions. This interest in leadership in Emory Pride and the strength of the candidates was a direct result of the hard work of the outgoing board to update its constitution, engage members in events and meetings, and invest in strengthening its Executive Board team.

Congratulations Emory Pride and congratulations to the new Executive Board!!

Marina Santiago & Kovonn Tanner, Co-Presidents
Dorothy Sprague, Secretary

Shu Wen Ong, Public Relations

Michael Harris, Treasurer

Upcoming Events:

4/7- Pride will be participating in Wonderful Wednesday- Come out and take pictures for Pride's "NOH8" Campaign!

4/14- Out at Work Panel, Business School Rm 525
6:30pm Dinner, 7pm Panel

Events at Emory

Take Back the Night (TBTN) Planning Committee Meeting

April 16 11:30am-1:00pm Center for Women

TBTN is an empowering event held at many colleges across the country to raise awareness and protest sexual violence and other forms of gender based violence.

Emory's TBTN is held every October and its success will depend on the participation of community leaders like you. The purpose of this meeting is to review information about previous TBTN events, select dates, brainstorm ideas and committee sign up. The TBTN Committee is open to students, staff, and faculty.

*Bring your lunch; refreshments and dessert will be provided.
RSVP by April 9 to arafi@emory.edu.*

Sexual Assault Advocacy Training

April 23 9am-3pm Cox Hall 5

Have you ever wondered how to help and support a friend, a family member or one of your students?

If so, please join us at the sexual assault advocacy training pilot program. You will learn the basics to become a supportive ally, and you also have the opportunity to give us feedback as we develop an extensive curriculum for future training programs.

Pre-registration is required. To register email arafi@emory.edu by 4/16.

Events in the Community

“Play in the Gray” Screening at Atlanta Film Festival

April 17 9:30pm, April 19 2:30pm Landmark Midtown Art Cinema

The film is an exploration of gender and sexuality that follows the lives of drag-based theater troupe All The Kings Men. On its face, Play in the Gray dismantles the “man-woman” binary that pervades popular culture. But this film is more than an exploration of gender theory. Play in the Gray is a tiny, yet profoundly intimate, glimpse into the human experience. This film is about the complications of loving, being loved, getting hurt, suffering disappointment, questing for approval and being courageous.

For more info about the film, visit www.playinthegrays.com and for more info about the Atlanta Film Festival visit <http://atlantafilmfestival.com>.

Job and Internship Opportunities

Legal and Professional Services PR Internship

Poston Communications, LLC is a public relations agency focused on professional services companies in the Southeast including law, architecture, accounting, financial services, interior design, construction, health care, management consulting, real estate and the arts.

The public relations intern will be a recent graduate, or actively enrolled in, a law school or university law, public relations, marketing, English, political science or other related program. Current students will preferably have at least junior class standing.

To apply please email cover letter, resume and writing samples to:

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Article from News in Higher Ed Cont'd

I was honored when Morehouse College asked me to speak at their first Pride Week,” said B. Scott. “It is encouraging that they have decided to acknowledge the LGBT community in a positive way on their campus, which is the first step in creating an environment of acceptance and equality.”

Given the taboos and often-caustic perspectives towards LGBT brothers and sisters on HBCU campuses, I find it disgraceful and offensive that the ‘House wouldn’t acknowledge what could be a groundbreaking forum for discussion on improving attitudes and perspectives among the LGBT and non-LGBT populations.

On a personal note, college was the place where I learned tolerance, understanding, respect and love for brothers and sisters in the LGBT community. Like many, I grew up with ignorant and often humiliating ideas about gays and lesbians, but as an adult in an adult setting (a college campus) I met so many great men and women who were valuable members of our campus community, and tremendous friends. No, I’m not a perfect person who embraces all members of the LGBT community. Occasionally, I have negative thoughts and attitudes about individuals who exhibit certain behavior or stereotypical presentation of the LGBT lifestyle.

But the first step to getting better is to acknowledge being sick. And while I’m far from having the flu, I know that my best chance at a life well lived is to rid myself of the occasional sneeze and cough. Here’s hoping for a productive and enlightening week of discussion and discovery on the Morehouse campus.

This article was published on April 1, 2010. To see the original article in the HBCU Digest, [click here](#).

Summer Venture Management Program at Harvard Business School

SVMP is a week-long MBA experience that targets rising seniors (current juniors) who are members of a group typically underrepresented in business schools and corporate America (e.g., African American, Latino, First-generation college student, Native American, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, etc). HBS covers on-site expenses, and other costs are typically covered by corporate sponsors.

Application deadline is May 17, 2010. To apply, and for more information please visit the SVMP website at <http://www.hbs.edu/mba/symp/>.

Surveys & Research

LGBTQ Study on Institutional Support

An Educational Leadership doctoral candidate from the University of Phoenix School of Advanced Studies is conducting research on Adolescent Sexual Orientation in Public Education. The purpose of this study is to understand the perceptions and experiences of self-identified GLBTQ high school students and their experiences with school personnel and peers regarding a safe, inclusive, and tolerant school environment. The researcher is interested in interviewing LGBTQ students who are associated with the LGBT Life Office and other LGBT organizations on campus in the upcoming academic year (2010-2011).

Please contact Chelsey Lloyd at atliens@email.phoenix.edu.

Perspectives on Marriage Equality: Listening to the (Missing) Voices of Youth/Young Adults with Lesbian and Gay Parents

We are looking for participants for a project exploring the perspectives of adolescents and young adults with lesbian and gay parents. This study will recruit individuals between the age of 14 and 26 who have lesbian and gay parents, in an effort to gain their perspectives on marriage equality. We are interested in recruiting participants from various backgrounds/family situations, such as those whose parents have obtained civil unions, civil marriage, and domestic partnerships, as well as those whose parents have been unable or unwilling to obtain these types of partnership recognition. We are interested in learning about how

youth and young adults have been impacted by marriage equality and marriage inequality, as well as their general opinions on this topic.

If interested, please contact Abbie Goldberg, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Clark University agoldberg@clarku.edu, or 508-793-7289; faculty website is www.clarku.edu/faculty/goldberg.

Participants will complete confidential telephone interviews (approximately 30 minutes to one hour) with Dr. Goldberg or a trained graduate research assistant.

Opportunity for LGBTQ Biology Undergraduates and Graduates

The Federation for American Societies for Experimental Biology is exploring the idea of organizing a conference for LGBT biology students to present work (whether LGBT-related or not) and to network. At this point they are trying to gauge the level of interest among students. If you are an LGBTQ biology undergraduate or graduate student please contact Lisa Silverman: lsilverman@faseb.org.

UGA PhD Candidate Seeking Participants

Adult Education PhD Candidate from UGA is conducting research on the multiple meanings of motherhood and how a mother's perception of motherhood may change when faced with maternal experiences that are opposite to what society dictates, for example being a mother of a gay or lesbian. If you wish to participate or know of other mothers who would be willing to participate, please contact me through the information provided below.

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