

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

Thank you for checking out the first issue of the 2010-2011 Emory LGBT News. If you are a new student, faculty, or staff on campus, welcome to Emory!

This newsletter is one way of staying connected with news and events on and off campus. It will be sent to the "OUT@EMORY" listserv and be posted to the Emory Pride LearnLink conference every Monday. In addition, we will begin posting the newsletters to our webpage, so you can look for past programming and events. Visit our webpage at www.lgbt.emory.edu to learn more about the Office of LGBT Life.

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Atlanta Pride is Coming!!

Sign up today to volunteer at Emory's table at the festival (October 9th & 10th) and/or to walk with Emory in the parade on October 10th! All participants receive a t-shirt! Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up!



News in Higher Education

Asking More than Male or Female

By Scott Jashik from *Inside Higher Ed*

The Common Application is considering adding voluntary questions about applicants' sexual orientation and gender identity. The application is used by hundreds of colleges and universities -- including many of the most competitive.

Keep reading [here](#). Want to discuss? Post to the SpeakOut listserv! Email lgbt@emory.edu to subscribe.

Office of LGBT Life

Mara Keisling Visiting Emory University TODAY

September 13th 4:30pm

The Office of LGBT Life, in sponsorship with other offices and departments across campus, is bringing Mara Keisling, Executive Director for the National Center for Transgender Equality, to Emory on September 13th to speak about transgender issues on campus.

The lunch with Mara in the Center for Women is full; However, Mara will join a panel of students, faculty, and staff to discuss the current state of trans inclusion at the Emory Transgender Town Hall from 4:30 to 6:00pm in *Room 120 of the School of Medicine*. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Danielle Steele at dmsteel@emory.edu.

Partnerships with the Women's Center

The Office of LGBT Life and the Women's Center is offering weekly, hour-long discussion groups on topics related to sexual and gender identities.

Queer People of Color Group (Thursdays, 6-7pm)—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 (Tuesdays, 6-7pm)—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. This week's discussion topic is "Being Out at Emory."

Safe Space Training

September 16th 1:00pm-4:30pm

Want to raise your awareness and increase your knowledge of queer issues and concerns? Attend a 3.5 hour training and learn how to put what you learn into action. Trainings are open to faculty, staff, and students. For more information or to register, visit:

http://www.emory.edu/CAMPUS_LIFE/LGBTOFFICE/safe_space.php

Blue Jeans Brunch

Sept 25 11:00am-1:00pm

You're invited to this year's Blue Jean Brunch, a casual gathering with good food and good company during Emory Homecoming Weekend. Don't miss this GALA tradition! Cost is \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.

Register at:

http://www.facebook.com/1.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.www.alumniconnections.com%2Folc%2Fpub%2FEMR%2Fevent%2FshowEventForm.jsp%3Fform_id%3D61966&h=65a18

Also be sure to check out other **Homecoming Weekend** events, including *The Indigo Girls* as the Homecoming Concert artist!

More information can be found here:

<https://www.alumni.emory.edu/news/homecomingweekend.php?section=news>

Lunch with the Director

Wednesdays Noon-1pm

Eat lunch with Director of the Office of LGBT Life Dr. Michael Shutt. Wednesdays from Noon-1:00, starting September 8th. Meet in the Office of LGBT Life.

Emory Drag Extravaganza!!!

October 29 10:00pm-midnight

The Office of LGBT Life and Emory Pride are partnering to raise money for a great cause. Developed to provide an opportunity for campus administrators, faculty, and staff to show their support for student leadership development, funds raised through this event will go directly to student leadership development opportunities. To support the competition, you can attend the Drag Show, donate to your favorite team, or participate yourself! You can also create a team made up of members of the Emory Community. The team with the most points will win the new Drag Cup!

For more information or to register, contact Danielle Steele at dmsteel@emory.edu.

Atlanta Queer Literary Festival @ Emory Bookstore—Call Out!

October 15

The Office of LGBT Life and the Atlanta Queer Literary Festival are looking for members of the Emory community (faculty, students, and staff) to read an excerpt of their original work. Maximum of five minutes per person; space is limited. To participate, contact Danielle Steele at dmsteel@emory.edu. Include the title and type (poem, short story, etc.) of work to be read.

There will be readings by Jennifer Flynn Boylin (author, *She's Not There*) and Cary Alan Johnson (Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission), as well as Emory graduate and author Elliott Mackle (newly released *Hot Off the Presses*).

Additionally, Emory students will have the opportunity to eat lunch with author Elliott Mackle prior to the event. To attend, RSVP with Danielle Steele (dmsteel@emory.edu).

StoryCorps Atlanta: Tell your story. Tell it proud.

[StoryCorps Atlanta](#) is working with the Office of LGBT Life and other local LGBTQ organizations to encourage everyone to come tell their stories. Participants will have 40 minutes to record a conversation with a loved one. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the Library of Congress.

[StoryCorps OutLoud](#) is a project to record and preserve the voices of LGBTQ individuals across the nation. Sharing our stories honors the history, struggles, and character of our community, and preserving them in the Library of Congress will ensure all voices and experiences are celebrated and remembered for generations to come.

Tell your Story:

Three ways to make appointments:

- Call: 1-800-850-4406
- Visit: www.wabe.org/storycorps
- E-mail: atl+EmoryLGBT@storycorps.org (Include your name and phone number)

The [StoryCorps website](#) has information on [What to Expect](#) when you come to StoryCorps and a [Question Generator](#) to help you create a list of questions.

News & Events at Emory

Call Out to Candler Students

Nathan Hartman is looking for a Candler student who might be interested in leading an LGBT Bible study at a traditionally conservative Presbyterian church. Contact Nathan at Nathan@hartmanprivatelaw.com for more information.

Emerging Leader Experience (E.L.E.)

Applications due September 15th at 5:00pm

Designed to enhance students' leadership skills, E.L.E. is a year-long program that widens social networks and builds community through meetings, an overnight retreat, and a service-learning experience. To learn more, visit www.osls.emory.edu/eleregistration or contact the Office of Student Leadership and Service.

A Multilevel Analysis of Sexual Identity: Women Who Partner with Women and Men

September 22 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Rita Anne Rollins Room, Room 860 in Rollins School of Public Health

Join Dawn L. Comeau, PhD, MPH of the Department of Behavioral Science and Health Education for an upcoming talk on bisexual women and public health.

Studies in Sexualities Colloquium & Reading

October 18, 2010

Randall Kenan, author of *A Visitation of Spirits*, *Let the Dead Bury Their Dead*, and *The Fire This Time* will host:

Colloquium, 2:00pm-3:00pm, Kemp Malone Library, N301 Callaway Center

The Phillis Wheatley Reading, 6:30pm, Joseph, W. Jones Room, 311 Woodruff Library

Visit the Studies in Sexualities website for more details:

<http://college.emory.edu/program/sis/events.html>

Student Leader Trainings Announced for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Each year, the Office of Student Leadership & Service, in conjunction with the Student Government Association, hosts trainings and discussions on pertinent topical areas for student leaders and student organizations. Attendance is voluntary, but highly encouraged.

Topics for this year are as follow:

- "Event Planning 101"
- "Meetings & Motivation"
- "Recruitment & Building a Solid Membership Base"
- "Inclusive Leadership"
- "Dealing with Conflict and Difficult People"
- "Communication and Transition"

RSVP at <http://www.osls.emory.edu/trainin.php>.

Deborah Jenson: Lecture and Discussion

The Department of French and Italian at Emory University cordially invites you to a lecture and a discussion by Deborah Jenson, Duke University.

Lecture:

Sept. 16, 5:15 pm, White Hall, Room 110

"Indigo Blues: Poetry, Race, and Sex Work in Colonial Saint-Dominique"

Discussion:

Sept. 17, 1:00-2:30 pm, Callaway Center, Room C202

"New Directions in Afro-Diasporan Studies via Haiti"

Deborah Jenson is Professor of French Studies at Duke University where she specializes in Haiti, Creole Studies, and Nineteenth century French Literature and Culture. Her forthcoming book, "Beyond the Slave Narrative: Politics, Sex, and Manuscripts in the Haitian Revolution," introduces the literary traditions that emerged from the Haitian Revolution in two spheres: political texts produced by Haitian leaders such as Toussaint Louverture and Jean-Jacques Dessalines, and popular Creole poetry representing the voices of Haiti's libertine courtesans or sex workers.

Please direct any questions to Professor Valérie Loichot, Department of French and Italian, Emory University, vloicho@emory.edu or Kate Bennett at 404-712-9245 or kate.bennett@emory.edu.

Emory Queer Health Advocacy League

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. The group is currently looking for someone to take over the coordination of the group, a job that essentially entails vetting article suggestions from members of the group and sending a selected one out every other week to the email distribution list. Contact G. Ian Spain at gspain@emory.edu for more information.

Events in the Community

Atlanta Field Day

September 18th

Create a team, compete in events like tug-of-war and the 3-legged race, and support a great cause! Raise money and win prizes while benefitting a Chris Kids, the premiere, go to, non-profit organization that provides leadership for the community in the areas of child welfare, mental health, prevention of youth homelessness and of youth homelessness and excellence in non-profit management. For more information visit: <http://www.atlantafieldday.org/>

Atlanta Professional Speakers Series: Legal Issues affecting the LGBT Community

Sept. 17th Claudia Nance Rollins Building

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Networking

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Event Discussion

The LGBT community encounters legal barriers in many areas of their lives. From recognition of same sex relationships to discrimination in the workplace to children and dependents, the LGBT community continues to fight for the same individual rights guaranteed by the constitution. This panel discussion will focus on specific LGBT legal issues and how they affect you. We will be welcoming Scot Titshaw from the Mercer University School of Law as well as other legal professionals from Accenture, Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG, and PricewaterhouseCoopers who will discuss these important topics. Sponsored by the Office of Career Services. Register [here](#).

Pre-Pride 'Couples' Photography Show

Oct. 1st-31st 7:00am-7:00pm [Danneman's](#)

In conjunction with Atlanta Celebrates Photography, "Couples" is an exhibition of vivid portraits by Atlanta-based artist and SCAD M.F.A. photography graduate Karen Shacham. Her series showcases the multiple experiences that inform how queer couples live in the U.S. With terms like "gay" and "lesbian" most often used within political and social constructs, we overlook the myriad of ways in which these couples exist. The show's opening reception is Friday, October 1st, 6-9PM. To learn more, visit the ACP's website [here](#) or call 404.444.6029.

Queering the Countryside

November 6th-7th University of Indiana

Indiana University will host a two-day, interdisciplinary symposium that will include a day-long public conference on Saturday, November 6th, and a series of concurrent writing workshops on Sunday morning in which selected participants will be given the opportunity to share their work-in-progress with visiting scholars and other symposium attendees. For more information, visit: <http://www.iub.edu/~gender/queering-the-countryside.html>

Southern Christian Movement

October 8th-11th Morehouse College

Student Christian Movement of the United States of America is a student-led, grassroots organization rooted in Christ which actively seeks justice and peace, speaks truth to power, and works to overcome oppression in communities on local, national and global levels by empowering students and young people. Student representatives from seminaries, colleges, universities and from the current chapters of the SCM USA across the country will come together to discuss how they will collectively put their faith into action towards progressive Christian concerns. For more information, contact Luciano Kovacs at wscfna@gmail.com or visit SCMUSA.org. Deadline to register is September 17th.

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. Participation in this study will involve completing a series of questionnaires online, and will take about half an hour. There is no compensation for participation and you are free to withdraw at any time.

You are eligible for participation in this study if you are a college student in the United States and identify as a sexual minority (i.e., if you identify as anything other than heterosexual).

Access study here:

http://UFL.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_b12Mg5sI MM3CzC4