

# 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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### Office of LGBT Life 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Over the next year, the Office will be sharing about the events, people, and stories of the past **20 years**. Check out the **last page** of our newsletter each week to learn about how the Office became what it is today. Also, you can find more information about the Office's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the newsletter, on our website, and on our bulletin board outside Dobbs University Center 246E.

## Social Security No Longer Notifying Employers About Gender

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has confirmed that it has ended the practice of allowing gender to be matched in its Social Security Number Verification System (SSNVS). This will result in the immediate cessation of SSA sending notifications that alert employers when the gender marker on an employee's W-2 does not match Social Security records.

Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality says, "Ending this practice, which has endangered transgender people and our jobs, has been a priority for NCTE and we are pleased that the SSA has updated its policy."

Click [here](#) to read more.



## 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

*Mondays, 7-8pm, 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

*Tuesdays, 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.

#### **\*NEW\*** Queer Interfaith Group

*Thursdays, 7-8pm, Office of LGBT Life*

This group explores ways of integrating one's religion, spirituality, sexual identity, and gender identity. This group is for students who identify as queer students of faith.

Click [HERE](#) to meet our new facilitators!

### Weekly Student Groups

#### 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](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu).

#### Queer & Asian (Q&A)

Q&A is Emory's confidential group for students who wish to celebrate and explore their identities as lesbian, gay, bi, transgender, queer, questioning, and/or intersex people of any Asian heritage. For more information, contact Michael Shutt, Director of the Office of LGBT Life at [mshutt@emory.edu](mailto:mshutt@emory.edu) or Dohyun Ahn at [ddahn@emory.edu](mailto:ddahn@emory.edu).

### Emory Pride

This student organization provides Emory students with opportunities to engage in advocacy, education, and social interactions to create a stronger and more inclusive queer and allied community. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm. Email Kovonn Tanner ([mktanne@emory.edu](mailto:mktanne@emory.edu)) or Brianne Rivera ([bariver@emory.edu](mailto:bariver@emory.edu)) for more information.

### Transforming Emory

This group builds community for transgender, gender variant, transsexual, genderqueer, gender questioning people and their allies, friends, and partners. First meeting is *September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm* in the Office of LGBT Life. Dinner will be provided. For additional information, email [trans.emory@gmail.com](mailto:trans.emory@gmail.com) or [lgbt@emory.edu](mailto:lgbt@emory.edu).

### **Safe Space Trainings**

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. Training dates for the fall are:

- October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12:30pm
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-4:30pm

For more information or to register, visit our [website](#).

### **Out on Campus Campaign**

The Office of LGBT Life is launching a campaign to increase awareness of campus non-discrimination and equal opportunity policies through the stories of LGBTQ individuals and their allies. Any Emory student, employee or alumna/us who identifies along the spectrum of lesbian, transgender, queer, gay, genderqueer, bisexual, same-gender-loving, etc. (non-heterosexual and/or gender normative) identities can sign up to be on the OUT on Campus webpage. This public page will be hosted on the Office of LGBT Life's website [here](#) with your name, affiliation with Emory, sexual and gender identities, and picture. To submit your information, click [here](#).

### **Lunch & Learn: Toilet Training**

*September 29<sup>th</sup> Noon Dobbs University Center 355*

Join us a lunchtime discussion on "Toilet Training," a documentary about the discrimination and harassment that people who transgress gender norms face when using public restrooms. Part of the Office of LGBT Life's Safe Space Lunch & Learn Series.

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Atlanta Pride Celebration***October 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**Piedmont Park*

Join the Office of LGBT Life, GALA, and the President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity, and Queer Equality in support of Atlanta Pride and the Office's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Team up students, alumni, faculty, and staff by volunteering to represent Emory at our booth and/or walking with Emory's contingent in the parade. [Sign up now](#) to show your pride!

**News & Events at Emory****Feminists In Action Meetings (Starting August 31<sup>st</sup>)***Wednesdays 5:45pm-7:00pm Center for Women*

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, contact Conrad Honicker [chonick@emory.edu](mailto:chonick@emory.edu) or visit [FIA's website](#).

**Weaving New Beginnings***Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00-6:00pm Goizueta W525*

Celebrate the diversity of women at Emory. Come learn about resources available to you, see student performers and network with others. Students, faculty and staff of all genders are invited. Features special guest speaker Sheryl Heron, MD, MPH.

**Office of LGBT Life 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner***September 23<sup>rd</sup> @7:00pm Winship Ballroom, DUC*

Please join fellow alumni, campus administrators, faculty, staff, and students to celebrate 20 years of advocacy, support, and education. Dinner is \$50 per person, and all proceeds will support Emory's Office of LGBT Life. Dinner host opportunities are also available. Register [here](#) to attend.

**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:

- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

**GALA Blue Jean Brunch***September 24<sup>th</sup> @11am Jones Room, Woodruff Library*

Emory alumni are invited to attend the annual Blue Jean Brunch, a casual gathering and GALA (Gay and Lesbian Alumni) tradition during Emory Homecoming Weekend. Cost is \$15. Click [here](#) to register to attend.

**Events in the Community****Atlanta Commemoration of Don't Ask Don't Tell***September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1071 Piedmont Avenue Northeast, Atlanta*

On Monday evening, September 19th, 2011, the United States Military will end its last duty day with a ban against gay service members, a policy which was instituted with the Articles of War in 1916. American Veterans for Equal Rights will hold a formal Retreat Ceremony, the traditional event to mark the end of the military's duty day, at 7 PM at the flag pole in Piedmont Park located at the intersection of 12th Street and Piedmont Avenue in Atlanta.

**Gay & Lesbian Medical Association Pre-Conference: LGBT Health 101***September 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-12pm W Atlanta Midtown*

GLMA and the Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative are partnering to present a pre-conference institute that introduces culturally competent healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients. The institute is an opportunity for heterosexual ally healthcare professionals who want to learn more about LGBT health and earn continuing education credits. Cost is \$125 with breakfast provided. Click [here](#) for more information.

*The following events marked with an \* are part of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health Symposium that is being hosted in Atlanta, September 24-28, 2011. While the conference requires a fee, these events are available at no charge for community members. To learn more about the WPATH Symposium, please visit [here](#).*

**\*Keynote at the Robert Eads Health Fair**

*September 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon-1pm Feminist Women's Health Center*  
In a free seminar for the **WPATH conference**, Lin Fraser—WPATH President Elect—will be speaking about WPATH day-to-day, then and now, Standards of Care and transmen.

**\*Transgender Community Town Hall Meeting**

*September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00-8:00pm Crown Plaza Hotel Atl. Perimeter*  
This free seminar for the **WPATH** and Southern Comfort Conferences will feature the following panelists: Walter Bockting, PhD, WPATH President, Jamison Green, PhD, Chair, WPATH Advocacy and Public Policy Committee, Rebecca Allison, MD, Member, WPATH Board of Directors.

**\*Transgender People In Sports and the Olympics**

*September 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30pm Emory Conference Center*  
This free seminar for the **WPATH Conference** will discuss equal opportunity for transgender student-athletes, a presentation on how Japanese sports federations recognize transgender athletes and how law and medicine act to include or exclude opportunity in sports.

**\*Informal Emory University Welcome Reception**

*September 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 pm Emory Conference Center*  
The welcoming to the **WPATH Conference** is open to all, included Emory students and local transgender community members.

**\*Film Festival**

*September 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00-11:30pm Oak Amphitheater, Emory Conference Center*  
This free film festival is part of the **WPATH Conference** and will feature the following: *Youth and Gender Media Project*, *Youth Face the Gate Keepers: Trans Youth Speack Out*, *Diagnosing Difference* and *Two-Spirits*.

**Destination 2012: Choice USA's National Conference**

*September 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Washington D.C.*  
We'll be talking about threats to reproductive justice in our states, discovering what's at stake in the upcoming election, dissecting the issue from the perspective of our communities and developing strategies to figure out how we can have an impact at the local, state and national level. Scholarships are available [here](#). Click [here](#) to register for the conference.

**Out on Film**

*September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 6<sup>th</sup> Landmark's Midtown Art Cinema*

Out on Film has announced its programming for Atlanta's 24<sup>th</sup> annual film festival including over 50 works from local, national, and international directors and artists. More information can be found by visiting their website, [www.outonfilm.org](http://www.outonfilm.org), or emailing Jim Farmer at [jim.farmer@outonfilm.org](mailto:jim.farmer@outonfilm.org).

**2011 Out for Undergraduate Business Conference**

*September 31<sup>st</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup> J.P. Morgan Chase NYC*  
This conference is for lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender students interested in a career in business. The conference includes learning about the personal experiences of junior and senior professionals in the field, recruiting into the financial and consulting industries and networking with other LGBT students. Scholarships are available [here](#).

**Study Abroad: Sexual and Gender Diversity Movements in Mexico City**

*Application Deadline Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Program Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>*  
This study abroad is a 3 credit course offered through the University of Maryland, College Park featuring on-site coursework in Mexico. More details and the application can be found [here](#).

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association**

*September 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Atlanta*  
This is primarily an education activity for healthcare professionals, researchers, and students with an interest in LGBT health, though many topics covered have more general appeal. Topics include education and training, emerging LGBT health issues, and health disparities research. Guests include Dr. Regina Benjamin, U.S. Surgeon General, and Evan Wolfson, Executive Director of Freedom to Marry. To register and learn more, click [here](#).

### **LGBTQ & Allies Conference**

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm Georgia Southern University  
Come address issues facing the LGBTQ community in a safe and open environment. The conference will be followed by a Gay Prom from 8pm-12am at no extra charge. Registration is \$25 (\$20 with student ID) and will include breakfast, lunch, t-shirt and access to all sessions. The deadline to register is October 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 912-478-5409 or email [msc@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:msc@georgiasouthern.edu). Register online [here](#).

## **Research Opportunities**

### **LGBQ Latino/Latina Men and Women**

The online survey is a part of a study that will contribute to understanding of the experiences and well-being of Latina/o lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals. Participation will take approximately 30 minutes. To complete the survey, men click [here](#) and women click [here](#). Contact [velezbl@gmail.com](mailto:velezbl@gmail.com) or [cdp309@lehigh.edu](mailto:cdp309@lehigh.edu).

### **Volunteers Needed for LGBQ Discrimination and Minority Stress Survey**

If you are 18 or older and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer, please participate in a national and anonymous on-line survey study on the psychological effects of sexual minority discrimination and ways of managing minority stress. The study is being conducted by Dr. Darrell Greene and Dr. Paula Britton, through John Carroll University and the JCU Education and Allied Studies Department. The study will take about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Benefit to you as a participant involves contributing to our understanding of the effects of sexual minority discrimination on our communities, and how to better help LGBQ people manage sexual minority discrimination. Complete the survey, and be eligible to win from \$10 to up to \$50 in gift cards. If interested, please go to the following surveylink: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Discrimination\\_and\\_Minority\\_Stress](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Discrimination_and_Minority_Stress)

### **Effects of Discrimination on Living Out a Calling**

The purpose of this study is to investigate how discrimination against lesbian, gay, and bisexual people affects their ability to carry out their ideal careers. Access the research [here](#). For more information contact Blake at [ballan3@ufl.edu](mailto:ballan3@ufl.edu).

### **LGBT Student Leaders Patterns of Accessing Help & Support**

If you identify as a leader in a campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender student organization, Gay Straight Alliance, or other similar organization, you are invited to participate in a study that seeks to better understand how and when LGBT student leaders on college campuses access support. We hope that through gaining a better understanding of how LGBT student leaders access support, campuses become more hospitable and welcoming environments for LGBT students. If you decide to participate, we will ask you to complete a brief fifteen (15) minute survey on your experiences as a student leader. At the end of the survey you may volunteer to participate in a follow-up interview or in a local focus group. To complete the survey, click [here](#).

### **Bisexual Women's Experiences of Anti-Bisexual Prejudice When In Same- and Other-Sex Relationships**

the study investigates bisexual women's experiences of both stigma against and support for their bisexual identity, and explores possible links between experiences of stigma and mental health. Findings from this study will help mental health clinicians work with bisexual women in a more informed, culturally competent manner, and may also inform the development or improvement of policies and programs serving the bisexual community. Access the survey [here](#) until 9/30/2011.

For more information, contact [eac6200@ego.thechicagoschool.edu](mailto:eac6200@ego.thechicagoschool.edu) or [bberkey@thechicagoschool.edu](mailto:bberkey@thechicagoschool.edu).

### **A Study of Lesbians' Experience with Healthcare Professionals**

This online study investigates lesbians' experiences with healthcare professionals, both the good and the bad. Participants can enter their email address for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$100 cash prizes - the emails are collected separately from the survey responses to prevent identifiability. Eligible participants are self-identified lesbians who live in Canada and are 16 years or older OR who live in the USA and are 18 years or older. Access the study at <http://www.uwindsor.ca/lesbianhealthstudy>. For more information, contact [stpier4@uwindsor.ca](mailto:stpier4@uwindsor.ca) or call 1-519-253-3000 ext. 4703.

## Assistantships

The **Emory-MSV Initiative** addresses a need at Emory to provide opportunities for undergraduates, and men in particular, to have a sustained engagement with the topic of men's violence against women in the context of MSV's "community-accountability model," which asserts that while individuals are responsible for their violent behavior, communities share responsibility for the problem as well as the solution.

Primary responsibilities will be to assist in promoting, planning, and executing a new course in Emory College entitled "Male Intimate Partner Violence Against Women: Critical Issues and Concepts." The GA will work at the Center for Women at Emory (CWE) and be supervised by CWE Director Dona Yarbrough and course instructor Ulester Douglas, Associate Director of Men Stopping Violence, a nationally-recognized non-profit organization dedicated to ending men's violence against women. Students of all genders who are currently enrolled in any of Emory's graduate and professional schools are invited to apply.

Applicants must submit a resume or CV, letter of interest, and the name and contact information of a faculty member familiar with your work to [dona.yarbrough@emory.edu](mailto:dona.yarbrough@emory.edu). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but interviews are planned to begin the week of September 12. The following qualifications are preferred but not required: demonstrated interest and experience in working on issues addressing violence against women; teaching, mentoring, or related experience; coursework in gender or sexuality studies, or related fields; program planning or other experience working in a university setting.

The assistantship will be for 10 hours a week, \$15/hour beginning in September of 2011 and running through the end of the College exam period in May 2012.

## Grants

### Campus Progress

If you are working toward real change in your community and growing the social justice movement, we want to [help!](#)

Campus Progress provides [campaign support and grants of up to \\$1,500](#) to young people working on strategic organizing and advocacy campaigns.

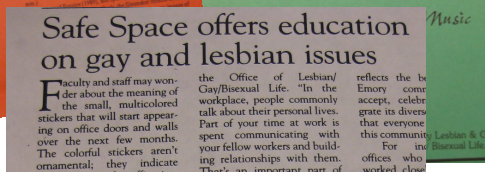
The deadline to apply is September 29, 2011. For more information or to apply for a grant visit: <http://www.campusprogress.org/actionalliance>

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## During the 1993-1994 Academic Year

- The University Senate approved changes to the Equal Opportunity Policy to include sexual orientation.
- Saralyn Chesnut brought the Safe Space Program to Emory to help make allies more visible.
- The first LGB Film Festival was held.
- A queer alumni group was founded called Out of Emory.
- Sacred Worth, an LGBT student group in the School of Theology, was formed.



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