

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 2010-2011 Emory LGBT
News!**

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!



Flip Flops to Finer Things: An American (Queer) in Paris

By John Culnan

If you are interested in studying abroad at Emory, or if you just want to escape from the US for a few minutes in your day, you may want to check out this blog. John Culnan 12C, former member of Emory Pride's Executive Board and the Office of LGBT Life's Advisory Committee, created a blog to chronicle his daily life while studying abroad this year. Check it out at:

<http://flipflopstofinerthings.wordpress.com/>

Office of LGBT Life

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. This week's topic: *Queer Visibilities: Homophobia and Harassment*.

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.

StoryCorps Atlanta

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.

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).

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.

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.

Blue Jeans Brunch

September 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 [here](#).

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>

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>

LGBTQ Faculty and Staff Group Fall Social

September 23, 2010

5:00-6:30PM

Join the LGBTQ Faculty and Staff group on Thursday, September 23 from 5:00-6:30PM at Saba (1451 Oxford Road, in Emory Village). Light appetizers will be provided; cash bar. This event is for faculty and staff ONLY. Please contact Ryan Roche at 404.727.2068 or rr Roche@emory.edu with questions.

Jason Schneider honored at the Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative Garden Party

October 3, 2010

4:00-8:00PM

Dr. Jason Schneider will be honored with the "Healing Angel" award at the Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative's 15th Annual Garden Party. Dr. Schneider is the immediate past president of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA), the world's first and largest association of LGBT healthcare professionals. Dr. Schneider is also a founding member of the American Medical Association's Advisory Committee on GLBT Issues. For more information:

<http://www.thehealthinitiative.org/gardenparty2010/index.php>

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>.

6th Annual Take Back the Night*October 26, 2010 5:00PM*

Come to the quad to speak out and rally to protest sexual violence. Rain location: DUC Terraces.

To submit an anonymous story, visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EmoryTBTN>

For more information, contact Aline Jesus Rafia (arafi@emory.edu) or Anushka Kapoor (anushka.kapoor@emory.edu).

Studies in Sexualities presents Vernon Rosario*November 9, 2010 4:00PM*

Vernon Rosario MD, PhD, is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Institute. He is a child psychiatrist working in private practice and with LGBTI foster children. His current research interest is in transgender and intersex children and adolescents. He will be speaking on "The Medical History and Challenges of Transgenderism" in White Hall 110.

This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies, American Studies Program, Department of English, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, the Emory University Psychoanalytic Studies Program, and the Office of LGBT Life.

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.

Feminists In Action New Meeting Time*Wednesdays 5:45pm-7:00pm Center for Women*

All students are welcome to attend this activist forum for women's intellectual, cultural, ethical, and spiritual life, especially pertaining to student life at Emory. For more information, visit [here](#).

Events in the Community**Singing in Spiritual Circle***September 29, 2010 7:30PM*

The Singing in Spiritual Circle is a singing circle for women who want to learn songs, chants, and rounds designed to help each woman find and affirm the source of her spiritual power. We learn in a natural way, without written or recorded words or music. All women's voices are honored, nurtured, accepted, regardless of musical training. We'll do a little toning and other sound-based healing, too.

Held in the home of Lynne Derus: 335A South Columbia Drive, Decatur.

For more information visit:

<http://www.womenwithwings.org/>

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.

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.

We are the Youth Project*October 24-31*

We Are the Youth is a photographic journalism project chronicling the individual stories of queer youth in the United States. Laurel Golio and Diana Scholl will be traveling to Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, interviewing and photographing local queer youth. We're looking for queer youth, up to age 21, of all races, nationalities, gender identities and experiences.

We are currently scheduling interviews/photo sessions at Emory University the morning of Monday, October 24 and would love to meet you!

Please email hello@wearetheyouth.org or visit <http://wearetheyouth.org/> to get involved.

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>

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

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.