

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.

October is LGBT History Month, so be sure to check out the great events happening around campus and in the community this month!

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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 out his latest blog here!

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

Office of LGBT Life

Partnerships with the Center for Women

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.

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: *Interracial dating and dating norms in the queer community.*

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 topic: *Being queer and religious.*

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: 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

Emory Bookstore

2:00-5:00pm

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).

Film: Queer China, 'Comrade' China*October 20th Harland Cinema, DUC 8pm*

Directed by Cui Zi'en, this film documents changes and developments in Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender culture that have taken place in China over the last 80 years. Featuring rarely seen footage of the first ever appearance of gays and lesbians on State television, the film examines how shifting attitudes in law, media and education have transformed queer culture from being an unspeakable taboo to an accepted social identity. Co-sponsored by Emory Pride. Discussion to follow.

News & Events at Emory

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>

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

Feminists in Action (FIA) is a student-led grassroots organization that relies on the organic and fluid nature of feminism to create a safe space for all people. FIA is a collective of graduate and undergraduate students at Emory who are 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 sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, ableism, and all other forms of oppression. FIA believes in cultivating a feminist community open to everyone on Emory's campus, and they work to extend our efforts beyond the realms of the University. 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.

Out on Film, Atlanta's LGBT Film Festival

October 1-7
Come for an exciting week of more than 50 LGBT films and special guests. The complete schedule is on at <http://www.outonfilm.org>

GA Tech's Glitter Glam Masquerade

October 9 9PM-12:AM GT Student Center
Georgia Tech will be holding a Masquerade entitled "Big Gay Out" to conclude their "Coming Out Week." Admission is \$5.

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.

AIDS Walk Atlanta with Volunteer Emory*October 17, 2010**Piedmont Park*

Join Volunteer Emory in Piedmont Park for the 20th Annual AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run. This walk benefits over 25,000 people living with HIV/AIDS and helps prevent new HIV infections with more than 85,000 education program participants right here in Atlanta. Since its inception 19 years ago, AIDS Walk Atlanta & 5K Run's impact in Atlanta has expanded, exposure increased and reputation flourished. When registering, select "Join a Team" and find the Volunteer Emory Team. There is a \$10 registration fee.

More info at www.aidswalkatlanta.com

We are the Youth Project*October 24, 2010**Emory Campus*

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. They are looking for queer youth, up to age 21, of all races, nationalities, gender identities and experiences. They 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.

Volunteer for Atlanta Pride*Oct 9-10, 2010**Piedmont Park*

The Atlanta Pride Committee relies on hundreds of volunteers to produce a successful Pride festival each year. Their sign up form is now available. They also need volunteers prior to and after Pride weekend for setup and takedown. More info at: <http://atlantapride.org/volunteer>

Dine Out for Pride

Dine in or take out at Doc Chey's on Sept. 29, and a portion of your bill will be donated to Atlanta Pride.

<http://www.doccheys.com/images/newslettercontent/flyer---pride-dine-out-2010.jpg>

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>

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.

Access study here:

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

LGBT Marriage Research

Engaged volunteers needed!

Dr. Charlotte J Patterson, a Professor of Psychology at the University of Virginia, is looking for volunteers for a study of attitudes towards marriage and parenthood among engaged couples. The study consists of a 25-30 minute online survey. To qualify for the study, you must be 20-35 years old, live in the U.S., and plan to marry or have a commitment ceremony within the next 365 days. You and your romantic partner must not have children, and this must be the first marriage for both of you.

If you and/or your romantic partner are interested in participating or want further information, please email Dr. Patterson at survey.couples@gmail.com