

# 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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) and/or to walk with Emory in the parade on October 10<sup>th</sup>! All participants receive a t-shirt! Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up!



## News in Higher Education

### Washington University Ends Partnership with Target Corporation

By Peter Schmidt from *The Chronicle*

Wash. U. backed out of a partnered event with Target Corp. after the retail powerhouse received heat for a donation it made to an organization backing a Minnesota gubernatorial candidate with a history of staunch opposition to gay rights.

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

## Office of LGBT Life

### **Mara Keisling Visiting Emory University**

*September 13<sup>th</sup> Noon & 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 Discussion with Mara Keisling will be at noon in the *Center for Women*. The event is free, but space is limited and a reservation is required. Contact Amy Lee at [amy.lee@emory.edu](mailto:amy.lee@emory.edu) to reserve a space.

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](mailto:dmsteel@emory.edu).

### **Partnerships with the Women's Center**

Beginning the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Office of LGBT Life and the Women's Center will offer 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 the group will discuss being out at Emory and will take suggestions for future discussion topics.

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.

### **The Center for Women is looking for Student Program Assistants.**

The primary duties of these positions are to support the Center for Women and staff to promote and execute over 50 programs annually. Program Assistants will manage administrative activities associated with CWE projects. Working at the CWE helps prepare students for positions in non-profit, academic and corporate environments, including diversity offices, public relations, marketing, journalism, and community/governmental environments. Contact Sasha Smith at [sasha.smith@emory.edu](mailto:sasha.smith@emory.edu).

### **Change in Time & Day for Transforming Emory Meetings**

*Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-6:30pm*

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. Meetings will now be on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm for the rest of the semester. For more information, contact the group at: [trans.emory@gmail.com](mailto:trans.emory@gmail.com).

### **Change in Location for Emory Pride**

*September 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-8:00pm*

Due to the success of last week's meeting, this week's meeting will be held in a larger room, Callaway S105. The topic of discussion will be representations of the queer community on campus. Come share your opinions and experiences! Contact Marina Santiago or Michael Tanner on LL for more information.

### **Safe Space Training**

*September 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.emory.edu/CAMPUS_LIFE/LGBTOFFICE/safe_space.php)

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the Office of LGBT Life.

## News & Events at Emory

### First Meeting of Sacred Worth

Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Noon

CST 322

Join Candler School of Theology's student group for their first meeting of the semester. Free lunch is provided! All subsequent meetings will be held at noon on every other Tuesday through November 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Brandon Gunter at [bpgunter@gmail.com](mailto:bpgunter@gmail.com).

Also, 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](mailto:Nathan@hartmanprivatelaw.com) for more information.

### 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](mailto:gspain@emory.edu) for more information.

### Emerging Leader Experience (E.L.E.)

Applications due September 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.osls.emory.edu/eleregistration) or contact the Office of Student Leadership and Service.

## 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>

## Fall Transforming Community Project

### Dialogue on Gender: Registration Open

Tuesdays, Starting September 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30 DUC 363

The TCP Dialogue on Gender group will collaboratively explore and discuss the gendered past, present, and future of Emory University. The first session will begin by exploring terminology and concepts that challenge participants to think critically about gender, including a shift away from the gender binary, questions about power, issues of violence, and more. Participants will learn about Emory when it was an all-male institution (1836-1953), the process of becoming a co-educational institution, and the complexities of Emory's gendered story as it intersects with race, class, nationality, and ability.

The semester will culminate with a group-developed community action project. The project draws on primary and secondary source readings, art, videos, and guest speakers.

Online registration via Survey Monkey at this address:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FALL2010TCP\\_GENDER](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FALL2010TCP_GENDER)

\*Students, Staff, Faculty, Administrators, and Alumni are all welcome and encouraged to register.

There is no fee for participation or materials.

### 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>.

### President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Queer Equality General Body Meeting

September 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00 p.m. Jones Room of Woodruff

Want to learn more about the President's Commission? Think you might want to get involved? Attend the first meeting of the academic year! More information can be found [here](#).

### National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)

September 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30pm Center for Ethics

Emory's NCBI will offer several FREE Welcoming Diversity & Controversial Issues Process Workshops this fall. Most workshops are 2.5 hours with the exception of our Full Day Welcoming Diversity Workshop which takes place twice a year. For more information, visit [www.emory.edu/ncbi](http://www.emory.edu/ncbi).

### 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](mailto:vloicho@emory.edu) or Kate Bennett at 404-712-9245 or [kate.bennett@emory.edu](mailto:kate.bennett@emory.edu).

## Events in the Community

### Feminist Film Forum

September 16, 2010 Feminist Women's Health Center

The Feminist Women's Health Center offers a free monthly film series exploring differing perspectives of the portrayal of feminism and sexuality in modern cinema. To RSVP, please email

[grassrootsintern@feministcenter.org](mailto:grassrootsintern@feministcenter.org). For more information, visit <http://www.feministcenter.org>. The Feminist Women's Health Center is located at 1924 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta, GA 30329.

### Atlanta Field Day

September 18<sup>th</sup>

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/>

### Queering the Countryside

November 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wscfna@gmail.com) or visit [SCMUSA.org](http://SCMUSA.org). Deadline to register is September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Pre-Pride 'Couples' Photography Show

Oct. 1st-31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-9PM. To learn more, visit the ACP's website [here](#) or call 404.444.6029.

### Atlanta Professional Speakers Series: Legal Issues affecting the LGBT Community

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

## Research Opportunities

### Queer-Affirmative Research Study

Ongoing

Online

Eva Woodward, psychology doctoral student at Suffolk University in Boston, MA is conducting a queer-affirmative study about society's views about sexual orientation.

If you are over the age of 18, and identify with a descriptor of something other than heterosexual—such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or questioning—consider taking this survey.

Participants will have a chance to win one of two \$25 iTunes gift cards. To take the survey, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wentzji>

This study should take no more than 30 minutes of your time. You will be asked questions about yourself and your feelings. For questions and concerns, contact [enwoodward@suffolk.edu](mailto:enwoodward@suffolk.edu) or [dpanthalone@suffolk.edu](mailto:dpanthalone@suffolk.edu)