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Transforming Emory screens "Transparent" November 3

Trans-Forming Emory will screen the film TransParent on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Office of LGBT Life. All are welcome to attend.

Trans-Forming Emory's goal is to build community for transgender, gender variant, transsexual, gender queer, gender questioning people and their allies, friends and partners. This group will meet bi-weekly at 5:00 p.m. in the Office of LGBT Life through the fall. Meeting dates and topics include:

November 3 Film: TransParent
November 17 Open Group Discussion
December 1 Group Discussion: TRANSitioning Home for the Holidays

"Be There for Me: Collective Memories of LGBTQ Youth in High School" screening November 5

7:00 p.m.

Harland Cinema
Dobbs University Center

Two University of Georgia College of Education professors will host their Atlanta premiere of a new documentary film they produced that focuses on the need for research and effective interventions to reduce homophobia and heterosexism in public schools at Emory University's Harland Cinema on November 5th at 7 p.m.

Be There For Me: Collective Memories of LGBTQ Youth in High School was produced by Anneliese Singh, an assistant professor, and Corey W. Johnson, an associate professor, in the College of Education's department of counseling and human development services. They created the film to reveal the experiences of LGBTQ high school students, with the ultimate objective of creating safer school settings.

"Be There For Me and its associated curriculum and resources are just one small contribution toward helping Georgia school systems respond to the needs of their lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and to create safer spaces in schools," said Johnson. Singh notes "the film also helped spark the formation of the Georgia Safe Schools Coalition, a group of educators working to provide resources for school teachers, counselors, administrators, and parents to address the increasing amount of LGBTQ-bullying and violence in Georgia schools."

Several Emory University students participated in this project.

Atlanta Queer Literary Festival on Campus November 6

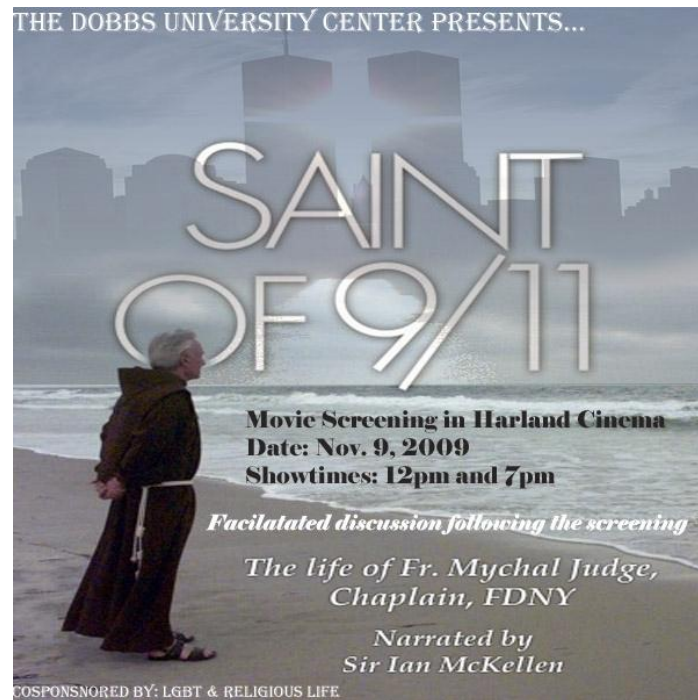
The Atlanta Queer Literary Festival presents two authors at Emory Friday November 6 in Harland Cinema. At 1:30 p.m., Staceyann Chin discusses and reading from her memoir, "The Other Side of Paradise," that details her growing up queer in Jamaica and immigrating to the US. She touches on areas of women's oppression, glbtq oppression, the oppression of people of color and of immigrants. She is fierce, funny and highly articulate and is gaining recognition as a national figure in the arts and in arena of social justice.

Manil Suri will speak at 3:00 p.m. India is one of the richest and most diverse cultures in the world, one where mythology, religion, history, politics and even movies seamlessly run into each other. Manil Suri talks about the challenge of capturing the essence of this complex and multilayered society through his planned trilogy of novels, and the role personal history has played in it.

"Saint of 9/11" Screening November 9

The Office of LGBT Life and the Dobbs University Center present two screenings of "Saint of 9/11" on Monday, November 9. The film will screen at noon and 7:00 p.m. in Harland Cinema. The film is the turbulent, restless, spiritual and remarkable journey of Father Mychal. Compassionate champion of the needy and forgotten, and a beloved New York City Fire Department Chaplain, he was a humble priest who wrestled with his own private demons while touching others in powerful and miraculous ways. It is narrated by Sir Ian McKellen. Rabbi Vicki Armour-Hileman, Associate Dean of Religious Life, will facilitate a discussion after the screening.

For more information on the film, visit <http://saintof9-11.com/saint/>.



LGBTQ Graduate Student Social November 18

All graduate students are invited to attend a LGBTQ Graduate Student Social in the Office of LGBT Life (DUC Room 246E) on Wednesday, November 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is a get-together designed to encourage collaboration and networking across the graduate schools. Pizza and drinks will be served. The social follows the LGBT Leaders Group meeting, which will be held that day at 5:00 p.m. in DUC Room 251.

Application now available to attend Creating Change Conference

It is with great pleasure that the Office of LGBT Life invites you to apply for full scholarship (approximate value of \$1,000) to attend The Task Force's 22nd National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change in Dallas, Texas, February 3-7, 2010. This award covers registration, shared accommodations, food, and travel costs.

The Creating Change Conference is the nation's pre-eminent political, leadership and skills-building conference for the LGBT social justice movement. Since 1988, Creating Change has given the opportunity of thousands people to develop and hone their skills, celebrate victories, build community, and be inspired by visionaries of our LGBT movement and allied movements for justice and equality. The primary goal of the Creating Change Conference is to build our movement's political power from the ground up to secure our overarching goal of full equality, social justice and dignity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in the United

States. For more information on Creating Change, go to: www.creatingchange.org.

To apply for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a student in good standing at Emory University;
- Plan to be enrolled as a student at Emory University for the 2010-2011 academic year;
- Take an active role in positively impacting the campus environment for GLBTQ communities;
- Be available for the entirety of the conference; and
- Provide a completed application by November 20, 2009.

Download the application here:

http://www.emory.edu/CAMPUS_LIFE/LGBTOFFICE/pdf/Travel%20application%20creating%20change%202010.doc

GALA Scholarship Seeks Applicants

The scholarship funded by Emory's Gay and Lesbian Alumni (GALA) is now available. The \$2500 scholarship is for the 2010-2011 academic year and applications are open to all current undergraduate students. Click [here](#) for the application. All application materials are due December 4, 2009.

New Safe Space Program Launches – Training Dates

The Office of LGBT Life is rolling out its new Safe Space curriculum with two general 3.5-hour training sessions this fall. To register for a session, visit www.lgbt.emory.edu. You may sign up for a general session (Wednesday November 11 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or request a training for your office, department or group for a session that meets your scheduling needs. Both can be done online.

Lunch with the Director of LGBT Life

Join Michael Shutt, Director of the Office of LGBT Life and the Assistant Dean for Campus Life for lunch every Thursday from Noon-1:00 p.m. at the Dobbs University Center Dining Commons. Following lunch, Michael has office hours in the Office of LGBT Life until 3:00 p.m. Stop by to ask a question or just say hello.

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Emory University at Atlanta Pride

Emory University participated in the 2009 Atlanta Pride festivities on October 31 and November 1. Over fifty faculty, staff, students, alumnae/i, and friends of Emory walked in the parade and volunteers at the marketplace. Many others watched and cheered as the Emory group, wearing "We are Emory" t-shirts marched in the parade.



Studies in Sexualities Announces Spring 2010 Courses

Studies in Sexualities has announced its course listings for Spring 2010. The following courses will be offered:

Comp Lit 333: Perverse Cinema (same as Eng 389/Film 373) TTh 2:30-3:45
Richard Rambuss

English 789: Reading Eve Sedgwick (same as ILA 790) Thursdays 10-11
Jonathan Goldberg and Michael Moon

Spanish 430: Bad Girls on Stage: Spectacles of Deviance in Early Modern Spain and Spanish America (same as WS 475) TThu 10-11:15 AM
Margaret Boyle

Spanish 460: Gender & Sexualities in the Hispanic Caribbean Cultures MWF 2:00-2:50
Jose A. Larrauri

WS 365: Transgender Studies TTh 10-11:15 A.
Rez Pullen

WS 385: A User's Guide to Freud: Gender, Sexuality and the Unconscious TTh 4-5:15
E.A. Wilson

WS: 585 Foucault (same as CPLT 751/PHIL 789) Tuesdays 9-12
Lynne Huffer

Queer Women's Group at the Center for Women

The Center for Women is hosting a Queer Women's Group on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This group provides a space for undergraduate and graduate women to explore their identities and discuss commonalities and differences. The group is run by a graduate student facilitator and takes place in the Center for Women in Cox Hall. For more information, contact roslyn.sledge@emory.edu or call 404-727-2031.

"Be There For Me" Screening November 5

"Be There For Me: Collective Memories of LGBTQ Youth in High School" screens November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Harland Cinema. The filmmaker and cast will participate in a panel discussion after the screening. The cast includes several Emory students, one of which is Office of LGBT Life work-study student Joe O'Geen.

Alcohol Q&A With Student Health November 2

"Real Talk with Gini and Willie" Monday, November 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in White Hall Room 207.

So if I mix Red Bull and vodka, won't they cancel each other out? Join Emory's go-to experts on college drinking, Willie Bannister, LPC and Virginia Plummer, LCSW, as they answer student submitted questions about alcohol use at Emory in an informal setting. They'll discuss issues that translate research into practical steps you can take to maximize your social life on campus, with or without alcohol, and minimize the risk of negative outcomes. No BS! No spin! Just real talk with Gini and Willie!

Submit your anonymous questions at <http://tinyurl.com/alcoholquestions> by Thursday, October 29. Anonymous questions will also be collected during the event.

Conferences and Events

Student Tickets Available to the Atlanta Opera

On November 14, 17, 20 and 22, the Atlanta Opera presents *Orfeo & Euridice*, starring world-famous, openly gay opera singer David Daniels. The Opera asks the LGBTQ community to come out and support Daniels. \$10 student tickets are available by calling Charles Swint at 404-881-6866.

2009 Anti-Heterosexism Conference

From November 20-22, advocates for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) equality will join clergy, educators, mental health professionals and allies at the 2009 Anti-Heterosexism Conference in West Palm Beach, Florida. The conference offers a range of in-depth workshops and is open to everyone who seeks to challenge the harmful affects of heterosexism, reparative therapy, ex-gay ministries and other efforts to change people's sexual orientation.

Keynote speakers for the conference include Dr. Sylvia Rue, Interim Executive Director of the National Black Justice Coalition, Rev. Deborah L. Johnson of Inner Light Ministries, and Dr. Jack Drescher, Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Joining Soulforce as co-sponsors of the conference are Truth Wins Out, the National Black Justice Coalition, Beyond Ex-Gay, Box Turtle Bulletin and Equality Florida.

For more information on the conference, visit: <http://www.soulforce.org/anti-heterosexism-conference>

Conference on Creating Inclusive Campus Environments for LGBTQ Students

The Conference on Creating Inclusive Campus Environments for LGBTQ Students will be held at the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco February 25-28, 2010. In this conference, we will address factors that have contributed to excluding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) issues from academic study and student life; and also explore strategies to make our campuses more inclusive for all students. We will examine strategies and best practices that effectively integrate LGBTQ areas of teaching and research with student life activities. This will be among the first national conferences in higher education to focus on LGBTQ concerns by seeking connections across diversities, disciplines, and academic and student affairs.

Speakers include John C. Hawley, Santa Clara University; L. Lee Knefelkamp, Teachers College, Columbia University; Scotty McLennan, Stanford University; Kavita N. Ramdas, Global Fund for Women; and Steven Tierney, California Institute of Integral Studies.

Visit the conference website: www.expandingthecircle.com for more details.

Scholarship Opportunities

Pride Foundation Scholarships

The Pride Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2010-11 school year. The Foundation anticipates awarding \$300,000 in scholarships during this cycle. There are 50 different scholarships, but have only one application to complete. For more information and to apply, visit www.pridefoundationscholar.org.

Research Participation Requests

Survey on Stress and Coping

Participants are requested for a study on sexual minority stress and coping. This study is being conducted through the University of Virginia and has been approved by the UVA Institutional Review Board (#2009-0117-00) and is anticipated to take 15-25 minutes to complete. The survey is available via <http://lgbtresilience2009.questionpro.com>.