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Office Flood Relocation

Due to repairs from flooding that occurred last week, the Office of LGBT Life will be temporarily closed. Staff will be working in the Dobbs University Center Room 362 (Monday), Room 363 (Tuesday) and Room 355 (Wednesday – Friday).

Emory Drag Extravaganza Seeks Performers

The Office of LGBT Life and Emory Pride are partnering to raise money for a great cause. On October 23, 2009, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends will come together to support Emory Drag Extravaganza: Transforming Today's Leaders, an event of DRAGtastic proportion. We need your help!!!!

This event was developed to provide an opportunity for campus administrators, faculty, and staff to show their support for student leadership development. Funds raised for this event will go directly to student leadership development opportunities including student travel to following annual conferences/leadership trainings:

National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change
Unity Conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Campus Pride LGBT Leadership Camp
Georgia LGBT Leadership Summit

These funds will also be used to provide leadership programs on campus including retreats and trainings for LGBT student groups.

Sign up for this DRAGtastic challenge! You have the opportunity to support student leadership development opportunities by seeing how much your students, colleagues, friends, and family want to see you in drag. You can create your own challenge page at <http://emorylgbt.kintera.org>. Through this page, you can develop a goal and your own case on why you should receive support.

Trans-Forming Emory Group meetings

The Office of LGBT Life is sponsoring a new group this year. Trans-Forming Emory 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:

September 22 Open Discussion: Trans Life on Campus
October 6 Film: Screaming Queens
October 20 Open Group Discussion
November 3 Film: TransParent
November 17 Open Group Discussion
December 1 Group Discussion: TRANSitioning Home for the Holidays

Emory Pride BBQ September 25

Emory Pride's Fall BBQ will be held Friday, September 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the SAAC.

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 (offered on Tuesday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 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.

Join Emory University at Atlanta Pride

Emory University is participating in the Atlanta Pride Marketplace on October 31 and November 1, and the Atlanta Pride Parade on November 1. Visit www.lgbt.emory.edu and click on the links in the news section to sign up to volunteer at either Marketplace and/or represent Emory University in the Atlanta Pride Parade.

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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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. beginning September 10. 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.

Conferences and Events

Out on Film

Out on Film returns to Atlanta October 2 through October 8 at the Landmark Midtown cinemas. The festival seeks student volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters. For more information and schedules, visit www.outonfilm.org. To volunteer, contact Dave Haywards at davehaywards@yahoo.com.

COLAGE Speak OUT Camp

Join COLAGE for the First- Ever Speak OUT Camp November 5 through November 8- a fabulous weekend of learning and community for youth and adults with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer parents. This long weekend will engage current and emerging COLAGE leaders in community building, popular education, skill building, action planning, and fun. Speak OUT Campers will gain the knowledge, tools, and support to make a difference on the issues that matter most while getting to immerse in COLAGE community, relax and celebrate our fabulous movement of youth and adults who have or had a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer parent. The camp will be held at the Cherokee Outdoor YMCA in Woodstock, Georgia. For all the details and information visit: <http://www.colage.org/programs/events/speakoutcamp/>

LGBT Study Abroad in Paris-Hofstra University

The LGBT in Paris program will focus on a group of topics that address gay life in Paris. The topics discussed correspond to the introductory course of LGBT Studies, which focuses on similar topics in American culture. Typically LGBT courses focus on LGBT issues in the United States. The LGBT in Paris program will provide students the opportunity to view their world in a global context. This program will offer insights into a gay community outside the United States, underscoring the notion that gay issues depend on more than just sexual orientation, but also social and historical contexts. How much is being gay considered an integral part of one's life in either culture? Thus, how much is being gay a part of daily life? These questions involve a complex interweaving of cultural awareness.

COURSE OFFERINGS
LGBT 75 (IS): 'Queer' Paris
taught by Dr. Powell

FRLT 49 (LT): Irony in Modern French Literature
taught by Dr. Jean

Both are distribution courses, and there are no prerequisites for either course.

'Queer' Paris leads students through the differences in French and American gay culture. The notion of the French Republic and its insistence on total egalitarianism leads to a sense of conformity that tolerates homosexuality in an overridingly cultural and legal sense, in a way that does not and probably cannot, happen in the United States. Thus, the nature of the gay "struggle" takes on entirely different goals and needs because of the essential opposing cultural circumstances. Students will read cultural and legal tracts concerning gay issues in France from the 1970s to the present. Class participants will also read short stories, perhaps a novel, and view films, all in translation. We will examine the texts for their gay cultural information.

Irony in Modern French Literature offers an examination of post-Nietzschean French literature, showing the failure of the romantic ideal and the virtual impossibility of attaining and maintaining a heroic status for the modern protagonist. While archetypal criticism is the principal means of approaching the works, other methods are encouraged. Authors discussed include Gide, Malraux, Sartre, Giraudoux, Camus, Ionesco, Beckett, Robbe-Grillet, and the surrealists. All works are read and discussed in English.

For further information about the LGBT in Paris program, please contact:
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MEGA Family Project 1st Annual Family Conference

MEGA Family Project's 1st Annual Family Conference is September 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta (1911 Cliff Valley Way), with a keynote address on "Bullying and the LGBT Family" from Anneliese Singh and Maru Gonzalez. This conference is the first of its kind in the Southeast, and will be a great opportunity for LGBT parents, prospective parents, families, their children, friends, educators and community members to come together to discuss LGBT family issues and advocacy.

MEGA's Family Conference will have several tracks that attendees can choose from – prospective parents, parenting and schools. Within these tracks there will be over 20 workshops that one can attend on various topics including:

- * Creating a Family: Exploring Donor Insemination, Adoption, Surrogacy and Fostering
- * Protecting Our Families Legally
- * Raising Children of a Different Race
- * Coming Out After A Heterosexual Marriage
- * Issues Unique to Foster and Foster Adoptive Families
- * Coming Out to Your Kids, Schools, Friends, Etc.
- * Choosing the Right School For Your Child
- * Co-Parenting After A Break Up

Childcare will be available. For older children, we will have kid-focused programming that will allow your children a safe place to meet other children of LGBT families. For more information and to register (\$15-\$30) visit www.megafamilyproject.com.

Women of Color Conference at Spelman College

The Feminist Majority Foundation's Third Annual Women of Color Conference comes to Spelman College October 9 and 10.

The Conference aims to provide a space for women of color and allies to come together, learn about various social justice issues, and strategize for action as part of a larger movement for justice and equality. By focusing on advocacy and activism to create political change, the conference will help to unite young women to take action in the fight for equality. Topics to be addressed include reproductive justice, violence against women, sexuality, health care insurance reform, global reproductive rights and health, media, and much more.

Early-bird registration rates are available through September 25, at the rate of \$15 per individual and \$12 each for groups of five or more. To learn more about the conference, to see our preliminary schedule, and register, check us out online at <http://www.feministcampus.org/leadership>.

Want to register as a group? Got questions about the conference? Contact Val Vilott, National Campus Organizer, at 703-522-2214 or vvilott@feminist.org.

Cotillion Festival for GLBT Writers of African Descent

Registration is underway for Fire & Ink III: Cotillion, a festival for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of African descent, to be held October 8-11 in Austin, Texas.

Cotillion presenters include keynote Nikky Finney, poets Samiya Bashir, Staceyann Chin, Lenelle Moïse, Anton Nimblett, Tim'm T. West, Marvin K. White and avery r. young; writers Sharon Bridgforth, Laurinda D. Brown, Terrence Dean, Thomas Glave, and Nalo Hopkinson and Ana Lara; filmmakers M. Asli Dukan, Thomas Allen Harris, Yoruba Richen and Yvonne Welbon; visual artists Torkwase Dyson, Zanele Muholi, Wura-Natasha Ogunji and Carl Pope; and performances by E. Patrick Johnson and Daniel Alexander Jones.

Featuring more than 40 workshops, panels and roundtables, Cotillion brings together writers, readers, scholars, students, editors, publishers, curators, audio and visual artists and media professionals from around the country. Dr. Dwight McBride of the University of Illinois-Chicago describes the festival as "one of the few critical spaces where writers, critics, and publishers interested in literature by LGBT persons of African descent can come together to have dialogue about the state of literary culture, important issues in the African American community addressed in that literature, and to chart new political and aesthetic directions."

For schedule and registration information, visit <http://2009.fireandink.org>.

Reaching Out LGBT MBA Conference in Atlanta

The Reaching Out LGBT MBA Conference will be held October 15- 18 at the Westin Peachtree in Atlanta. The event is designed to promote the education, visibility and networking capabilities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender business leaders in the United States and around the globe. Conference events include a diversity town hall, career panels, emerging leader workshops, a career management center, a mentorship program and a roundtable on teaching. Emory is one of the host institutions. For a full conference schedule and information on registration, visit http://www.reachingoutmba.org/news/more/2009_conference_in_atlanta.

Scholarship & Academic Opportunities

Joanne Heller-Diane Bernard Fellowship in Lesbian and Gay Studies

This fellowship supports research by a junior scholar (graduate student, untenured university professor or independent researcher) and a senior scholar (tenured university professor or advanced independent scholar) into the impact of lesbians and/or gay men on U.S. society and culture. Scholars conducting research on

lesbians are especially encouraged to apply. It is open to researchers both inside and outside the academy and is adjudicated by the Joan Heller- Diane Bernard Fellowship committee in conjunction with CLAGS. The winner may be asked to participate in CLAGS's colloquium series the following academic year to present her/his research project. Two awards each in the amount of \$5,000 are given. Two Finalists awards each in the amount of \$1, 250 are given. Application deadline is November 15. <http://web.gc.cuny.edu/clags/awards.shtml#heller>