

The Gay Gab!

To post announcements on the Gay Gab, please send us an email at glbta@american.edu by noon on Wednesdays.

(We are not responsible for incorrect information. The information listed is what has been provided to us from the sponsors of the programs. Please contact them for more information.)

November 13, 2008:

Random Quote:

“When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one.”

~Epitaph of Leonard P. Matlovich, 1988

UPCOMING EVENTS/CLASSES/CONFERENCES:

- ~TRANSGENDER ADVOCACY MONTH
- ~ GAY/LESBIAN PARENT SURVEY
- ~METRO PFLAG BOWLING
- ~TREE PLANTING IN TENLEY CIRCLE
- ~LEARN GARBA!
- ~ THE GAY MEN’S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON, DC
- ~LAVENDER LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS CONFERENCE
- ~LISTEN: AIDS DISCUSSION
- ~GLOV’S STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE
- ~ FIFTH ANNUAL MINORITY STUDIES SUMMER INSTITUTE
- ~GLBT SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP
- ~STUDY SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LEARN SPANISH IN MEXICO

INTERNSHIP/JOB/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Internships:

- ~GENDER PUBLIC ADVOCACY COALITION
- ~COMMUNICATIONS: SERVICEMEMBERS LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK
- ~DC’S OFFICE OF GLBT AFFAIRS INTERNSHIP

Jobs:

- ~ TEXAS GSA NETWORK

Volunteers:
~WOMEN EMPOWERED AGAINST VIOLENCE

Upcoming Events:

Transgender Advocacy Month

Tuesday, November 18th

Trans Advocacy for Campus Organizers

Learn about the Trans Advocacy Project's goals for this year and how you can help make American a more inclusive university

8:00 PM MGC 201

Tuesday November 18th

Safe Space Training

Sponsored by the GLBTA Resource Center

Want to be part of AU;s visible network of LGBT people and their supporters? Attend this fun session on being a resource for LGBT and allied people.

Refreshments will be provided.

Meet at 2:00 PM in MGC 201

Register at American.edu/glbta

Wednesday, November 19th

Campus Inclusion Discussion Planning

Join Queers & Allies to plan a series of small group discussions regarding transgender issues that need to be addressed by the campus administration.

Amazing food will be provided!

8:15 PM in MGC 200

Thursday, November 20th

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil

Sponsored by Whitman-Walker Clinic

Eat dinner with Queers and Allies and the join the DC community in remembering victims of anti-transgender hate crimes

Food and transportation will be provided!

Meet at 5:00 PM in MDC 201

Tuesday, December 2nd

Volunteer Opportunity: National Center for Transgender Equality

Volunteer at a fundraising gala for the fifth anniversary of the founding of the National Center for Transgender Equality. NCTE is a social justice organizing dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

Register online at auqueerandallies.org

Wednesday, December 3rd

American University's Annual Drag Show

Come see professional drag performers and cheer on your fellow students at this annual event supporting Queer & Allies.

8:00 PM in the Tavern

Sponsored by Queers and Allies, AUGLBTA Resource Center, Trans advocacy

For more information, visit <http://auqueersandallies.org> or email info@auqueersandallies.org

Did you grow up in a home with one or both parents gay or lesbian? Know someone who did?

My name is David Lick and I am working with psychology professors Charlotte Patterson and Karen Schmidt on a project about adults who grew up with gay or lesbian parents. I am currently advertising my project and reaching out to potential participants.

As a brief overview, I am particularly interested in the everyday experiences of children growing up with gay and lesbian parents. As I'm sure you know, the psychological literature has repeatedly shown that children with queer parents have no "abnormalities" - that is, no pervasive mental disorders or developmental problems in the long run as a result of their queer families. Having made this point, it is now important to move on to study the lives and experiences of these children, both positive and negative. By learning about the lives of young adults who have grown up with lesbian and gay parents, I hope to provide a deeper breadth of knowledge for counselors that are in contact with the children of queer parents.

Any help you could offer in promoting this study would be greatly appreciated. The study consists of an on-line survey that takes about 25 minutes to complete, and we are reaching out to all adults (i.e., individuals over the age of 18) who grew up with at least one openly gay / lesbian parent (or perhaps more than one) to participate. If you yourself would like to participate, or know any other individuals who might be willing to help, I'd really appreciate your help!

The survey link is www.surveymonkey.com/queerfamilystudy2, and the password to enter is [allfamilies](#).

Join Us For METRO DC PFLAG's 2nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon

December 06, 2008

12:30 - 4:00 pm

Bowl America - Shirley
6450 Edsall Road
Alexandria, VA 22312

This event will bring people together from throughout the community for a fun filled afternoon of bowling and prizes, while raising needed money for Metro DC PFLAG's many programs.

Create a team with your family, colleagues, Sunday School Class, civic or social club or GSA. Challenge other teams for some friendly competition.

Interested in Helping to Beautify Tenley Circle?

Over the past few years, we noticed something about Tenley Circle; it is missing trees. We have partnered with Casey Trees to conduct a community planting called "Tenleytown Tree Project" to address this. Working with Casey Trees, we hope to plant more than 30 trees in the two blocks just north of Tenley Circle. Imagine students reading underneath shady branches, families strolling through the parkland after attending worship services, and senior citizens sitting on the park benches enjoying the leaves changing colors. We can make this vision a reality by working with you, our neighbor.

As a first step, preparing the ground and planting each tree will require the assistance and coordination of many dedicated volunteers, such as you and other community members. We will provide tools, instruction, and refreshments. We only ask for your time and commitment to make the event a TREEmendous success for our community. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and should end by no later than noon.

Volunteer registration forms and additional information is available online at <http://singletonlodge.org/upcoming-events/volunteer-to-green-dc/>. Specific questions can be emailed to the WRSHL #7 Service Committee at tenleytowntreeproject@gmail.com. We are excited at the opportunity to work with you and are happy to answer any questions that you may have about the "Tenleytown Tree Project."

Thank you for your commitment to our neighborhood and we look forward to working with you side-by-side toward the enhancement of our community. Together we can make Tenleytown an even better place to live, shop, worship, study, and meet!

Learn Garba

On Saturday evening, November 22nd, join AU's South Asian Students' Association for one of

the best cultural night extravaganzas of the semester, Garba Night!

Garba is an Indian form of dance that originated in the Gujarat region. It's a social dance and is easily learned!

Come learn how to do garba and raas (a dance using sticks) and enjoy south asian culture!

Festivities will begin at 8pm in the Tavern. We hope to see you there!

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC Annual Holiday Extravaganza

Friday December 5 and Saturday December 6 at 8:00 PM

Sunday December 7 at 3:00 PM

Info: 202-293-1548 or www.gmcw.org

The 16th Annual Lavender Languages and Linguistics Conference

February 13-15 2009

Plenary Speakers:

Aren Z. Aizura (University of Melbourne)

The cultural locations of gender travel: For a grammar of trans mobility

Mary Weismantel (Northwestern University)

Unearthing lavender language: Prehistory, pottery and the "Language" of the moche sex pots

Information about session and about the conference along with programs/ abstracts from previous conference are available at www.american.edu/lavenderlanguages

Submit your abstract for a paper or presentation for one of these sessions or on a topic of your own choosing by December 8th, 2008 to the program committee c/o wlm@american.edu

Be Bar hosts GLOV to support the: Stand Against Violence

Join us at Be Bar to help raise funds for our mission to end violence against the GLBT

community.

Sunday November 16, 5:00-9:00 PM

Be Bar: 1318 9th St., NW Washington, DC

Visit glovdc.org to make a donation or learn how to get involved

GLOV is DC's GLBT Anti-Violence Task Force

The Fifth Annual Future of Minority Studies (FMS) Summer Institute

Cornell University

July 27 - August 7, 2009

'Queer Politics in Trans! national Contexts'

Seminar Leaders:

M. Jacqui Alexander

Professor of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Toronto

&

Minnie Bruce Pratt

Professor of Women's and Gender Studies; LGBT Studies; Writing and Rhetoric
Syracuse University

Seminar Description:

What would it mean to think queer in transnational contexts at this historical moment? This seminar takes up this question by examining the geographic, epistemic, and metaphoric conditions in which a wide variety of queer practices become visible. We will problematize the term queer, tracking how, why, and where it travels; examine the methodologies that generate truly grounded and comparative analyses of the struggles it has enabled, the political and intellectual spaces it has opened up as well as spaces that challenge its entry; and consider why political and economic questions matter in how we think queer. Texts for study will be drawn from literature and culture, history, popular media, and social science research.

For a more detailed course description (and to download a 8 x 11 poster), visit
<http://www.fmsproject.cornell.edu>

The seminar incorporates 2-3 workshops taught by visiting scholars and activists.

Seminar members will participate in the two-day colloquium on July 31st and August 1st.

Eligibility:

Doctoral students who have completed at least two years of their Ph.D. work, recent Ph.D.s, and junior faculty in temporary or tenure-track positions who are working on minority issues, are invited to apply to the 2009 FMS Summer Institute. Minority scholars and those who are at HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions are especially encouraged to apply.

For the 12 - 14 scholars selected to participate in! the summer institute, subsidy will be available to cover room, board, and (if needed) travel costs. Application deadline: January 15th 2009; results announced by March 9th 2009.

For more information, visit:<http://www.fmsproject.cornell.edu>, or email Alice Cho, Coordinator, FMS Summer Institute, at fmsproject@cornell.edu

*The FMS Summer Institute is funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

December 4th during the week of World AIDS Day

LISTEN: Gay Men in Their Twenties Talk About Their HIV/AIDS Epidemic

This event will include HIV/AIDS experts, but will primarily be a panel discussion among gay men in their twenties, some who have become HIV positive in the past year and some who haven't, talking about HIV/AIDS in DC and specifically what we can do to support younger gay men who are positive and to prevent more younger gay men from becoming infected.

The event will take place at the Human Rights Campaign Equality Center on December 4th at 7:00 PM.

STUDY SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LEARN SPANISH IN MEXICO

CETLALIC

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About CETLALIC:

Our Spanish language program is the most politically and socially progressive in Mexico, with special social justice programs focusing on a variety of themes. The instruction is demanding and Paulo Freire's methodology is applied to the teaching of Spanish as a second language, where students contribute their insights and ask the questions necessary for critical analysis. All of our teachers are native speakers with professional and special training. CETLALIC is accredited by the Ministry of Public Education (State of Morelos, Mexico).

CETLALIC is small and our staff is able to attend to the needs of each student. Our goal is to promote dialogue between Mexico and the people of other cultures; in order to reach that goal, we make the experience of every participant our concern. We offer small, intensive classes at all levels, year-round, as well as several Special Programs every year focused on a particular issue or area of interest, which often include travel in the region. We welcome all students irrespective of nationality, ethnic origin, race, gender, sexual preference, or age.

Living with a Mexican family is an integral part of our program. It provides a unique experience to learn about the people, their food and their customs, as well as an incomparable opportunity for students to practice and refine their Spanish language abilities. We offer home stay options for our gay and lesbian students.

CETLALIC also offers study-abroad programs in partnership with several universities.

University social justice programs include:

- Special Program with California State University-Long Beach (For CSULB students only)
- Special Program with California State University-Northridge and Cal Poly-Pomona (For Cal Poly and CSUN students only)
- Special Program with California State University-Long Beach (For CSULB students only)

NOTE: CETLALIC operates year-round and students may lengthen their visit to include study in the weeks before or after the actual program dates.

CREDITS: CETLALIC is accredited by the Ministry of Public Education, State of Morelos, Mexico. Students from many countries and universities have received academic credit from their universities for their work done at CETLALIC, as have many teachers from their school districts. Documentation describing methods, texts, schedule, and teaching staff can be sent to your university or school district at your request.

Please contact us for additional information on specific programs

Internship/Job/Volunteer Opportunities:

Texas GSA Network

Texas GSA Network - Program Director

Job title: Director, Texas GSA Network

Status: Full-time, exempt

Applications accepted: November 3, 2008 to December 3rd, 2008

Priority consideration: Before November 23rd

Salary range: \$36,000 - \$42,000/year

Organization and Position Overview: Out Youth seeks a Program Director to lead the continued development of Texas GSA Network, a youth-driven organizing and leadership development program.

Email attachments of resume, cover letter, and a brief writing sample to: jobs@outyouth.org. Please include "Texas GSA Network" in the subject of your email.

Out Youth is committed to providing equal opportunity to all qualified employees and applicants for employment. Out Youth aims to reflect the community's diversity at all levels of the organization. No employee or applicant will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ancestry, veteran status, marital status, disability or any other factor protected by state and/or federal laws.

Position open until filled. Updated information at: www.outyouth.org/aboutus/jobs.html

Internship Opportunity with the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition

The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition works to ensure that classrooms, communities, and workplaces are safe for everyone to learn, grow, and succeed - whether or not they meet expectations for masculinity and femininity.

Administrative: Coordinates day-to-day office operations. This will include tasks involving finance, office organization, outreach, and general administration. Familiarity with Microsoft Access, Word, and Excel recommended.

Public Education/News Media/Communications: Helps research, write and proofread press releases, assists with development of online publications and event notifications. Familiarity with

Microsoft Word, HTML, and internet research recommended. Experience with writing and editing required.

Development: Aids in development efforts through grant writing, major donor mailings, assisting in coordination of fundraising events and managing our donor database. Maintains donor relations through letter writing, phone calls and emails. Researching websites and ability to multitask on a deadline a plus

Applications can be filled out line at: <http://www.gpac.org/about/careers.html>

Government of the District of Columbia
Mayor's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs

Program Intern Description:

The Mayor's Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs seeks a motivated intern with a sincere interest in community building and willingness to work hard. The Program Intern will be responsible for helping with program coordination, extensive research projects, event planning and general office needs.

Responsibilities include:

- Assist with the planning, development and build out of GLBT business and health care directories
- Assist with development and distribution of Office of GLBT Affairs publications and outreach materials
- Assist with programs research and materials coordination
- Help with community building and education events
- Assist with planning and execution of 2008 GLBT Economic Development Summit
- Assist with general office work

Skills Needed:

- Willingness to help with a variety of programs and tasks
- Well organized and self-motivated
- Willingness to collaborate with agency staff, business leaders and constituents
- Comfortable in diverse settings and diverse communities
- Prefer college juniors, seniors, or graduates

Timeframe for Internship: Spring/Summer internship runs April-August with a 10-12 hour per week commitment. Fall and Winter internships require a three-month commitment with an 8-12 hour per week commitment. Internship can take place year-round.

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Women Empowered Against Violence

Women Empowered Against Violence works closely with adult and teen survivors of relationship violence and abuse, providing an innovative range of legal, counseling, economic and educational services that leads survivors to utilize their inner and community resources, achieve safety for themselves and their children and live empowered lives.

We are flexible regarding days and hours for volunteers and are certainly willing to accommodate their schedules as much as possible. For more information, our website is www.weaveincorp.org

Right now we are seeking volunteers for the following:

Emergency Domestic Relations Project: The Emergency Domestic Relations Project (EDRP) provides short-term crisis intervention to victims of domestic violence. EDRP has offices in the Domestic Violence Intake Center in the District of Columbia Superior Court and the also operates the intake center in the Greater Southeast Community Hospital. Volunteers at the intake center will: Explain and assist victims of domestic violence with completing civil protection order petitions, motions, and other forms in Intra-family cases. Provide victims with basic safety planning tips. Refer petitioners to the Office of the Attorney General Attorneys as well as, WEAVE attorneys and area law school clinics for possible representation. Maintain statistics and reports of services provided. Work cooperatively with staff from other organizations in the Intake Center and with supervisors.

Counseling and Education Services WEAVE provides free counseling and educational services to help clients recover from the emotional trauma of abuse. The CES team also does community outreach, educational workshops for teens and adults, and economic empowerment. Volunteers working with CES will: Speak at community events and for social service agencies on behalf of WEAVE. Provide teens and adults with the educational tools to help themselves and those close to them. Assist the outreach coordinator in assessing the needs of the community and outreach tactics. Work cooperatively with staff from other organizations when representing WEAVE at community programs.