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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Newest Addition: LGBT Resource Center Program Coordinator

Lauren B. Adamski will be joining the LGBT Resource Center staff as the Program Coordinator on Jan. 30. Lauren received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Women's Studies and Psychology from Syracuse University in May 2005. She also worked as a student staff member in the Division of Student Affairs in Student Centers and Programming Services for three years and was involved in Pride Union.

Please help welcome Lauren to the LGBT Resource Center!

2. Message from the Director

Greetings Class of 2009 and 2010!

We hope that you will help out in the planning for New Student Orientation 2006. We need your creative ideas about next year's orientation program that would appeal to students. We invite you to join us for pizza and soda for a brainstorming session on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 5-6 pm in Schine Student Center 228A. Please RSVP to aljaehni@syr.edu by Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Thanks!

- Adrea Jaehnig & Mariana Lebron

3. Become an Ally Development Facilitator Training

Do you want to educate others about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) issues? Do you want to challenge homophobia and encourage others to act as allies to the LGBT community? If so, then please consider participating in the LGBT Resource Center's upcoming Ally Development Facilitator training. The training session will be offered on Friday, Jan. 27 from 2-5 p.m in Hall of Languages, Room 115.

Those who complete the training will be equipped to lead one-hour ally development workshops in classrooms, residence halls, student organization meetings, and other venues, facilitating discussion of how to be an ally to LGBT individuals. Students, faculty, staff, and allies are all welcome to participate.

Questions? Contact:

Amit Taneja, 443-3983, ataneja@syr.edu

4. Café Q Returns

Join your friends for the first Café Q of the semester on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 8-10 pm. This week's theme is "Fresh Starts," so come down for new coffee blends, quirky prizes, and an entirely different light scheme.

Questions? Contact:

Jay Tifone, 443.3983, jmtifone@syr.edu

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

5. Meeting: Open Doors

Come to the first Open Doors meeting of the semester on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All LGBTQA graduate students are welcome to attend. At this meeting, the group will set meeting times and events, discuss the Reel Queer Film Festival, and begin preparations for passing the leadership torch.

Questions? Contact:

John David Molesky, jdmoleesk@syr.edu

6. Meeting: Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns

The Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns meets Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 3 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. On the agenda is working on the revised draft of the statement on domestic partnership rights. Tom Keck and the subcommittee will present the document at the meeting.

Questions? Contact:

Margaret Himley, mrhimley@syr.edu

7. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Jen Spinner, jaspinne@syr.edu

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

8. 2006 Dream Week Celebration

This year's Dream Week Celebration had an amazing start at the MLK Dinner on Sunday evening. Events continue throughout the week, including:

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Capturing the Dream

5-7 pm

Panasci Lounge, Schine Student Center

Student Activism with Bokar Ture

7-9:30 pm

Grant Auditorium

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Documentary: Enough Is Enough: "The Death of Jonny Gammage"

6:45-9 pm

Gifford Auditorium

Please arrive early as seating is limited.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Voices of the Dream

7-8:30 pm

Goldstein Student Center Dining Area

Friday, Jan. 27

Day of Service

2-5:30 pm

The Dunbar Center, Spanish Action League, Southwest Community Center

Participants must register through their community council advisor or with El-Java Williams Abdul-Qadir at eawillia@syr.edu

Dancing in the Dream

7 pm

Goldstein Auditorium

Questions? Contact:

Tremayne Robertson, 443.5068, trrobert@syr.edu

9. Brown Bag Luncheon: “Choosing” an Identity

Please join us for a Brown Bag Luncheon Series on Wednesday, Feb. 1, organized by the Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies and the Cultural Foundations of Education Department of the School of Education.

The purpose of the series is to bring together faculty and graduate students from throughout the campus to talk about how society defines, regulates, and how some people and disciplines also resist, "normalcy." This month's discussion on "choosing" an identity includes speakers Barbara Applebaum (Education), Minnie-Bruce Pratt (Writing Program), and Michael Schwartz (Law).

Questions? Contact:

Beth Ferri, bafferri@syr.edu

10. Images of Sport: The Evolving Face of Sport, Race, and Nation

Dr. Fernando Delgado, dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research at Minnesota State University, Mankato, presents a talk entitled “Images of sport: The evolving face of sport, race, and nation” on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 12:30-1:50 pm in Maxwell 060.

Delgado's research cuts across rhetorical criticism and public address, intercultural communication, and media studies, and into areas such as sociology of sport. His work often focuses on issues of identity and ethnicity, specifically in Latino communities.

Questions? Contact:

Dr. Bernadette Marie Calafell, 443.5138, bcalafel@syr.edu

11. Student/Faculty/Community Art Show

Students Advancing Sexual Safety and Empowerment (SASSE) and The Committee on Women and Art (CWA) are sponsoring an Art Show as part of the Matrilineage Symposium and V-Week, the week prior to The Vagina Monologues.

SASSE and CWA invite you to submit any feminist art (any creative piece that celebrates females, critiques political or economic norms as women, etc) including paintings, drawings, sculptures, metals, fibers, collages, photos, collaborations, writing (original vagina monologues welcome), musical or short theatrical performances, etc. Feminists of all genders are encouraged to submit and attend!

The groups also invite you to attend the Art Show opening at the Spark Contemporary Art Space (1005 East Fayette Street) on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 pm to perform or display your work. All donations will benefit Vera House, SU Rape Crisis Center, Planned Parenthood of CNY, Chadwick Residence, and V-Day International. Food and drinks will be provided.

Submissions are due by Friday, Feb. 3. Please contact vdaysyracuse@yahoo.com to submit, for more info, or to help out.

Questions? Contact:

Melissa J. Kleinman, 443.3728, mjkleinm@syr.edu

12. New MyMail Email System

More than 1,000 Syracuse University students have discovered MyMail, the University's new Web-based e-mail system that will eventually replace OrangeMail.

MyMail is now available for everyone who uses OrangeMail. Students are encouraged to migrate from OrangeMail to MyMail as early in the spring semester as possible. Further information is available on the Information Technology and Services/Computing and Media Services (ITS/CMS) Web site at <http://cms.syr.edu/email/mymail>.

Questions? Contact:

ITS/CMS, 443.2677, consult@syr.edu

13. National African-American Read-In

The Writing Program's Diversity Committee, in conjunction with the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, is sponsoring the 17th National African-American Read-In. The goal of this Read-In is to focus special attention on African-American literacy during Black History Month. To be a part of this program and be counted among the many, you simply must agree to read the selected text and meet with the reading group on a designated day for a lively and engaging discussion. The NCTE Black Caucus would like to register one million readers. Let's help them reach their goal!

The selected text for this year's Read-In is "Collected Essays" by James Baldwin. The discussion group will meet on Sunday, Feb. 5 in HBC 239, specific time TBA. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to sign-up, please contact Elisa Norris (emnorris@syr.edu). If you are going to participate in the Read-In, don't waste any time: buy your copy of James Baldwin's Collected Essays and start reading today.

Bookmarks are available for those who sign-up early.

REGIONAL NEWS

14. "TransAmerica" Returns

The funny and touching road trip movie that gave Felicity Huffman the Best Actress - Drama trophy at the recent Golden Globe Awards is making a return engagement in Rochester. "TransAmerica" is scheduled to open at The Little Theatre on Friday, Jan. 27. If you missed this gem of a movie at the High Falls Film Festival last November, definitely make an effort to see it this time around.

For more information on the movie, visit the official website at <http://www.transamerica-movie.com/>.

Questions? Contact:

Michael Gamilla, 585.271.2640, ioprogramming@yahoo.com

15. Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus (SGLC) 15th Anniversary Rehearsals

Rehearsals for SGLC's 15th Anniversary Concert at Syracuse Stage run from 7-9:15 pm each Monday evening for the March 25th Concert. The chorus is open to those over 18 who wish an opportunity to sing in a comfortable environment. Singing Membership is open for the first 3 weeks (January 16, 23, and 30). For this special one-night concert the Chorus will be joined by the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and jazz group, The Nines

Questions? Contact:

The Chorus Line, 476.4329, www.syrqlc.org

NATIONAL NEWS

16. Communications Scholarship

Applications for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force journalism internship/scholarship program are currently being accepted. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender journalism/communications students. The deadline is Feb. 24. Self-identified LGBT undergraduate college students who plan to pursue a degree in journalism, communications or a related field at an accredited 4-year college or university are encouraged to apply.

The Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Award is \$5,000 for the first year, followed by \$2,500 each year for the next two years, bringing the award total to \$10,000. Applicants must re-apply each year. Winners are required to participate in an 8-week Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Intern Program at the Task Force's New York City office during the summer. The postmark deadline for applications is Feb. 24.

The Messenger-Anderson Scholarships allow students to hone their skills in several areas of communications practice. Responsibilities include writing and editing press releases, updating Web site materials, tracking and archiving news coverage of the Task Force, researching media opportunities and assisting with rapid response to breaking stories. Successful candidates should have strong communication skills, both written and oral; be prepared to work in a fast-paced, newsroom-like environment; and demonstrate a desire and commitment to work in a multicultural environment where commitment to diversity is an important institutional value.

Applications may be downloaded at: www.thetaskforce.org/aboutus/messenger.cfm.

Women and people of color encouraged to apply.

17. Submissions for queer.

queer., the only undergraduate literary and cultural journal related to queerness, is accepting submissions for a winter 2006 release. queer. is an international publication with editors at colleges and universities across the U.S. Its distribution covers about 20 schools and its entire content is posted on the Internet at www.queer-journal.com.

The editors seek submissions for:

(re)actions - concise and powerful statements of no more than 800 words* reacting to the current issue's main topic by, for example, complicating related questions, deconstructing them, or clarifying them

reflections - more personal pieces of no more than 800 words* expressed through the forms of poetry, fiction, and visual arts and echoing or resonating with the current issue's main topic

* longer essays or reflection pieces will of course be considered, but only a section may be used

Topic for winter '06: Sex. This issue will deal with the act of queer sex as it is experienced and defined by undergraduates. Submissions can pose related questions or work with the following for ideas:

- Does queer sex exist?
- Is queer sex a different kind of sex?
- What kinds of queer sex do young people have?
- What kinds do they not have?
- Is the queer sex of young people policed differently than heteronormative sex?
- Is queer sex delimited to certain spaces?
- Can we, as an undergraduate queer community of writers and thinkers, really talk about the sex we have?
- Can queer sex be valued in and of itself, divorced from the heterosexual imperative to define our public and private lives the way mainstream heterosexual culture does?

queer. will also be continually accepting submissions, in the formats above, for future issues on the following topics and the questions they pose – Health, class, internet. The objective of the next four issues is for undergraduates to think more clearly and forcefully about the queer issues important to us.

Submit your work for the Sex issue by Tuesday, Jan. 31 by e-mailing it to mail@queer-journal.com. Only submissions from undergraduates will be accepted. All submissions must be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

Be a part of an internationally informed dialogue on queer issues.

If you are interested in becoming a queer. Intercollegiate Editor for your school, please contact us at mail@queer-journal.com ASAP. (queer. Intercollegiate Editors solicit submissions, distribute the journal, and generally promote the publication and our website: www.queer-journal.com. Editors will receive recognition on the journal's masthead.)

Questions? Contact:
Michael Amico, michael.amico@dartmouth.edu

18. New Trans Character to Appear on the L Word

The new season of the L Word, Showtime's series about lesbians, will have an FTM character, according to the creator and executive producer of the show, Ilene Chaiken.

In an interview with Planet Out, she noted that the character will not be played by a man, stating that she finds it disrespectful when other shows have done that. She also said that the show will be exploring gender more in upcoming episodes.

19. Barbie Promotes Gender Confusion

A controversy has erupted over a poll on the barbie.com website. Under a headline reading, "Barbie Promotes Gender Confusion," Concerned Women for America (CWA) objected to the doll's site. It allowed children to choose between "I am a Girl," "I am a Boy," and "I don't know" on a poll about favorite winter activities aimed at 4-8 year olds. The director of CWA's Culture and Family Institute, Bob Knight, stated his belief that this was the result of influence by the transgender community and cited concerns that the poll would create "bisexuality gender confusion" among children.

Since then, the website has been changed to give kids the options, "I am a Girl," "I am a Boy," and "I don't want to say." A spokesperson for Mattel, who makes the popular toy, noted that the point was not to create an issue about gender but simply to give children who visit the site the choice of answering the question or not. Mattel also noted that they only knew about the controversy when they were asked for comment by the media.

20. Job Opportunity: International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) Research and Policy Associate

Join a team of passionate international human rights advocates who are dedicated to ensuring that the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people everywhere are promoted and protected.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), a New York based non-profit organization with a \$1.5 million annual operating budget, is the only organization in the world specifically dedicated to human rights advocacy for LGBTI people. IGLHRC monitors, documents and responds to human rights violations, advocates for sexual rights, and builds the capacity of grass roots LGBTI organizations. In the past year, IGLHRC issued dozens of Action Alerts relating to specific human rights violations, provided training to activists from Africa, Asia, Central Europe and Latin America, coordinated global advocacy efforts in support of a precedent setting UN resolution covering sexual orientation and human rights, and provided documentation to support the claims of asylum seekers.

IGLHRC program staff works both regionally and thematically. They are currently seeking a committed internationalist to join as a Research and Policy Associate, whose primary function will be to provide research and writing support to the Program Team. Reporting to the Program Manager, the primary responsibilities of the Research and Policy Associate are to:

- Research and monitor human rights violations.
- Provide research and policy support, at the request of the Executive Director and regional Program Coordinators.
- Assist in the preparation and dissemination of reports and action alerts.
- Draft fact sheets and other research based documents.
- Assist in coordinating communication with GLBT organizations worldwide, with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

- Provide other general support to program coordinators and Executive Director, as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Bachelors degree
- Relevant academic background, including knowledge of international human rights issues.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, while at the same time remaining focused on quality and timeliness.
- Prior experience in a similar role, preferably with an advocacy organization.
- Second language and overseas living experience highly desirable.
- Knowledge of sub-Saharan Africa highly desirable.
- Knowledge of grass-roots organizations desirable.
- Fluency in English and established US work authorization required.

To apply:

IGLHRC will start interviewing qualified candidates on Monday, Jan. 23 and will continue to review applications until the position is filled. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Send cover letter outlining your specific assets relative to the position, a current résumé and writing sample to:

Research and Policy Associate Search

IGLHRC

350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor

New York, NY 10118

Or by email, with attachments in Word format to jobs@iglhrc.org. Please indicate position title in the subject line. Please also let us know where you saw this listing.

No phone calls, please. Only applicants being considered will be contacted. IGLHRC is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse, multicultural work environment. People of color, people with disabilities, and people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities are encouraged to apply. U.S. work permit required.

21. National Center for Transgender Equality Internship Opportunities

NCTE has internship opportunities for the Fall of 2005. Internships are unpaid but we will work with the intern's university to assure college credit is received.

Responsibilities include:

- Writing press releases and OpEds
- Organizing trainings and town hall meetings around the US
- Scheduling speaking engagements and trainings conducted by NCTE staff
- Creating organizing and educational materials
- Tracking local and federal legislation
- Providing assistance to transgender activists in both in-district and DC
- lobby visits
- General office support

Qualifications:

- Experience with internet research
- Knowledge of the transgender community
- Commitment to transgender organizing and activism
- Able to work independently

Questions? Contact:

National Center for Transgender Equality, 202.903.0112, ncte@nctequality.org

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