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STAFFED OFFICE HOURS – Winter Break 2012

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Office Programs

Call for Event Proposals for the 6th Annual LGBTQA Month!!
The 6th annual LGBTQA Month at DePaul will be celebrated this coming May. We invite proposals for events occurring during May that look at LGBTQA issues through one of the following themes: Reforming Policies; Engaging Communities; Celebrating Identities. The proposal submission form is now live and available via this link: http://is.gd/LGBTQAMonthProposal. LGBTQA Month at DePaul is celebrated in May every year, programs and events can range in style, scope, and target audience. We strongly encourage collaboration between student organizations and university departments/offices in planning and proposing events. The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Questions or concerns can be directed to LGBTQAServices@depaul.edu or 773-325-7294.

LGBTQA Identity Support Group
Tuesdays Starting January 15, 2013 6:00PM – 7:00PM
The LGBTQA Identity Support Group is an open group for members of the LGBTQIA, etc. community who are looking for support around issues relating to sexuality and gender identity. The group is open to any DePaul student. No registration or screening is required.
Where: Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 316
Chicago, IL 60614
Week of 12/17/12 – 12/23/12

Career Center Outreach Hours

**Thursdays 9:00AM – 12:00PM**

We are excited to announce that beginning January 10, 2013, Kara Peterson, a graduate intern in the Career Center, will be holding weekly outreach hours in the LGBTQA Student Services. Stop by any time, no appointment is necessary! Below is a bit about Kara and the types of services she is able to provide to you in our office.

“Kara Peterson is currently completing her graduate internship in the Career Center at DePaul and is delighted to be extending her services to the LGBTQA office. She can assist with career exploration with the use of various assessment tools, resume construction and critiques, practice interviewing, job or internship search and much more. She also recently attended the Out for Work Conference and would be happy to talk about that experience and provide insights on career development through the LGBTQA lens. Kara enjoys meeting new students, travel, Breaking Bad marathons and hanging out with her wife, Nicole and their two dogs, Ollie and Lola.”

Safe Zone Trainings

**February 13, 2013 9:00AM – 12:00PM**

**April 11, 2013 2:00PM – 5:00PM**

Register online: [http://is.gd/DePaulSafeZone](http://is.gd/DePaulSafeZone)

Safe Zone is an ongoing training program open to any DePaul students, staff, and faculty who are interested in being allies to the LGBTQ communities. In addition to the scheduled dates, trainings are available for offices, departments, and student organizations by request. Please contact the LGBTQ Student Services Coordinator, Katy Weseman, at kweseman@depaul.edu or call (773) 325-4607 with any questions.

Bring Your Own Mug (BYOM) - (On hold for winter break, but BYOM will be moving to the Loop for winter quarter!!)

**Tuesdays 10:00AM to 11:00AM**

Join us for some great coffee, good conversation, and the opportunity to meet other members of DePaul’s LGBTQA communities. This is a weekly event of the Office aimed at growing and informing community. For all tea lovers, we will have tea as well. Contact Megan McKnight with questions at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu.

**Where:** DePaul Center
1 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 11001 (Dean of Students Office)
Chicago, IL 60604

Out at Lunch - (On hold for winter break, but look for exciting changes coming next quarter!)

**Wednesdays 12:00PM to 1:00PM**

Pizza will be provided weekly, so join us for this low-key program aimed at creating a safe place to gather, enjoy your lunch, and meet amazing, new people! Contact Megan McKnight with questions at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu.

**Where:** Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 307A
Chicago, IL 60614
Winter/Spring Quarter and LGBTQA Month Volunteers Needed!
Are you interested in helping out in the Office with such things as library maintenance, resource development, programming, LGBTQA Month or an individualized project? Then please swing by the Office to pick up a volunteer application form or shoot Megan McKnight an email at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu and she will be more than happy to forward you an application.

Lending Library
The Office has a wide selection of books and movies that are dying to be checked out. Stop in anytime to pick out a book to read for fun or use for a class. Some of our selections include:

- **Inferno**  
  *By: Eileen Myles*  
  From its beginning to its end, Myles’ chronicle transmits an energy and vividness that will not soon leave its readers. Her story of a young female writer, discovering both her sexuality and her own creative drive in the meditative and raucous environment that was New York City in its punk and indie heyday, is engrossing, poignant, and funny.

- **Blessed Bi Spirit: Bisexual People of Faith**  
  *Edited by: Debra R. Kolodny*  
  While there have been many anthologies devoted to the specific spiritual inheritance of gay men, lesbians, and heterosexual women, this is the first such anthology in which bisexual persons speak for themselves. Blessed with the possibility of a love that transcends the socially constructed boundary of gender identity and the biologically constructed boundary of sex, bisexual persons speak to a number of theological principles as no others can. Reflecting a wide spectrum of religious traditions and spiritual paths – including Buddhist, Hindu, Twelve-step, Pagan, Indigenous, Christian, and Jewish – the 32 contributors speak about the intersections of their faith practice and their sexual orientation.

- **Film: Out in the Silence: Love, Hate, and a Quest for Change in Small Town America**  
  Following the story of a small American town confronting a firestorm of controversy ignited by a same-sex wedding announcement in the local newspaper, this gripping documentary illustrates the challenges of being an outsider in a conservative rural community and the change that is possible when courageous people break the silence and search for common ground.

*These titles and others can also be found at the DePaul Library. Check out [http://depaul.worldcat.org](http://depaul.worldcat.org) to check the availability. If you have any questions or encounter difficulty finding these titles, you can contact Paula Dempsey, LGBTQ Studies Library Liaison, at pdempsey@depaul.edu.*
Week of 12/17/12 – 12/23/12

Events on Campus

Sexual Assault Support Group
Mondays Starting January 21, 2013       6:00PM – 7:00PM
This weekly group allows female survivors of sexual assault (experienced recently or in the past) to join together to gain support from one another and to learn ways to cope with the aftermath of the assault. Group members are not asked to share details of their assault but, rather, have the opportunity to explore the impact it has had on their lives. Group members will be able to share their experiences and feelings in an understanding, confidential and accepting environment. Goals of the group will be to help members express feelings, reduce guilt and self-blame, develop positive coping strategies, and strengthen self-esteem. To schedule an informational session prior to joining or for more information, please contact Ann Bregman at (773) 325-4767 or Liz Miller at (773) 325-1393.

Where: DePaul Counseling Services
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Suite 350
Chicago, IL 60614

Events Off-Campus

About Face Theatre Presents: We Three Lizas
November 30 – December 23, 2012
We Three Lizas is a brand new musical featuring some of Chicago’s greatest musical stars. In a quest for unrivaled glory, Conrad Ticklebottom and his anxious assistant Reggie conjure the Great Queen of Wishes to bestow onto him the trinity of power: youth, wealth, and beauty. Instead, Liza Minnelli knocks at Conrad’s door bearing holiday gifts and all hell breaks loose. Tickets are $25 and student tickets are available for $15. For more information, please visit www.aboutfacetheatre.com or call (312) 355-1650.

Where: About Face Theatre
1222 West Wilson Avenue, 2nd Fl. West
Chicago, IL 60640

Opportunities

Point Foundation Scholarships Available to LGBTQ Students
Point Scholarships are designed to help promising LGBTQ students achieve their full academic and leadership potential despite obstacles. Scholars must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, community involvement, and financial need. Attention also will be paid to students who have lost the financial and social support of their families and/or communities as a result of revealing their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Point Scholars must agree to maintain a high level of academic performance and to give back to the LGBTQ community through the completion of an individual community service project each year. Scholarships provide approximately $25,000 per scholar, per year. Each scholar is paired with a mentor and participates in leadership development training with fellow Point Scholars, including an annual leadership conference. Applications are due January 14, 2013 by 11:59PM. Please visit www.pointfoundation.org for more information and to fill out the online application.
Curious About Exploring Your Faith as an LGBTQ Person?

*DePaul Believers Out Loud* is a new student ministry forming on campus that seeks to explore the positive relationship between DePaul’s LGBTQA community and the Christian faith. If you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of this new journey find us on Facebook by searching “DePaul Believers Out Loud” or email us at believersoutloud.dpu@gmail.com!

Research Opportunities

If you identify as a sexual or gender minority (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, queer, etc.) and 18 years of age or older, you are eligible to participate in a study looking to examine the relationship between geographic location, experiences with healthcare providers, and physical and psychological well-being in individuals who identify as a sexual or gender minority. The survey is estimated to take 30-45 minutes to complete and all answers are anonymous. Those who submit a completed survey will be entered into a drawing for one of thirty $50 Amazon.com gift certificates. This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Georgia Southern University. For more information, please contact Kayla LeLeux-LaBarge at kl02829@georgiasouthern.edu.

https://www.research.net/s/rural13171a

News

Illinois Lawmakers Plan to Bring Marriage Bill to a Vote

http://www.advocate.com/politics/marriage-equality/2012/12/14/illinois-lawmakers-plan-bring-marriage-bill-vote

Hasbro to Unveil Gender Neutral Easy-Bake Oven

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ja235U8gtNa4AFdjqyOddf72_Hxw

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