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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** 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
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)**

**Tuesdays Starting January 15 10:00AM to 11:00AM**

NOW IN THE LOOP! Please 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 the Office 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**

**Every Other Wednesday Starting January 16 12:00PM to 1:00PM**

Get excited! Out at Lunch has been completely revamped! Now not only will Out at Lunch be occurring every other week, but each session will have a specific facilitator and topic. If your office or organization is interested in facilitating an Out at Lunch session, please contact the Office at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu. Lunch will be provided.

**Where:** Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 313
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:

- **Balancing the Mechitza: Transgender in Jewish Community**
  *Edited by: Noach Dzmura*
  While the mainstream still argues about homosexuality, many transgender and gender-variant people sit in congregations, serve their communities, marry under the chuppah, and otherwise go about their business of creating religious and secular Jewish families. *Balancing the Mechitza* gives voice to this moment in Jewish culture. The contributors – activists, theologians, scholars, and other, both transgender and non-transgender allies – share for the first time in a printed volume their interpretations of classical Jewish texts about ambiguous bodies, as well as their sacred and secular stories of Jewish prayer, ritual, and social life.

- **A History of Bisexuality**
  *By: Steven Angelides*
  Why is bisexuality the object of such skepticism? Why do sexologists steer clear of it in their research? Why has bisexuality, in stark contrast to homosexuality, only recently emerged as a nascent political and cultural identity? Bisexuality had been rendered as mostly irrelevant to the history, theory, and politics of sexuality. With *A History of Bisexuality*, Steven Angelides explores the reasons why, and invites us to rethink our preconceptions about sexual identity. Retracing the evolution of sexology, and revisiting modern epistemological categories of sexuality in psychoanalysis, gay liberation, social constructionism, queer theory, biology, and human genetics, Angelides argues that bisexuality has functioned historically as the structural other to sexual identity itself, undermining assumptions about heterosexuality and homosexuality.

- **Film: Outrage: A Searing Exposé of the Secret Lives of Closeted Gay Politicians**
  Boldly revealing the hidden lives of some of the United States most powerful policymakers, *Outrage* takes a comprehensive look at the harm they’ve inflicted on millions of Americans, and examines the media’s complicity in keeping their secrets. *Outrage* probes deeply into the psychology of their double lifestyle, the ethics of outing closeted politicians, the double standards that the media upholds in its coverage of the sex lives of gay public figures, and much more.
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*These titles and others can also be found at the DePaul Library. Check out 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.

Events on Campus

Sexual Assault Support Group

Mondays Starting January 21 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

Author Reading: The Color Complex, by Midge Wilson and Kathy Russell

January 16, 2013 7:30PM
The Color Complex is a provocative exploration of how Western standards of beauty are influencing cultures across the globe and affecting personal, professional, romantic, and familial relationships. Processes like skin lightening in India, hair straightening among African Americans in America, eyelid reconstruction in China, and plastic surgery worldwide continue to rise in popularity for men and women facing discrimination from both within and outside of their own increasingly fluid ethnic groups. The authors, through a historical and sociological lens, have measured the impact of recent pop culture events affecting race relations to determine whether colorism has gotten better or worse over time. Midge Wilson is associate dean of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences and Professor of Psychology and Women’s and Gender Studies at DePaul University. Kathy Russell is a vice president at Omar Supplies, Inc.
Where: Women and Children First Bookstore
5233 N Clark St
Chicago, IL 60640

Opportunities

Crew 450
Crew 450 is a research collaboration between Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University that is looking for guys between the ages of 16-20 who identify as gay, bisexual, or queer to join. Crew 450 aims to learn more about the health concerns of gay, bisexual, and questioning young men in the Chicagoland area. As part of the study, you would come
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in once about every six months for two years to complete surveys and questionnaires as well as have the opportunity to receive free HIV and STI testing. As repayment for your time, you could make up to $295! If you would like to hear more about the study give Crew 450 a call at 773-234-3624 or email us at crew450@impactprogram.org.

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 LGBTQQA 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

If you are a non-LGBT college student between the ages of 18-24 who grew up with one or more LGBTQ parents, are a currently enrolled full-time student living away at a 4-year college or university in the United States, and have already completed at least one entire semester at that same institution, you are eligible to participate in a study looking to gain insight into what it is like to be a non-LGBT college student who was raised by at least one LGBTQ parent. If you are selected to participate, you will be expected to participate in two phone, in person, or Skype interviews. Participants who complete both interviews will receive a $25 Amazon gift card. This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Northeastern University. For more information, please contact Thomas Bourdon at bourdon.t@husky.neu.edu or 671-627-5770.
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News

Illinois Marriage Bill Stalled, Pushed to Next General Assembly

Disney Channel PSA of Boy with Two Moms Incites Right-Wing Outrage
http://www.advocate.com/politics/media/2013/01/01/watch-disney-psa-boy-two-moms-incites-outrage-right

Lady Gaga Offers Safe Space Bus Tour
http://www.advocate.com/arts-entertainment/music/2013/01/02/lady-gaga-offers-safe-space-bus-tour

Taiwan Moves Closer to Legalizing Gay Marriage
http://shanghaiist.com/2013/01/03/taiwan_legislature_moves_closer_to.php

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